



Grace Notes

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In the Pulpit this Sunday is Dr. Shane “Where there is Grace, there is True Wisdom” James 3: 13-18

Some things are worth repeating...

This past Sunday, we reflected on four questions related to how we use our tongues and whether there is grace in our words. Stemming from James 3:1 -12, these four questions are deeply personal and intended to be a mirror into which each of us looks and evaluates the words we speak, text, email, and communicate:

- Do our words demonstrate maturity or malice?***
- Do our words exhibit control or corruption?***
- Do our words praise or profane?***
- Do our words refresh or poison?***

Each of us bears responsibility and accountability as to the words we communicate verbally and in print. Each of us is called to be mature in our character, expressing integrity in how we use our words. Each of us is expected to judge and evaluate the words that come from our mouths, across our texts and emails, over our phones, and in personal conversations that are intended to be private.

Should you be inclined to know more about these four questions as a mirror of personal reflection, please go to the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzXkGpG8LQ0> and click on the sermon that begins at minute 14:00.

To the degree that we judge our own words and take actions to correct what we say, our lives will be blessed, and our church family will benefit greatly. And we will know that such reflection is happening as we experience the rising sense of joy and gladness among us.

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Dr. Shane



Great Special Music last Sunday. It was enjoyed by everyone! Thank you, Dennis

Ladies, please note that a Girls Nite Out has been added for September 27th. Chonda Pierce will be at Sheffield Family Life Center performing “Life is Funny”. The tickets are \$20 for General Admission or \$55 for VIP. Please let Mary W or Karen Z know if you can attend.

A thank you note was received from Northland Clothing Center. It said: We are very blessed by your ongoing support with prayers, donations and clothing drives. We cannot help without *your* help. Thank you for your generosity!
From: All of us at Northland Clothing Center



September Birthdays
22nd Jody Mc
29th Carolyn C



Narthex News

Sunday Greeters— September 22nd Marylou R
September 29th Greeter needed, October 6th Bill and Marty

Prayer Requests/Please PRAY for the people on this list.

Health: Celia W surgery (Health), Jonathan, friend of Rita's son, in hospital, Shirley, Marvalee's sister, (Health), Stephen, Rita's son, (Health), John Mc (Health), Sharon, Lori's friend, (Health), Harold D, (Health), Maxwell R, joined the Military, Friends of Jean, Mike and Ashley's baby has a hole in the heart and Down Syndrome, (Health), Pat K, (Health), Rosalee W, (Health), Bonnie and Jack H (Health), their son Nathan, (Health), Mike M (Health), Brooke, friend of Carolyn, pregnancy, Stallard family, Eloise (Health)

Bereavement: Family of Kathy H

Other Concerns: Fires, 2024 Elections, Our Schools, Family Promise, Grace Baptist Church/Sunday School/Day Care, Diaconate, Law Enforcement and First Responders, Leaders of Nation and State, World Conflicts, Our Global Servants, Refugees, Ukraine, Safety for those traveling.

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| | 9/15/24 |
| Budget | \$2,639.58 |
| Actual | \$602.70 |
| Missions | |
| Budget | \$321.90 |
| Actual | \$73.50 |
| Capital Improvement | |
| Budget | \$257.52 |
| Actual | \$58.80 |
| Total | |
| Budget | \$3,219.00 |
| Actual | \$735.00 |
| ATTENDANCE | |
| 9/15/24 | 44 |

MLM—Pantry items requested—Canned corn



Two are True and One is Not True

1. Elk are Missouri's mightiest mammals. A full grown bull can tip the scales at more than 800 pounds. In fact, a bull's towering antlers alone can weigh 40 pounds.
2. Elk are strict vegetarians. To get enough nutrients from grasses and other plants—which are harder to digest—an elk doesn't have just one stomach, it has three.
3. When elk walk, their front ankles make a clicking sound. This "knuckle cracking" helps them keep track of each other at night or when they are in a brushy forest.



Second question: What weighs up to 30 pounds, has a 9 foot wingspan, and has an enormous orange pterodactyl-like beak? They raise their babies on islands in large lakes in Canada and they migrate south stopping to rest and refuel in Missouri's lakes.

Last weeks questions—Which U.S. state is the coolest in the summer?
Answer: Alaska
Which vitamin do you get from sunshine?
Vitamin D

From Dr. Joe Pettigrew, President of Promise Keepers: Circumstances and relationships are constantly changing. Life is full of various changes, challenges, and transitions. Sometimes, we welcome change. At other times, we feel paralyzed by it. With each change, we may have some level of uncertainty, discomfort, anxiousness, fear, mourning, sadness or depression.

Our world is not going to devote itself to making us happy. Only when we accept that, can we begin to move forward.

Life doesn't always work in the way we want it to. Paul wrote in Romans 15:24, "I hope to see you in passing when I go to Spain." But it doesn't seem likely that he ever got to Spain; instead he landed in one of the worst prisons on earth. However, from there, the writings he accomplished were amazing. Our disappointment may turn out to be God's appointment. The Bible says, "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." (Proverbs 16:9) Aren't you glad He's in control of your life? While at the beach one summer, I read about how an oyster makes a pearl. When a grain of sand gets into its shell and irritates it, instead of resisting and resenting it, the oyster wraps it in layer after layer of beauty—until a pearl is formed. Life doesn't always go as we plan, but life happens the way it's supposed to. God is in charge and aren't we glad?



Mondays—Grace Notes news, articles and calendar updates due
Wednesday mornings—9:30am Prayer Circle
Please read the Scripture text in advance of Sunday Worship
SEPTEMBER CALENDAR
September 18th—6pm Hospitality Dinner, Pot Luck
September 22nd—Autumn begins
September 23rd—11am Grave Site for Kathy H, Maple Hill Cemetery
September 25th—11am Caring Committee