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Sunday 9:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Tuesday 10:30am

Wednesday 6:30pm

Wednesday Benevolence 8:30am

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Words of Hurt or Healing?

Terry Ryan

There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health. - Proverbs 12:18

This verse is saying a lot in just a few simple words. Let's look at it closely. I think the verse is speaking about the putting down of others, who you may see as below you, not as smart as you, or less of a Christian than you. Basically, it's just negative speech about another person. This person could be a coworker, relative, stranger, or even another brother or sister in Christ.

We must be careful how we speak about others in their presence or even more, when they are not there to defend themselves. It is very easy to put down and degrade someone, especially in the workplace, at the store, or even at church services. Maybe we don't like the way they dress, or how their children act, or so many other things. Are we guilty of talking about them behind their backs? Why do we do this? Is it because it makes us feel better about ourselves? Is it because we find humor in another person's shortcomings? Are we guilty of this, without even realizing we are doing it? In whatever light you choose to look at this type of speech, it is cowardly. And when we really look at Proverbs 12:18, we should be convicted by it!

The next part of the verse tells us this: "But the tongue of the wise promotes health." We really should try to speak highly of others, when given the opportunity, and overlook shortcomings. Build up people when we can. Our world is full of negativity, and it is so easy to get caught up in the swirl of it all. But we need to commit ourselves to a higher level of conduct. Try hard not to beat down; rather build up friends, family, coworkers and even strangers when given the opportunity. We'll be doing our part in making a kinder, gentler world.

First Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." Are we doing this? If not, why not?

How easy is it for us to say to someone, "Great job," or "Nice work"??? Or tell them how much you appreciate them, and what they do for you. And why do this? That it may give grace to those who hear you. People are watching and listening to us. If we are in a group of people, and someone is tearing into another person, and you DON'T participate, people notice and respect that. It speaks loudly of who we are, and who we claim to be as a Christian.

We must be careful, how we speak to others about others, and always refrain from joining in when someone is speaking harshly about another person. I only bring up these points, because this is something I think we are all guilty of doing. I know I am. God holds us to a higher standard. We are His children and a reflection of Him, while we live on this earth.

Priestly Talk – Part Three
Our Seated Priest
Hebrews 10

“Do you Love Me?”
Questions Jesus Asked
John 21

The Hard Work of the Priest
Hebrews 10:11

Narrative of John 21

Our Priest Has Sat Down
Hebrews 10:12

Two Greek Words for Love

- Agapao:

- Phileo:

His sacrifice is _____

1. Sometimes, because we don't _____ ourselves,
we don't fully _____ Him

Yet...

2. Sometimes, we want to _____ the part, when
we have no plan on _____ the part

1. He still _____ you

3. Sometimes, we _____ the opportunity to feel
better for our _____

2. He still _____ you

4. Sometimes, we do not understand God's
_____ & look at it as a

3. He still _____ for you

5. Sometimes, we are more concerned about
_____ then we are concerned about

Forever His

December 8

Winter Wonderland



WesthillWORKS!

Community Outreach

Benevolence Program
Habitat for Humanity
Food for Fitness

Local Missions

Cherokee Children's Home
In Search of the Lord's Way
Bear Valley Bible Institute
Brown Trail Spanish Preaching
The Truth in Love ttil.tv
WVBS school.wvbs.org
La Poynor Prison Ministry

Foreign Missions

India Preacher Training Program
New Zealand Harvest Missions

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Prayer List

George Schmidt's sister, **Helen Rizzo**, has not been responding well to treatments and her health is failing.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to **Roy & Sandra McCullough** at the passing of their **granddaughter**, Amy McCullough. Her memorial will be here on Tues. at 3pm.

Gordon George, a former member here, died at Christian Care Center of Mesquite on 11/2. He was 93 years old.

Continue to Remember: Don Bowen, Aline Barrett, Don Corley, David Brown, Kathy Green, Betty Jo Striplin, Bobby Compton, Alston Compton, Jan Ross, Ruth Ann Watson, & Trey Billingsly

Announcements

All Deacons will meet in the chapel **today** at 4pm for a **Westhill Works Meeting**.

Kids for Christ Devo (5th grade & under) **tonight** in the Outreach Center.

Combined Prayer Service will take the place of all classes on Wednesday night. All ages & classes will meet in the auditorium.

4th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Outreach Center Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, 11/22** at noon. This is for those of you who may not have family nearby, or who just want to share a great holiday meal with your Westhill Family. There is a sign-up sheet at the back to let us know how many will be attending and what you would like to bring (sides or desserts). Turkey, ham and dressing will be provided.

Gifts for **Cherokee Home** need to be **returned, wrapped & labeled with child's name, AND the gift's description by Sun. 12/2.**

"Forever His" outreach event is planned for **Sat. 12/8**. This is a day camp designed for children with special needs from Pre-school through 6th grade.

To all of you at Westhill, thank you very much for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, & encouraging words as we continue with our health issues. Please continue to pray for us.
-Thank you and in Him, **Jan Ross**

Birthdays This Week

November 18 - Audra Jennings
November 19 - Barry Heathcote, Dee Murphy, & Martha Olsen

November 21 - Glyn Phillips
November 22 - Micah Haden
November 23 - Kerri Barham
November 24 - Connie Benishek

Next Week:

Bible Class *The Life of the Apostle Paul*
AM Sermon *Giving Thanks to His Name*
PM Sermon *Do You Believe That I Can Do This?*

Records for November 11, 2018

Bible Class 197
AM Worship.....282
PM Worship..... 144
Wednesday.....
Contribution \$7,662.30



Military: Samantha Armstrong, Clay Bayes, Blake Barrett, Alston Compton, David Dilbeck, Robert Johnson, & Ryan Stewart

Privileged to Serve

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| Song Leader | Brandon Watson |
| Opening Prayer | Josh Newman |
| Communion Leader | Eric Olsen |
| Communion Servers | |
| Mike Wylie | Tony Saulus |
| Grant Ecord | Thomas Saunders |
| Jose Sosa | Kyle Slaughter |
| Jim Haden | Joe Glass |
| Don Ivy | Randy Heim |
| Frizzell Henry | Paul Stewart |
| Brent Stewart | |
| Scripture Reading | Michael Jones |
| Closing Prayer | Darrell Olsen |
| Nursery | Martha Olsen & Dayanara Sosa |
| PM Song Leader | Mark Blaylock |
| PM Opening Prayer | Billy Roughton |
| PM Closing Prayer | Jimmy Horn |
| Wed. Song Leader | Prayer Service |
| Wed. Invitation | Prayer Service |
| November Contact Elder | Paul Stewart |