## **OUR MISSION - Be The Church**

VISION – to call the Bayfield church of Christ to a deeper commitment of discipleship

# **FAMILY MATTERS**

## Words

There is nothing more frustrating than a misunderstanding because of poor communication. Most marriages, including mine, have difficulty communication. Actually, it's not that we don't communicate because surely, there is some form of language being used. Rather, it's understanding what each other is actually saying that causes a lot of tension.

What we do with our words matters and how clearly we communicate with those words matters even more. Therefore, words are important because communication and understanding is important.

It's been said, "New words, create new worlds." I like that because there are those moments when you need encouragement, strength, or some good news and at just the right time, someone says something that is exactly what you needed to hear or read.

Or, there are those aches, feelings, tension in your bones that you can't seem to shake. You know, it's that thing inside of your soul you've been praying about, thinking about, contemplating but can't come up with the words to describe it. Then someone says it, you hear it, and it's as if a whole "new world" opened up.

Or it's that "Aha!" moment when you say something or someone says something to you and you can understand exactly what is being expressed. It's like that sense of knowing, you've been heard, understood, and now there is a better connection instead of a disconnection.

This is exactly what "THE WORD" did when He became flesh (John 1:14). He, Jesus, brought a new way, new life, new kingdom, that all began when He, the Word, "moved into the neighborhood" (the Message).

Jesus communicated with words and actions where a whole new world of possibilities was bursting forward. And WE get to be part of it.

Words, created the world when God spoke.

Words can create new worlds but they can also destroy them can't they.

It's that unkind thing you said to your spouse when you were angry. It's when there is gossip or slander. It's telling lies. It's when we make fun of someone or we complain about things all of the time.

When we say things that are cruel, unkind, or not true we can tear someone's world apart and do damage to those who are listening, even when we don't realize it. Ever says something mean and then realize your son or daughter heard it?

Paul to Timothy- "Continue teaching these things, warning people in God's presence, not to argue about words. It does not help anyone and it ruins those who listen" (2 Tim 2:14).

If "new words create new worlds", then arguing about them can also destroy a world. A difference of semantics, hermeneutics, exegesis is one thing, but when we argue over words, it wastes time, consumes our energy, divides us, and "Does not help anyone and ruins those who listen."

Churches split over the interpretation of words. Families fall apart because of hurtful words. And worlds are destroyed.

So let's be kind with our words. Let's move from the pew to offer strength and good news. Let's move into the neighborhoods with a kind and loving word for our neighbors. Let's move across the living room with affirming words of love for our spouse and kids.

And by the way, speak kindly to yourself too. You wouldn't want anyone to say hurtful things to you right? So, try not to say them to yourself either. Be kind and love yourself with positive words.

Words are important. Words matter.

So, may we stop destroying, ourselves, each other, and our world with our words. May we create a new and better world with words of love and hope.

~ Brian

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Ed Harris

**SONG LEADER** – Kirk Cundiff

538 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

238 – You Are the Song That I Sing

**OPENING PRAYER** – Mark Huffmyer

337 – Hallelujah, What A Savior

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

Table Talk - Harvey Cundiff Servers - Tyler Whitt, Chaston Cundiff, Henry Cundiff, Monty Cundiff

**GIVING** 

716 – Sing to Me of Heaven

**SERMON** "Into the Wild"

> John 7:37-39 **Brian Williams**

## **INVITATION SONG**

902 - Nothing But the Blood

628 – Will You Not Tell It Today

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Joe Layton

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**Evening Services** 

**Devotion** – Brian Williams **Song Leader** - Ed Harris



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## PRAYER CONCERNS

Corky McIntyre – found unconscious in his driveway Wednesday, he was taken to the hospital but sent home that night, felt related to his diabetes, he is doing well Family of John Blume (Melannie Cundiff's cousin) – passed last week, prayers for his wife Micki and the family

Mr. Duran (also Melannie's cousin) – battling cancer, has been placed on hospice Gene Chapin - Hodgkin's lymphoma in throat & abdomen, not feeling well and very weak, put on oxygen, doctors say this is normal for the meds he is on.

**Shauna (Kevin Killough's sister)** – battling pancreatic cancer, has been sick with pneumonia & sepsis, keep all the Killough's in your prayers as the care for her.

**Dottie Dodd** – heart issues, has had 2 tests that did not look good.

**Erwin Taylor** – his elbow surgery went well and already has his splint off, praise God! Prayers as he recovers!

Frank & Ginger VanTassel – both are battling daily pain & health issues

**Joe Herrera** - pancreatic tumor that is cancerous and his condition is now terminal, please pray for comfort and peace for him and his family

**Kirk Woolery** – heart rhythm issues, defibrillator implanted, please keep him and Doris in your prayers!

**Ken Stiles** - arthritic pain, worse in knees, inflicts his whole body and daily function **Dr. Baxtrom** – stomach cancer and melanoma, cannot do chemo because of heart problems

Andie (Lana Killough's cousin) – she has a history of lung cancer, but it has spread to her bones, prayer's for God's miraculous healing!

**Dayson Kramer** – facial injury while working on construction site when a piece of equipment hit his face, in hospital in Denver

Nathan, Lauren, Hannah & Emmalee Harris (Ed & Penny's son & family) — Praise God, Continued prayers for all as they navigate thru life changes

Marilyn (Joe Layton's sister) – diagnosed with myasthenia gravis

**Baby Ace & Keseandra** – foster children of Brian & Tammy, prayers for these sweet children, their parents, and all involved!

Hunter (Linda Cundiff's nephew) – Suffered brain damage in a car accident.

**Mike, Rachel (Speaker) Landron's father-in-law** – recovering from a heart attack, also now has prostate cancer and his heart is not strong enough for surgery

<u>Cancer Treatment:</u> Alma Evans (taking chemo at home), Mary Orbison (pancreatic cancer), David Walters, Judy Norton, Doug Sutherlin

**Military and law enforcement** - our own and those around the world keeping our country free. **Joe Schmidt family** – (Jeannie Barnes' brother) his wife is in the Air Force in London.

## **Encouragement Opportunities**

Family, let's remember to reach out to one another and comfort one another. "For they will know us by our love..."

- **Kevin & Lana Killough** his sister Shawna is battling pancreatic cancer, her cousin Andie battling metastatic lung cancer
- Faye McIntyre
- Frank & Ginger VanTassel
- **Our Bayfield church family** keep one another in prayer, meet together, check in on one another...

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

*Tuesdays @ 10am,* Beth Moore's "Entrusted – 2 Timothy"

#### **GRADUATION QUILLOW BLOCKS**

For Chaston Cundiff & Miranda Ruybal are due TODAY!

### LADIES BREAKFAST

Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am Willow's at Sun Ute Casino

IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION CEREMONY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

10AM AT IGNACIO H.S.

## **GRADUATION PARTY FOR CHASTON**

May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm, Family Building. All are invited for lunch & cake after the graduation ceremony, see invitation on bulletin board. RSVP by May 20<sup>th</sup>!

### **GRADUATION PARTY FOR MIRANDA**

May 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm at Tommy & Jeannie Barnes home.

### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY SINGING

Silverton June 30<sup>th</sup> 4pm at the Silverton School Gym at 12<sup>th</sup> & Reese, dinner provided afterwards.

## Body & Soul Fitness

Located in the Family Building

Mon 8:15am - Willow Tree Yoga

Tues 8:15am - Full Body Fit

Tues 5:30pm - HIIT

Wed 8:15am - Willow Tree Yoga

Thurs 7:15am – HIIT Sprint

Thurs 8:15am - HIIT

### Birthdays & *Anniversaries*

## MAY

7 Chaston Cundiff
11 Jeannie Barnes
13 Harvey & Linda Cundiff
18 Caleb Speaker
20 Kevin & Lana Killough
21 Jan Layton
23 Tammy Williams
28 Aaron & Desiree Speaker

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