

NEWS AND NOTES

TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dewey Young — Margie Tippen — Pete Varner — Buster Keeton — Ruth Coston — L. C. Lewis — Regina Simmons — Wendy Traweek — Lisa Morris — Mildred Allhands — Marcia Green — Judy May

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Monthly Fellowship Meal — April 22 — This will coincide with our Gospel Meeting
- Spring Work Day — Thank you to all who turned out to help with our work day!
- Door Knocking — Apr 20-21 — Please let Chase know if you plan to help, and which days you are available!
- Gospel Meeting with Tommy Hicks — Apr 22-25 — Flyers in the foyer!
- Youth & Young Adults — We had a great time playing board games on Apr 6th! If you couldn't make it, be sure to plan to be at the next event for our young people! (If you would like to host or help with an event, please let Chase know)

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late night talks with two special groups of people. In one we were exploring life, discipling, talking about the future, and discussing God's role in what we do. The other was talking about death and the struggles one faces when a family member passes away. It's during talks like these that our relationships truly grow and deepen. It's during late night discussions like these or sitting around a table that our children grow and see what real Christianity looks like. It's during those conversations that you get just a little sample of what heaven will be like when you are surrounded by your Christian family.

So why don't we do it more often? Why aren't we in each others homes weekly? Why aren't we eating with one another more often? If you are currently thinking you are too busy, then Satan has lied to you and told you worldly activities are more important than Christian relationships. If you think you don't have the energy then please take a minute and evaluate what things are taking all of your energy. Or is it that you are afraid of letting your guard down and letting people see the real you with all your warts and scars? Friends, it's during those times gathered around your table or sprawled out on the couch that you discover other people have warts and scars too, and you come to realize they love you anyway. It's during those times that you realize there are people on this planet who are not perfect, but they love you and honestly want to help you get to heaven — and will be there for you in the good times and bad. Stop thinking about having someone over and just do it. You'll be glad you did!

A Word of Encouragement ***Chase Green***

Have you ever experienced a day in your life when you were really down and out, and then some one came along and said just the right thing to make you feel much better? I know I have had days such as this. We all do!

And I bet most of us also have had bad days turn into WORSE days when someone came along and said something that hurt us. Brethren, the Bible is clear that our words matter. Psalm 19:14 says, “Let the **words of my mouth**, and the meditation of my heart, be **acceptable** in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.” “But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison,” says James 3:8. Paul wrote to the Ephesians, “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of **edifying**, that it may minister grace unto the hearers,” Ephesians 4:29.

What does this word “edifying” mean? Interestingly, the Greek meaning of this word has to do with architecture! According to Strong's, this Greek word, oikodomē, means “architecture, a structure, figuratively confirmation: - building, edify/edification,/edifying).”

So we have the picture of a building! Our words either build each other's “buildings” up, or they tear each other's buildings down! When you assess your words, do they build others up, or do they tear people down? Paul says that Christians ought to be those who build others up with our words!

Therefore, offer a word of encouragement to somebody! Be a Barnabas! Write somebody a card. Let someone know they are doing a good job. Tell someone you appreciate them. Tell someone you love them! You do these things, and you can be sure that others will be edified by your speech!

With love, Chase

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“And the earth was without form and void. and darkness was upon the face of the deep; And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. ”
Genesis 1:2

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