

December 3, 2023 Bulletin for the



## God's Plan of Salvation

**Hear** Romans 10:17

**Believe** Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6

**Repent** Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

**Confess** Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33

**Be Baptized** Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

**Remain Faithful** Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

### Come join us!

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Radio Programs on KMBQ 99.7

"Searching the Scriptures"

Our weekly radio program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

### Meeting Times

#### Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

#### Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

#### Office Hours

Call or check website

### Schedule of Events

**Men's meeting** immediately following morning services.

**Check back bulletin board to see how you can help**



### Think on These Things

#### Philippians 4:8

For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

I Timothy 4:4-5 NKJV

### Our Family News

**Pray for /** Emily/Cody Hatley, Danesa Nicholson, the St.Clares, Kelsey Gann (kids), Debra Betti, Darlene and Rebekah Smith, Couch family, Bill and Peggy Beebe, Jennifer Jacob and Alora, Kelli Riley, Mathew Douthitt, Andrew Hopkins, our youth and the church family

### Today's Scripture

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Jude 1:3 NKJV

### Wisdom for Today

Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool. Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with his feet.

Proverbs 19:1-2 NKJV

**AM Sermon /** George Jensen

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### Evangelist

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Visitors always welcome; Members expected



*“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.”*

*Psalm 122:1*

## **Stop Apologizing**

**Joe Murdock**

How interesting is it to think about the words we use. The real question might be, do we really consider the words we say. The reality for me is that I hardly find time to think about some of my responses. Words will just pop out without very little thinking (I can hear Tom saying AMEN). One example that comes to mind for me is when someone shares a difficulty, hardship, or even a success then follows it up by sayin “please pray for me.” What is my response “why, of course I will!” Then what happens, I get busy, other things grab my attention and sometimes I just plain forget. This is shameful and something I need to get better with. Now while this article isn’t necessarily on letting our yes be yes and our no be no. It is my intention to highlight how we can find ourselves speaking without thinking.

Two times I have had faithful brethren come up to me after a sermon saying the only problem they had with the lesson was that I had apologized. I was told by these wonderful men to never apologize for preaching the gospel. Now certainly what these good brethren were not suggesting was a license to be ugly or hateful. These men believed just as the Bible teaches, speaking the truth in love. **Ephesians 4:15a NKJV** “but, speaking the truth in love, This principal of speaking the truth in love must not only be from the pulpit but from all aspects of our lives. **Ephesians 4:29 NKJV** “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” As Christians our aim must always be to have our speech seasoned with salt and not vinegar. However, we are also to be defenders of the truth. The inspired word of God reminds us plainly that love does not compromise. **I Corinthians 13:4-6 NKJV** “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;” Love does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth.

This article is a reminder for myself to remember whenever we are preaching, teaching or spreading the gospel wherever there is no need to apologize, when done out of love. Yet, it can be so easy to say words without even thinking about them. Even ones that are seemingly innocent. However, may we remember that when we are using the word of God to edify, encourage, correct and convict we are doing a heavenly authorized work. **I Timothy 4:15-16 NKJV** “Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” How necessary it is at times for us to step back and think critically about the words we are using. Are we apologizing for teaching the soul saving truth of the gospel. Are we apologizing for discussing things that can be controversial. May we never be ashamed for spreading the word of God in a loving manner. That means with an attitude of knowing souls are at stake and also demonstrating a patience that allows room for growth. Remember, God would have all to come knowledge of the truth and repentance. So, let us get busy in doing our part in spreading the word and stop apologizing when we contend for the faith.

