



"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."
- Ephesians 4:15

The other day, a prayer popped up on my Facebook wall. It's been circulating FB for awhile and reads something like: "God please bless America and save us from those who wish to destroy our Country." I smiled to myself thinking that folks from *all* sides of the political spectrum are fervently praying that prayer right now. We are a divided people.

The question which continually reverberates in my head is "How can I be Good News to each and every person I encounter?". Jesus directs me to deeply listen first and foremost to the most profound fears & pain of the other, without judgment. Then Jesus shows me how He is encouraging and healing that brokenness, inviting me to come alongside Him, sharing the servant's towel.

Is there someone in your life right now who you have judged and brushed aside because they rattle your reality in some way? Maybe it's time to get out the foot-washing basin.

Blessings,
Scott ❤️
John 13: 1-17

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

- **Annual Fourth of July Picnic:** Sunday, **July 6**, after worship. Church supplies burgers & dogs, drinks, dinnerware. You supply a yummy side dish or dessert. Bring a buddy to share in the fun!
- **The Apostle Paul comes to Lighthouse Church, Sunday, Aug. 3, 10:30!** Pastor & dramatist Les Smith will be visiting to give an impassioned rendition of the book of Philippians! Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the Bible like never before!

- **Small Group News:** Thursday evenings @ 6:30, beginning **July 10**, will air Season 5 of the highly acclaimed "Chosen" series. Lively discussion follows (with yummy snacks!). Open to the Community.



As we do every year around the end of school, **ice cream bars** of various varieties were distributed to the students and staff of D.I. Elementary

School. When we put a smile on a child's face, Jesus smiles too!

Our **Third Quarter Mission's giving** focuses on **local outreach** to families, individuals, and organizations. We've assisted countless individuals and groups by demonstrating the generous love of Christ through prayerful financial support. You can be a part of this Good News through your own giving on a Sunday morning or online at www.lighthousechurchdrummondland.com

JUST A REMINDER:

Anyone who would like to buy items for Shoe Boxes can do so and drop them off at Lighthouse Church, Tuesdays mornings and



Thursday afternoons or on Sunday. Items such as- Personal items- things for school and small toys. { No Liquids } Starting now so you can buy things when you see a sale! We will store these items and when it comes time for The Shoe Boxes in 2025 we will have a boxing party and fill as many Shoe Boxes as we can. Thank You. Any questions contact Sue Tyler at 906-493-6283 or Kerry Deal at 906-430-7486.

Pearls of Wisdom "Who I Am In Christ"

I am gifted by the Holy Spirit.

See: 1 Corinthians 12:7

- Ruth Wise

(Over)



Being Careful With Words

When I was a kid, there were commercials for EF Hutton. Two people would usually be at a restaurant or somewhere busy discussing investments. One person would say that his



broker told him something about investing, then he would ask, "What does your broker say?" In every commercial, the other person would say, "Well, I use EF Hutton and he says..." At that point, the

camera would zoom out, and everyone around them had stopped what they were doing and were leaning in to listen. The voice over would then say, "When EF Hutton talks, people listen." It was a simple, effective way to show that not everyone talks just to be heard. Some people only speak when they have something to say, and it's usually good.

In 2 Kings 20, King Hezekiah had been deathly sick. Isaiah prayed for him and God extended his life. The king of Babylon heard about his illness and sent messengers with a gift. Verse 13 says, "Hezekiah welcomed the messengers and showed them his wealth—his silver and gold, his spices and perfumes, and all his military equipment. There was nothing in his storerooms or anywhere in his kingdom that he did not show them" (GNT). He went on and on about all he had to them. That's when God sent Isaiah back to the king to ask about the messengers. God was displeased with how Hezekiah told them everything. Then Isaiah prophesied that everything those men saw would soon be carried off to Babylon including members of his own household. He talked too much.

Proverbs 17:27 says, "He who has knowledge restrains and is careful with his words, And a man of understanding and wisdom has a cool spirit (self-control, an even temper)" (AMP). It goes on to say that even a fool is considered wise when he keeps his mouth shut. How careful are you with your words? Do you just say whatever comes to your mind or do you think about it, filter it and determine whether something needs to be said? We need to learn that not everything needs to be said, nor do we need to comment on everything. It's good to

choose your words wisely and to stay quiet at times. Wise people listen, learn, assess and then choose to speak with an end result in mind. Before speaking today, ask yourself, "Does that need to be said? Will it help the situation? Is it grounded in God's Word?" If not, don't speak. Choose to be quiet, speak only when you have something to say and people will listen.

By Chris Hendrix

(<https://devotionsbychris.com/2021/06/14/being-careful-with-words/>)

July Birthdays

1. Colleen Barko
10. Sophie Larson
10. Dot Stacy
11. Chuck Barko
15. Vivienne Seaman.
17. Linda Van Rhee
18. Rod Buxton
20. Bob Muter

July Anniversaries

27. Rod & Connie Buxton
31. Len & Carol Webber

(If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, PLEASE let us know!)

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