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**The Words We Speak**

He that keepeth his mouth, keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction (Proverbs 13:3 - KJV).

The ability to speak words to express our thoughts and feelings is one of the great gifts given to us by our God. This is a gift that can be a tremendous blessing to us and others or if misused or abused it can have disastrous consequences for us. The words that we speak are a true index to our faith in God and our commitment to him. The words that flow from our mouths will testify to who we are and what we are (Matthew 12:33-37). Do not be mistaken, the words we choose to speak will reveal our character.

We should consider carefully the words of David from Psalms 39:1: *I said, "I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth as with a muzzle while the wicked are in my presence."* We need to take heed to the words we speak lest we be guilty of engaging in angry, wrathful words (Colossians 3:8). It is so easy to minimize our faults while magnifying others so we must guard our lips lest we be guilty of unjust fault finding (Matthew 7:3-5). Angry, wrathful speech has the power to start a long train of sad consequences and often we will find that we do not have the power to stop that train. Titus 3:2 tells us *"to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men."* Speaking evil of someone we dislike or disagree with for whatever reason is all too common today. Using our power of speech in a deceitful way to make someone look bad just because we don't like them is wrong, yea sinful. We cannot be pleasing to God with our speech one moment and in the next moment be saying words of hatred with the intent to shame and tarnish the character of someone we disagree with or simply don't like (James 3:9-12).

As a child of God, our life should be a model of good works, showing integrity and dignity with sound speech that cannot be condemned (Matthew 5:16; James 3:13; Titus 2:1-8, Philippians 4:8-9; Colossians 3:5-17). I pray that the words we choose to speak will always show that the grace of God rules in our hearts.

Today, I leave you with these words: *"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer" (Psalms 14:14).*

- Charles Hicks

Watch your **thoughts**,  
for they become **words**.  
Watch your **words**,  
for they become **actions**.  
Watch your **actions**,  
for they become **habits**.  
Watch your **habits**,  
for they become **character**.  
Watch your **character**,  
for it becomes your **destiny**.

## Our Prayer List

- Darrell & Laura Fry's great-grandson, Ronan McGrath arrived February 27th, and they would appreciate your prayers. There was some difficulty during birth, but he is improving. They are all overjoyed at his improvement. Praise God - who is so AWESOME!
- Tim Duffy and was admitted to St. Joseph hospital because of a clogged artery in his leg. The doctors are conferring to find the best solution. Pray for his recovery. He can have visitors.
- Keep Barbara Byrd in your prayers. She isn't doing well.
- Many of our brothers and sisters are experiencing covid and flu. Pray for their recovery and protection of all our brothers and sisters from this.
- From Mary Carter: Rubin Carter has been in the hospital for several days and they found that he too has cancer...internal abdomen. We are waiting for the pathology report to come back so we can begin treatment...my surgery will then follow. Thank you so much! Love to you all.
- Amber Blair's grandfather passed away. Please lift this family up in prayer, Pray for Micah and Amber as they travel for the memorial service.
- Roger Taylor update: no cancer, but has swelling of tongue. He will see a throat specialist.
- Prayers are requested for Zach and Merideth Russell and their twin daughters, in Boise, who were born prematurely on Wednesday evening. One of the girls weighs 1lb-9oz and the other is 2lb. Zach is the son of Brian and Sammie Russell.
- Pray for Evelyn (the Fry's neighbor) who has come down with COVID.
- LaDonna's daughter Lori will be having surgery on March 2nd to replace the bone the surgical team removed from her skull. Please keep Lori and family in your prayers.
- Continue to pray for Brooke Armenta, who is still having medical issues.
- Continued prayers are requested for Daniel (Fry's grandson) and his mother, Lisa.
- Pray for Rich who is moving to Arizona. Pray this will be a true blessing for him. Pray also for his mother Barbara, who will be missing him.
- Pray for Peggy Hall as she continues to help her mother recover from broken hip surgery.
- Continue to pray for Theresa Scott, who has stage 4 cancer and was told it is terminal. She will begin radiation soon.
- Praise for all the new baptisms and also for those who have chosen to be clean and/or clean and sober.
- Pray for the Mercy Mobile ministry, led by Cisco and Heather Velez as they minister to the homeless.
- Pray for our leadership team, all of our ministries.
- Pray for Ukraine.
- Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings – both physical and spiritual.

Note: Since the bulletin is only published weekly, these prayer requests are not always the most current.  
To receive these requests promptly, contact Bonnie Mitchell at 360-265-3266.

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- Current Event Calendar - Click on News & Events
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[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ) then click on the desired video.  
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<b>Sunday Worship for March 5, 2023</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children’s Church after communion)  Watch live stream or after our worship time: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ</a>					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Darrell Fry	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Wayne Hammock	Communion: Dave Snyppe	Offering: Trent Herbert
Servers – Brian Bungart   Dave Lawrence   Elijan Herbert   Terry Bratcher					
Note: The Tuesday Ladies Prayer group meeting at LaDonna's home is now meeting on Thursdays 10 a.m. Still meeting at LaDonna’s.					
<b>9:30am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium Brad Orser - Review			<b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
<b>Men’s Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			<b>Ladies in the Word</b> Conference Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
<b>Bible Class &amp; Prayer</b> Ephesians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			<b>Ladies Prayer group</b> LaDonna's home Thursdays 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			February 12, 2023		
			Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,391.00		
If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104					
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					

## Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address below. We have a lock mailbox.

## Happy Birthday!

**March:** Brad Orser – 12, Troy Hill – 15, Darrell Fry – 25, Roger Taylor – 31

**April:** Jim Snead – 6, Jacob Hammock – 10, Brandon Karn – 10, Rick Velasco – 13, Misty Hammock – 15, James Greer – 17.

## Speak Life

### Verse 1

Some days life feels perfect  
Other days it just ain't workin'  
The good the bad the right the wrong  
And everything in between  
Yo it's crazy amazing  
We can turn a heart through the words we say  
Mountains crumble with every syllable  
Hope can live or die

### Chorus

So speak life speak life  
To the deadest darkest night  
Speak life speak life  
When the sun won't shine and you don't know why  
Look into the eyes of the broken hearted  
Watch them come alive  
As soon as you speak hope  
You speak love you speak

### Tag

You speak life oh  
You speak life oh

### Verse 2

Some days the tongue gets twisted  
Other days my thoughts just fall apart  
I do I don't I will I won't  
It's like I'm drownin' in the deep  
Well it's crazy to imagine words from our lips  
As the arms of compassion  
Mountains crumble with every syllable  
Hope can live or die

### Bridge

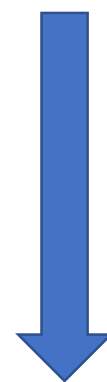
Lift your head a little higher  
Spread the love like a fire  
Hope will fall like rain  
When you speak life with the words you say

### Bridge

Raise your thoughts a little higher  
Use your words to inspire  
Joy will fall like rain  
When you speak life with the things you say

### Ending

Some days life feels perfect



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## Speak Life

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