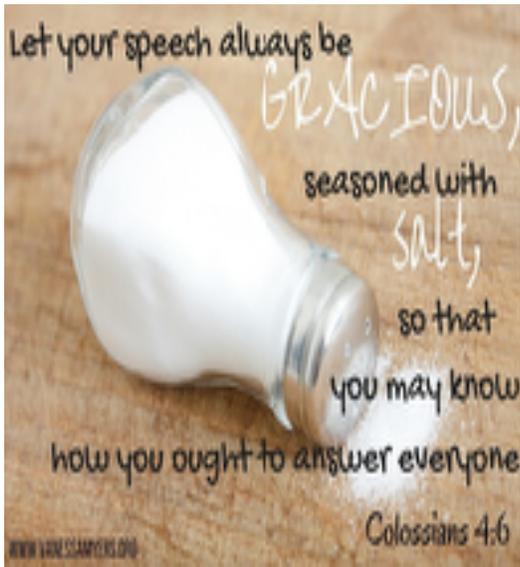




# The Beacon

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The old saying, “sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me” just isn’t a true statement. Any person who has been inflicted with hateful or mean words will tell you that they in fact do hurt. The words we choose to talk to and about others can have lasting effects. Many wounds have been created in individual lives as a result of by the words of another.

Christians are not immune to speaking in ways that hurt others. In fact, some of the most mean-spirited words are often found in the places where people we love the most are; family and church. In fact, there have probably been more damaging words spoken in families and in churches than anywhere else.

In Paul’s letter to the Colossians he reminds his fellow Christians to consider how they speak to one another.

Paul writes, “*Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.*” Gracious speech does not naturally come to us. Our tongues can easily be directed by sin and not grace. Learning to talk with grace is a work of the Holy Spirit.

So before we speak, we should always THINK about what we are saying and how we are saying. An easy guide is to use the THINK acronym:

before you speak:

- T... Is it true?**
- H... Is it helpful?**
- I.... Is it inspiring?**
- N... Is it necessary?**
- K... Is it kind?**

The apostle also wrote these words to the church at Thessalonica: “*Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up.*” Indeed our words are too important to use frivolously. Rather, with salt in our speech, we as Christians seek to speak God’s love and kindness to every person we meet.



**HOLY WEEK  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday  
March 25  
11:00 am

Maundy Thursday  
March 29  
6:30 pm

Good Friday  
March 30  
6:30 pm

Easter Sunday  
Hollywood Cemetery Worship  
April 1  
8:30 am

Easter Worship  
April 1  
11:00 am

General Fund Budget Update  
through February 18.

Budget Needed to Date: \$18,501  
Given to date: \$16,360  
Variance: -\$2,141

**Youth Meetings**  
March 11 and March 25  
after morning worship



**CELTIC  
worship**

Wednesday Night  
March 1 @ 7:00 pm

Traditional Irish Meal @ 6:00 pm  
Reservations required by Monday at noon

Worship in the Celtic tradition is rich with prayer, silence, scripture and music. It is contemplative in nature and reflects the beauty and traditions of this ancient Christian community.

**March Birthdays**

1: Paul Reed  
4: Russell Holt  
6: Evelyn Berry  
14: Beverly Derr  
16: Betty Thomas  
17: Nancy Reed  
20: Judy Hairfield  
24: Dean Welton  
25: Jeanette Townsend  
28: Ellen Shaw  
29: Virginia Knighton  
Barbara Reynolds



**March Meetings**

Deacon's Meeting  
March 12 @ 6:30 pm

WMU Meeting  
March 19 @ 11:00 am

“May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door.”

