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### OPPORTUNITIES OF WORSHIP

#### Lord's Day

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Services 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Services 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



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Awaits You At The

## Church of Christ

### Brooke Haven

Vivian Lovan Room 203  
Betty Sage Room 206

### NHC

Helen Harrison Room A9  
**Pleasant Valley Manor**  
Marie Carpenter Room 405  
Velta Hamblen Room 107  
Charlie Ward Room 407

### West Vue

Margaret Alvis Room 309  
Madge Brown Room 814  
Helen Collins Room 608  
Bobby Jo Gish Room 819  
Hazel Henry Room 712  
Lois Shelton Room 807

### Members Home-Bound or with Ongoing Illness

Loeta Barr, J.G.Batterton, Floyd & Marcella Brown, Leota Crawford, JoAnne Eagleman, Marie Good, Connie Griffin, James Henry, Pete & Rachael Hensley, Minnie Hicks, Sue Moore, Jean Osborn, Bonnie Wallace, Leona Willard & Sibyl Wright.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Deborah Martin  
David & Bekah Frazier
- 4 - Chris Green  
Amber Redburn  
Kim Green
- 5 - Louanna Green
- 6 - Michael Neely
- 7 - Judy Hawkins
- 9 - Agness Hill
- 10 - Michael Cockrum  
Dortha Taylor
- 11 - Bruce & Sandy Autry  
David Jackson
- 12 - Jacob Rhoads  
Lily Autry  
Danny Bridges
- 13 - Udean Halford
- 15 - Joanne Eagleman
- 16 - Vickie Johnson
- 19 - Benjamin Wilkening  
Elvis Carver
- 20 - Kaylynn Newberry  
Judy Groves
- 21 - Rick & Lois Frazier
- 22 - Denise Shipley
- 23 - Maxine Collins  
Jennifer Shipley
- 24 - Luke Pitts
- 25 - Janelle Wright
- 27 - Amy Green
- 28 - D'Laine Barr  
Don & Loretta Metzger
- 29 - James Groves
- 31 - Don Eagleman

# Church of Christ

King James Version is requested for the pulpit, classrooms,  
and scripture reading.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the  
power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;  
to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

*Romans 1:16*

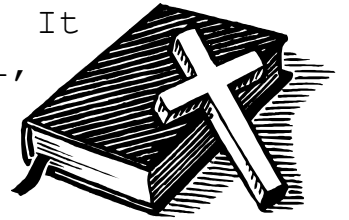
## THE GOSPEL

The past two decades has seen scores of attempts to minimize the authority of the written word. Bold assertions of direct communications from the Holy Spirit in a mystical manner, along with a direct indwelling to facilitate such communication, are yet heard in many sectors.

Faith, by divine definition, is both substantive and evidential. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1)

Faith is not gullible or blind. It is not subjective, experiential, emotional, existential or sensual. It is based on divine testimony having been witnessed by divinely certified apostles. "We have not followed cunningly devised fables..but were eye witnesses of his majesty" (2 Peter 1:16).

Faith is knowledge revealed. "For flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee but my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 16:17). "Neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him"(Matthew 11:27).



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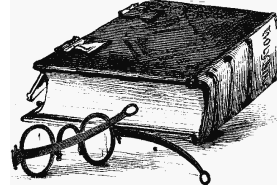
As ever, "faith comes by hearing...the word of God"  
(Romans 10:17).

Truth changes not.  
Richard E. Black

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## "EVIL SPEAKINGS"

Larry Yarber



**"Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and all hypocrisies, and envyings, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1st Pet. 2:1).**

In prior articles, we have discussed several sins of the tongue, such as murmuring and filthy language. In this article, we hope to address the sin of evil speech. Brother Guy N Woods had some appropriate words to write concerning this sin. Here we include them, (5) 'Evil speakings' (katalalias) are slanderous and defamatory statements about others. The word is elsewhere translated 'backbitings' (2 Cor. 12:20); and a verb form of it occurs in 1 Pet. 2:12, where it is rendered 'speak against.' It should be observed that the sins designated in this catalog are such as operate to destroy the brotherly relationship which begets and maintains love, and to create an attitude of mind and disposition of heart where malice, bitterness and hate reign instead. These evils are closely related and develop from each other. A malicious disposition leads to deception, deceit, envy and defamation; and the effort to conceal such produces hypocrisy. All such attitudes are utterly foreign to the Spirit of Christ, and to the principles which governed and motivated his life. All such must be resolutely put away if we are to have his approval and commendation. 'If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen' (1 John 4:20.) (Gospel Advocate Commentaries, Guy N. Woods, Vol. VII, Peter - John - Jude, Nashville Tenn., 1979, pgs. 53 and 54).

The two passages mentioned above by brother Woods are now given for your consideration, "For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:" (2nd Corinthians 12:20). And, "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak evil against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1st Peter 2:12). Please remember, in the verses above, our word is first translated 'backbitings' and in the second verse 'speak evil'. To

this, James adds, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge" (James 4:11-12).

It is a whole lot easier to tear something or someone down than it is to build them up. Therefore, if we have a problem with someone in the church, let's resolve that situation in God's way, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican" (Matthew 18:15-17). If we don't approve of the manner a certain work is being done, let us with Isaiah say, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8). But let us never be guilty of evil speakings!

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### Sunday's Lesson & Sermon Titles

**Sunday AM Class:** "The Call of Matthew"

**Sunday AM Sermon:** "Worship in Spirit & Truth"

**Sunday PM Sermon:** "Three Methods of Teaching"



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### Daily Family Bible Reading

John 6: 66-69

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**Those Ill or in the Hospital:** Jean Osborn was expected to go home from the hospital yesterday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. She has requested that the congregation pray on her behalf and would enjoy cards & phone calls.

**New Address:** Alta Newberry, 13711 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Shawnee, KS 66266. Phone: 913-568-5651 (This is Alta's grandson's address) Alta will moving into her own Apt. in January.

**Placed Membership:** We rejoice that Jack & Judy Hammond have expressed their desire to be part of the work here at Curry St. Their address is: 10110 CR 8010, West Plains, Mo 65775 Phone 417-256-7928.

**2012 Communion Preparation:** We need a few more volunteers to prepare the communion in 2012. If you can help with this work,

there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.

**Small Auditorium Construction:** We are remodeling the small auditorium, so please be careful when in this area of the building.

**Paragould Children's Home:** They will collect groceries on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. A list is provided in the foyer.

**Last week's Bible scramble answer:** Proverbs 24: 17-18