

the Connection

Guarding Our Speech

*Prison guard fired for sleeping on job:
Manhunt continues for escaped convict!*

*Security guard neglects to lock safe: thief
makes off with priceless heirloom!*



These headlines are not real, but we all have read or heard ones that are quite similar. Some small indiscretion by one given the job to guard someone or something can cause big problems. Proverbs 21:23 warns of a similar outcome in the life of someone who fails to guard his tongue. Solomon writes, “**Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from trouble.**” We know one’s hasty speech can cause much trouble. Using crude language is unbecoming to a Christian, yet it often occurs without hesitation or embarrassment.

We are quick to offer up our opinions in person or on social media, and relationships are irreparably affected. Speech that is degrading or

blasphemous doesn’t seem to affect many believers. Far too often, we aren’t careful to think before we speak. The guard you and I are to place on our mouths proves to be inefficient or just plain irrelevant. Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:4 that filthy speech, foolish talking, and coarse jesting should never be a part of a believer’s vocabulary. John MacArthur comments, “These three inappropriate sins of the tongue include any speech that is obscene and degrading or foolish and dirty, as well as suggestive and immoral wit.”

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.

If we notice any of these things in our speech, we must realize that it will only lead to trouble. We need to reinstate that guard over our speech. How do we get victory in this matter? We ask God for help, just as David did. Here’s what he prayed in Psalm 141:3-4, “**Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity.**” This certainly is a fitting prayer every believer should pray often. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts to be acceptable in God’s sight as we seek to please Him (Psalm 19:14).

Jerry Ascher

Sunday Morning Services: 14 November

In-person services take place in the auditorium at 9:30 or 11:00 am. Services are simultaneously livestreamed in the gym or available to you at home. The Lord's Supper will be available in both worship services.

- "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
- "Oh, How Good It Is"
- "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
- Prayer
- Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:12-21
- "The Gospel Song"
- "The Power of the Cross"
- **THE LORD'S SUPPER**
- Message: "Diagnosing a Divided Heart"
- James 4:1-12 Pastor Kevin Williams
- "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

Baby Shower this Sunday

Meadowlands invites you to attend a baby shower for Robert & Frieda Walter and their baby boy, Xander, this Sunday from 3-5 pm in Room 207.

Xander was born October 17 and needs sleepers size 0-3 months or larger. No diapers or wipes are needed. If you would prefer to give toward a gift card, you may transfer and designate money electronically to custom@meadowlandsbaptist.com

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

9:30

Forerunners of the Faith (Church History)

Pastor Jerry | Room 207

11:00

College & Career

Jeff McConnell | Room 221

Young Couples: 20s & 30s

Will Breckenridge | Room 207

Epistle to the Philippians

Manuele Russo | Gym Foyer

CHILDREN'S/TEEN MINISTRIES

9:30

Nursery (0-1)

Nursery (2-3)

11:00

Nursery (0-1)

Nursery (2-3)

Ages 4-5 Room 209

Grades 1-2 Room 212

Grades 3-4 Room 211

Grades 5-6 Room 309

Teens Room 308

Youth Calendar Adjustment-grades 7-12

The youth were scheduled to go to Laser Tag; however, the event is changed to Nerf Night for Friday, November 26 and will take place at the church from 6-9 pm.

Bring your favourite Nerf blaster and extra to share if

possible (please label). Do not bring your own darts as the church will be providing those.

Missionary Update:

*Herb & Janet
Hunter, South
Africa*



In a day of endless distractions, I have been encouraged by the Thessalonian church to continue to sound forth the gospel message from our location in South Africa.

Janet has been helping struggling students in three schools in our town. This puts her in contact with students, parents, and teachers in our community. Many of the children have been asking Janet to tell her missionary stories again because they miss hearing them. Pray for continued open doors for ministry in our local schools.

At Boy's Bible study each Friday, we are teaching through the first epistle of John, encouraging the boys with John's "tests of faith" to help them make sure they know Christ.

We continue to meet each Tuesday night in Rheenendal with 15 or so people as we work our way through the Bible. Pray that we will give godly counsel and that the Spirit will work to change hearts.

We had Jared Du Plessis preach for us this past Sunday. Jared believes God has called him to ministry and we are keen to see him hone his skills among our congregation. Pray for him and his new wife Shené as they get established in our church.

Our church is growing. We have had visitors in nearly every Sunday service and we have seen those who attend grow in faithful attendance. Many families come to church if nothing interrupts their Sunday plans, but if something arises like a birthday party or family barbecue, then church is suddenly unimportant. We are grateful that we have consistent attendance in the 30's now and recently we reached 43. Praise the Lord with us for growth in our church.

We are all looking forward to spending some time with the folks who give so that we can be here. We have booked our tickets home for furlough and we arrive in Saint John, New Brunswick on December 14. We begin our travels on the first Sunday of the new year! Megan will not return to South Africa after furlough, she will stay on for further studies at a Bible college in the United States. Please pray for this time of transition in all our lives.

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER &
BIBLE STUDY
TEENS/KIDS 4 TRUTH
7 PM**

Question & Answers

On Sunday, November 28 at 5 pm, there will be an opportunity to discuss the budget for 2022 and other items.

New Members Joining & Baptism Service

This service will take place at 6 pm on Sunday, November 28. These services are highlights at Meadowlands!

Giving

E-transfer is available. From your bank's website, select the e-transfer feature. The email address to transfer to is

donations@meadowlandsbaptist.com.

Your donation will be automatically accepted, and you will receive a confirmation of the transfer.

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