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Mark Your Calendar

Service Time: 10AM

**Join us for our
Sermon Series:
Reckless Love**

**1.7
Communion**

**Congratulations to
Mr. and Mrs. David Jackson**

**Happy Birthday to those
born in January**

**See Sis. Vanessa Hawkins
if you would like to become
a member of GWCC.**

The Words We Speak

by Anonymous

Gossip is often regarded as a relatively harmless pastime, particularly when compared to “bigger” wrongs like murder or adultery. Satan has painted idle talk as innocuous, but if we peel away that deception, we discover the ugly truth. In the Bible, God lists gossip among the most depraved sins (Rom. 1:28-31).

Nothing about gossip is harmless. Whether the talk is intentionally cruel or simply some idle musing, the target of the comments can be embarrassed or hurt. A friend of mine decided to trace a damaging story about himself back to the original source.

The Words We Speak cont'd

He asked one man after another, "Where did you hear this?"

Seventeen pastors later, he finally found the person who had originated the tale. This fellow admitted he had speculated aloud regarding a situation about which he knew little. A destructive chain reaction began with just one man jumping to a false conclusion while chatting with a friend.

Even if the victim never learns of the chitchat going on behind his or her back, gossip still has consequences. The people who spread a tale reveal their inner thinking: "For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart," (Matt. 12:34). A poisonous tongue flows with the jealousy, resentment, or pride that resides in the heart of the person.

Gossip has the power to hurt feelings, destroy reputations and friendships, and divide churches. We do not have the right to bring such damage into anyone's life. In fact, God is the only one we should turn to when we hear a story about somebody.

Those facing trials need prayer and love rather than tongues wagging over their struggles and misfortunes (Gal. 6:2).

REMINDER:

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our App in the App Store or
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Member's Corner



This month, we shine the spotlight on Sister Gabrielle Hightower.

Who introduced you to Christ?

I was introduced to Christ by my wonderful parents !

What do you do for a living?

I currently work for an independent non profit organization giving grants to patients with certain diseases who cannot afford their medications.

What ministries do you participate in?

The Music Ministry

What are your hobbies?

Writing, motivating, playing family games, resume updates, and websites

What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?

Being a GWCC member I have found that with the leadership I am under,

I am always learning something new in Christ! The teaching at GWCC was what initially drew me to the church as when I first moved here I found it very difficult to find a church that was able to deliver the word of God in a way that really grasped my attention. Many churches preach to the peoples' feet, but GWCC preaches to the mind to provide understanding. I've always felt as though teaching of the bible should first enter the mind as when the mind truly understands, the heart is pierced then causing change within oneself and allowing God to really enter in for a true spiritual connection. I definitely believe GWCC is the perfect place to be for an understanding of God's word.

What advice would you give a new Christian?

Continue to renew your mind in the word and always keep wise counsel around when you need guidance on your walk with Christ. Surround yourself with those that seek Christ first and foremost in their life and never be afraid to ask questions to that which you may not understand.

Recipe Corner:

Bacon Wrapped Tater Tot Bombs

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups frozen tater tots, at room temperature
- 1 ounce sharp cheddar cheese, cut into 1/4-inch squares
- 4 slices bacon, quartered
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley leaves

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat; set aside.
2. Working one at a time, wrap each tater tot and cheese square in a piece of bacon. Repeat with remaining tater tots, cheese squares and bacon pieces. Dredge each tater tot in the brown sugar, pressing to coat.
3. Place tater tots seam side down onto the prepared baking sheet. Place into oven and bake for 20-25 minutes, using metal tongs to turn at halftime.
4. Serve immediately, garnished with parsley, if desired.

Our Daily Bread

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

I've always wanted to learn how to play the cello. But I've never found the time to enroll in a class. Or, perhaps more accurately, I haven't made the time for it. I had thought that in heaven I could probably master that instrument. In the meantime, I wanted to focus on using my time in the particular ways God has called me to serve Him now.

Life is short, and we often feel the pressure to make the most of our time on Earth before it slips away. But what does that really mean?

As King Solomon contemplated the meaning of life, he offered two recommendations. First, we're to live in the most meaningful way we can, which includes fully enjoying the good things God allows us to experience in life, such as food and drink (Ecclesiastes 9:7), clothing and

perfume (v. 8 nlt), marriage (v. 9), and all of God's good gifts—which might include learning how to play the cello!

His second recommendation was diligent work (v. 10). Life is full of opportunities, and there is always more work to be done. We're to take advantage of the opportunities God gives us, seeking His wisdom on how to prioritize work and play in a way that uses our gifting to serve Him.

Life is a wonderful gift from the Lord. We honor Him when we take pleasure both in His daily blessings and in meaningful service.

Father, thank You for this life You've given me. Help me to live this new year for You, enjoying Your blessings and fulfilling Your purposes.

Weekly Activities

Morning Prayer Conference Call

Daily 7:00AM

Weekly Bible Study Conference Call

Wednesday 7:00-8:00p

Men's Bible Study Conference Call

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

Conference Number:

712-775-7031 Access Code: 443-268-839

Women's Bible Study Conference Call

Monday 7:30-8:30pm

857-232-0158 Access Code 262390