

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### TO FELLOWSHIP

Next Sunday – Communion Sunday

9:00 am – Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship Service

### TO SERVE

Diaconate Board Meeting – Wed. / June 3rd 6:00 pm

Pray for Our Church – Thurs. / 9:00 am

### LOOKING AHEAD

VBS – June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Child Dedication and Baptism – June 21st

# WATCH YOUR MOUTH

— JAMES 3:1-12 —

THE POWER OF OUR WORDS  
TO DIRECT, DESTROY, AND REVEAL  
THE CONDITION OF OUR HEARTS.

LIFE *encouragement*  
grace *love*  
hope *truth*  
kindness  
gossip  
criticism  
lies  
anger  
hurt

WORDS HAVE THE  
POWER TO DIRECT.  
JAMES 3:3-5

WORDS HAVE THE  
POWER TO DESTROY.  
JAMES 3:5-8

WORDS REVEAL  
THE HEART.  
JAMES 3:9-12

**DIRECT**  
Our words  
steer the course  
of our lives.

**DESTROY**  
Our words can  
start fires that  
leave lasting  
damage.

**DISCLOSE**  
Our words  
reveal what is  
in our hearts.

LET YOUR WORDS ALWAYS BRING GRACE,  
SEASONED WITH SALT.  
COLOSSIANS 4:6

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May 31, 2026

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Praise Songs— *“Cornerstone”*

Choir — *“I Speak Jesus”*

Morning Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Offering / Doxology

Children’s Message / Children’s Church

Praise Song - *“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord”*

Sermon - “Watch Your Mouth”

Graduate Recognition

Closing Song — *“We Believe”*

Benediction

## WATCH YOUR MOUTH

*James 3:1–12*

### **The Tongue’s Power to Direct**

Like a rudder steering a ship, our words shape the direction of our lives and the lives of others. Encouraging words can inspire purpose and hope, while careless words can lead people away from truth and confidence.

Ask yourself this week:

- Are my words leading people closer to Christ?
- Am I speaking life or defeat?

### **The Tongue’s Power to Destroy**

James compares the tongue to a fire capable of great destruction. Harsh words, gossip, criticism, and hateful speech can leave deep wounds that last for years.

In today’s culture, words are often used as weapons:

- Mocking instead of listening
- Dividing instead of uniting
- Shaming instead of showing grace

As believers, we are called to speak with truth, wisdom, and self-control.

“The words of the reckless pierce like swords...” — Proverbs 12:18

### **The Tongue’s Power to Disclose**

Our words reveal what is happening inside our hearts.

Jesus said:

“For from the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” — Luke 6:45

If our speech is filled with bitterness, anger, or negativity, it points to deeper heart issues. But when our hearts are being transformed by God, our words begin reflecting His love, grace, and truth.

### **Practical Challenges for This Week**

- Pause before speaking in frustration
- Encourage at least one person each day
- Seek forgiveness where words have caused hurt
- Pray daily for God to transform your heart and speech