

Services

Morning Worship 9:30am
Sunday Bible Class 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Search TV
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Sunday AM: Jon Hescht

Sunday PM: “Commands of God: Be Holy”- 1 Peter 1:15-16



Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today. If you are a first-time visitor with us, please fill out a ‘visitor card’ that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit. There are free tracts and literature on the wall in the foyer. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let us know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study.

Thank you for attending. We hope to see you often!

Commands Regarding Our Speech

In Ephesians chapter 4, the apostle Paul gives clear and convicting instruction concerning the way Christians are to use their speech. These commands are not merely about avoiding sinful words, but about transforming the heart so that our words reflect the character of Christ. Speech, in this chapter, becomes a test of spiritual maturity and a tool for building up the body of Christ.

Paul begins by emphasizing truthfulness: “Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor’” (Ephesians 4:25). The command is not only to avoid falsehood, but to actively speak truth. This reflects the nature of God, who is truth (John 17:17), and recognizes that dishonesty destroys trust and unity among believers. Since Christians are “members of one another,” our words must strengthen, not fracture, the relationships within the church.

He then addresses emotional expression and self-control, saying, “Be angry, and do not sin... nor give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:26-27). While anger itself may not be sinful, it often becomes so when expressed through harmful or reckless speech. Words spoken in anger can open the door to greater sin, damaging both the speaker and the hearer. Thus, restraint and careful speech are necessary, even in moments of strong emotion.

A central command regarding speech is found in Ephesians 4:29: “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” The term “corrupt” refers to that which is rotten or unwholesome. Christians are forbidden from using speech that tears down, whether through gossip, slander, profanity, or harsh criticism. Instead, our words are to be purposeful; designed to build up, encourage, and benefit others. Speech is not neutral; it either edifies or corrupts.

Paul further deepens this teaching by connecting speech to one’s relationship with God: “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God” (Ephesians 4:30). The way we speak can either honor or grieve the Spirit who dwells within us. This elevates the seriousness of our words, showing that careless or sinful speech is not just a social issue but a spiritual one.

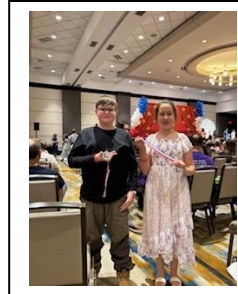
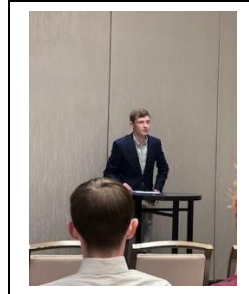
Finally, Paul commands the removal of destructive attitudes that often manifest in speech: “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice” (Ephesians 4:31). These inward sins inevitably surface in outward words. In contrast, he instructs believers to “be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32). Speech that reflects kindness, compassion, and forgiveness demonstrates a heart that has been transformed by the grace of God.

Ephesians 4 teaches that Christian speech must be truthful, controlled, edifying, and gracious. Our words reveal our hearts and influence others profoundly. When we follow these commands, our speech becomes a powerful instrument for unity, encouragement, and the glory of God.



God Bless -Todd

LADS TO LEADERS 2026



Attendance & Contribution			
	4/19/26	Goal	4/13/25
Bible Study	105	130	71
AM Worship	122	130	114
PM Worship	100	130	71
Mid-Week	94	130	72
Contribution	\$7431.00		\$6167.00

Correspondence Courses Available by Mail:
 8 lesson series by Hurt
 "Studies in The Bible" (30 lessons)
 "Acts of The Apostles" by Pharr (6 lessons)
 "Getting to Know Jesus" by Pharr (20 lessons)

Sunday Servants

Welcome: Chris Scott

Morning

Song Leader: Jeremiah Smith

First Prayer: Brad Morris

Closing Prayer: Greg Conley

Lord's Table*

Presiding: Nathan Adkins

Assisting: JC Hughes, Mason Morris,
Jason Fouts, Cody Ward, Evan Gullett,
Nolan Clarkson, Jordan Conley

Evening

Song Leader: Brad Morris

First Prayer: Jim Haynes

Lord's Table*

Presiding: Nathan Parks

Assisting: Mason Morris

Closing Prayer: Alex Wells

Wednesday Servants

Welcome: Chris Scott

Song Leader: Brad Morris

First Prayer: Jerry Sturgill

Devotional: Jeremiah Smith

Weekly Servants

Live Stream: Nathan Parks

Power Point: Gabe Scott

Bldg. Att.: Nathan Adkins

Coordinator: Nathan Parks

Attendance: John Gambill

***Gluten-Free Bread**

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 26 – Team Two will sign cards

May 3 - Bridal Shower for Allison Brown

MEET AND GREET

TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 26
AFTER BIBLE CLASS

**JON HESCHT
& FAMILY**



PIZZA PROVIDED

Please bring cookies/brownies, chips, drinks

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Allison's BRIDAL SHOWER

Sunday, May 3rd
at 12pm | Flatwoods Church of Christ

Registry information:
Amazon.com search for
Liam Allan & Allison Brown

