

important—tells all about the health of the body. Anything wrong with your body, I tell it from your tongue.”

Thankfully, I have never suffered a repetition of that experience (perhaps because I have been allergic to Korean dentists ever since), but her words have always struck me as conveying a deeper truth than she may have realized. Jesus once said, “Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him” (Matthew 12:34-35). Because our tongue SAYS what our heart THINKS, there is nothing more revealing than what we choose to talk about and how we choose to say it.

Since Jesus taught that we can be identified by our tongue—or rather, by how we use it—let’s be extra careful in the words we choose today. Select words that are truthful (1 Peter 3:10); helpful (Ephesians 4:29); calming (Proverbs 15:1); and kind (Proverbs 15:4), for these are the kinds of words that bring glory to God (Colossians 4:6).

Avoid words that are untruthful (Exodus 20:16); hurtful (Proverbs 26:18-28); angry, reckless, and provoking (Proverbs 15:1); or vulgar, obscene, or irreverent (Ephesians 5:4, James 3:10-12, Exodus 20:7). Remember: every time we speak, we’re identifying our character, our choices, and even our association with Christ!

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MEAFORD MESSAGES MEAFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

What Your Tongue Says

You know that every human being has a unique fingerprint, but did you realize that each person also has his or her own unique tongue print? According to published reports, scientists have discovered that just as no two people have the same fingerprint, so each one of us can—*theoretically*—also be identified by our own unique tongue print!

Now, the scientific report didn’t say how the researchers had convinced their subjects to lick that ink pad, and I’m certainly not going to volunteer for the research project, so I suppose I’ll just have to take their word for it. But it did remind me of an episode that happened in my own life, many years ago.

Back in 1979, when I was attending Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, I experienced a toothache. Since I didn’t know any of the local dentists, I dropped by the school’s medical office, which maintained a registry of reputable medical professionals who were willing to see students at a reduced rate. I was referred to a Korean dentist with the assurance that she was “one of the best.”

As soon as I climbed into her chair and had settled back, the dentist abruptly ordered me to “Stick out your tongue.” Puzzled, I complied, only to be startled when she grasped my tongue and pulled it out of my mouth farther than I had previously known it could stretch. The dentist twisted and turned my poor tongue, examining it carefully. When I finally retrieved my tongue I managed to sorely stammer: “What was that for?” “Ah,” she explained sagely, “tongue is very

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARING & SHARING

Continue to remember Ada Binkley, Gord Cramp, Paul Cramp, Joyce Franklin, Jean Gonder, Fern Park, Isabel Petch, June White and Edythe Williams.

SPEAKER THIS MORNING

Roy Williams will be bringing us the lesson this morning.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for our Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The next congregational meeting will be next Saturday starting at 10:00 A.M. We will start the meeting with a video of a candidate who has applied for the minister position. If you have any items for the meeting agenda please let Dave Ellis know.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The next trustees meeting will be Monday May 9 at 10:00 A.M.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Belated birthday wishes to John Hall (28) Marc Gordon (29)
Tammy Galbraith (2)



**Friday morning 8:30 am –
Vision TV**

Rogers cable 21

Bell 64

Star Choice 394

Sunday 2:00 pm – Joy TV

Rogers 173

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KEY TO THE KINGDOM SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Sunday the Key to the Kingdom program sets aside for special contributions to the program. If you would like made a donation to the program please put it on the plate marked “Key to the Kingdom”.

WORSHIP SERVICE SERVING SCHEDULE

Worship Service schedules for May and June are in the mail boxes. Thanks for your help.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Brayden Book for replacing the kitchen taps.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Low stock items for the foodbank include: peanut butter, canned vegetables, granola bars and juice boxes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 27—Fellowship Breakfast, Dave Knutson speaking
May 28—Area Hymn Sing in Collingwood

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Week 18: April 30 — May 6 — **Peace**

30) Psalm 29:10-11

1) Psalm 34:13-15

2) Romans 14:14-19

3) Romans 12:14-18

4) Hebrews 12:14; Matthew 5:9

5) James 3:16-18

6) Proverbs 3:1-2, 13-17

Questions to consider:

1. How can you summarize this passage in two to three sentences?
2. What does this passage teach you about peace?
3. What is the Lord specifically leading you to do in response to this passage?