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As I See It. . . By Brian Gregory

Next month we are hosting an event we are calling, "Family Focus Month". Each Wednesday night beginning at 6:30, we will have as our guest speaker, Danny Camp. Our main goal is to encourage and strengthen families, not just mom, dad and the kids but families as a whole. We will also give particular attention to what the church can and should do to encourage and strengthen families.

Family Focus Month

Each Wednesday Night in March

6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Danny Camp

South Gate Church of Christ

RESPONSES

We commend Donna Altobell who restored her life to Christ on Sunday evening and placed membership with our congregation.

Knowing How To Answer. . . By Joe Macer

Colossians 4:6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Knowing what to say and how to say it is so important to our human relationships. Words said appropriately will bring people closer to you whereas the same words used with a very different attitude will drive people away. Paul has just warned Christians to be wise in the way you act towards those who are not Christians. From today's verse, we learn that our speech plays an important role in our influence of others. Let's consider the three phrases found in this verse.

First, what we say is to be full of grace. What does this mean? The Christian's speech is to be kindly, courteous, pleasant, attractive, approachable and friendly. Our speech should not drive people away. It is not to be rude, vulgar, hateful, gloomy, pessimistic or depressing. When a person leaves our conversation, that person should know that we care about them and are willing to help.

Second, our speech is to be seasoned with salt. Salt has always been used to make food more tasteful and as a preservative. Does our conversation draw people in or drive them away? Do our conversations preserve our relationships or terminate any future possibilities? Always use your words to keep the door open for future opportunities.

Third, know what you believe and why you believe it. If we don't know an answer to a question, admit it and go search for the answer. Then be sure to provide that information to the questioner. Ask God to give the wisdom of how to respond to various questions that will come our way. Ask for patience to deal with those with ulterior motives. People are watching us. May we always respond with grace, salt and knowledge.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SOUTH GATE MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown,
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress
- Mary Chumbley
- Sarah Churchwell
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris, Hillview, Rm. 116
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
- Jr. Hickman - Hillview, Rm. 117
- Margaret Johnson
- Elmer Lusk
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Frances Petty - Brookdale, Rm. 403 (formerly Sterling House)
- James Ed Pollard - Hillview NHC, Rm. 206
- Barney Roland - NHC Hillview, Rm. 101
- Betty Roland
- Albert & Ethel Spears
- Virginia Staggs-Poplar Estates 101
- Elaine Whitehead

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Joan Hermsdorfer, aunt of Robin Weaver - recovering from broken leg and fighting cancer, Matthew Hight, friend of Roberta Bolton, Margarite Neil and Carolyn Curtis, friends of the Warfs, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis (to have double lung transplant), Susan Warren - recovering from bilateral knee replacements, Little Gatlin Macer, Vona Hoeye, friend of Kayla Kirtley - cancer, James Mullins - nephew of Linda Porter - cancer, Joan Kittrell - recovering from heart & kidney transplants, Jack Craig - uncle of Lisa Kelley, Ken York - friend of Kathy Garner, Billy Oliver (Poplar Estates, Rm. 201) - brother of Corrine Goetz, Evan Rector, W.M. Morrow, Deak Waldrum, Patsy Loveless, Gerald Boyd, Charles Stofel, Joan Van Hooser, Lou Miller - Poplar Estates, Rm. 205, Clara Totty - Poplar Estates, Rm. 102, Jackie McPeak - liver cancer, Travis Jett, Sherry Pritchett - mother of Jody, Teresa Warf Walkup - cancer, Shirley Woods - mother/Diane Upchurch, Mark Shaw, Bobby Wales, Patricia Luffman, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Earline Hensley - sister/JoAnn Coleman, Evelyn Felker, sister/Benny Bolton, Sharon Riley, Doris McKennon - sister/Edna Hardison, JoAnn Anderson, Alice Lovett - aunt/Cheyenne McNeese, Ann Graham - Morning Point, Rm. 113, Jenny Miller, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Paul Jackson - father/Rhonda Farris, Billy Dan & Betty Morrow, Bella Huey, Clara Griggs-cancer-aunt of Donna Altobell - 202 Nowlin Court, Columbia, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, Anne Bryant - NHC Columbia, Rm. 147-A.

WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 22, 2015

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Benny Bolton
 Barrow Brown Jonathan Macer
 Terry Burgess Jacob Pollard
 Dave Coleman Jerry Barber
 Johnnie Johnson Ryan Massey
 Read: Habakkuk 2:2.....Byran Farris
 Sermon: United In Vision.....Brian Gregory
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Joe Macer
 Prayer.....John Allen Thomas
 Read: Genesis 12:1-4.....Bobby Daniels
 Sermon: A Walk of Faith.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Duane Allen
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie Davis

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Abigail Anthony and her family in the death of her sister, who lived in Louisiana.

Ushers: Jim Anderson, DeWayne Hickman, Charles Bassham
 Greeters: Terry & Edith Burgess, Jerry & Michelle Williams
 Audio/Visual: Jim Pollard
 Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)
 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - 6:30 P.M.

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Rhonda & Baylie Farris
 P.M.....Laura Spires, Kasey Cross

Song LeaderJoe Macer
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jody Pritchett