

Reminder

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Dear Church Family,

The apostle Paul said in Ephes. 5:3-4 (NKJV), “But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.”

Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes are so common that if you and I are not careful we can begin to take them for granted. However, this Scripture tells us that improper language should have no place in a Christian’s conversation because it does not reflect God’s gracious presence in us. When Believers use this sort of language it often stems from their desire to remain inconspicuous by sounding like the people who surround them. I once asked a staff member why he used such language. The reply was this, “I didn’t want anybody to think I was perfect or super holy.” I told him this, “There is no danger of that. It wonn’t take them long to find out that you’re not perfect. You don’t have to prove it to them.”

People who have base appetites usually cultivate a base kind of speech and humor, and often people who want to commit sexual sins, or have committed them, enjoy jesting about them. Two indications of a person’s character are what makes him laugh and what makes him weep. The saint of God sees nothing humorous in obscene language or jests. “Foolish talking” does not mean innocent humor but rather senseless conversation that cheapens the man and does not edify or minister grace to the hearers. Paul is not condemning small talk because much conversation falls into that classification. He is condemning foolish talk that accomplishes no good purpose.

“Jesting” is translated from a word that means “able to turn easily.” It’s a certain kind of conversationalist who can turn any statement into a coarse jest. I have a friend whom I have known for years who used to really have the ability to do that. He even pastored for a while, but God delivered His people from him. The gift of wit is a blessing, but when it is attached to a filthy mind or a base motive, it becomes a curse. There are quick-witted people who can pollute any conversation with jests that are always out of place. Impure talk is to be replaced by thankfulness to God. In this way, our words will build up and benefit others. The admonition here is against foolish and vulgar talk that harms the spiritual life.

Paul said to Titus in Titus 1:15 (NKJV), “To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.”

Don’t let God find you comfortable with the impure.

In the Love of Christ,
Bro. Dudley

IN THE DAYS AHEAD

January 1, 2012

Sunday School 38
Church 53
Budget: \$2,197.00

January 16, 2012

Sunday School 41
Church 65
Budget \$7,057.00

January 29, 2012

Sunday School 45
Church 63
Budget \$2,900.00

Designated Offerings Monthly Total

Air Conditioners \$5,500.00 Tseasa \$100.00
Building Fund \$100.00 Youth Fund \$5.36
Food Pantry \$150.00

Average In Sunday School 41
Average In Church 66
Budgets Receipts In January \$18,802.00
Monthly Budget Needs \$21,882.94
Under Budget \$3,080.94

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 2012

9:30 am Prayer Time For Services
9:45 am Sunday School Hour
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Visitation
6:00 pm Sunday Evening Service
Youth Activities

Wednesday, February 2012

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Mid-Week Service
Youth & Children Activities

January 8, 2012

Sunday School 43
Church 69
Budget \$4,397.00

January 22, 2012

Sunday School 40
Church 71
Budget \$2,251.00

February 13, 2012

Men's Rally at Circle Six

Guest Speaker

Dr. David E. Garland Dean of Truett Seminary

Singing Men of West Texas will be singing

Dinner begins at 5:30 pm Cost \$7.00

Program Begins at 7:00 pm

Bro. Dudley will take the van. Let him know if you would like to go.

February 15, 2012

Annual All Church Banquet

6:30 PM

Entertainment: Debbie McDaniel

February 19, 2012

6:00 PM

Monthly Birthday Celebration

February 20, 2012

5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

February 22, 2012

6:00 PM Business Meeting

February 27, 2012

5:00 PM Property & Space Committee Meeting

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The ballots for Youth Minister Search Committee are being counted and those with the highest votes will be contacted and ask if they are willing to serve.



Don & Jean McDaniel, Rev. Ronnie Smith, Charlie Fant Family, Wayne Autrey, Dean & B.K. Bates, Rick Bannister, Richard Coffman, Therman & Beulah Cox, Jack Day, Pricilla Gilbert, Hunter & Michelle Hardaway, Blanche Jorgenson, Chris McClain, Leslie Stroud, Helen Spangler, Wendell & Helen walker, Our Church Family, Youth Minister Search Committee, and-LaVerne Saverance

Weather Sayings About February

It is said that if the weather is fine and frosty at the close of January and the beginning of February, there is more winter weather ahead than behind.

**When the cat lies in the sun in February
She will creep behind the stove in march.**

**Of all the months of the year
Beware of a fair February.**

If it thunders in February, it will frost in April.

**If February gives much snow,
A fine summer it doth foreshow.**

