



LET'S VISIT

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"ANGRY WORDS! O LET THEM NEVER"

Many of the songs that we sing are designed to teach and admonish. That is what Paul had in mind in Colossians 3:16 when he penned, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." One of those songs is "Angry Words". This song has been a favorite of many people for a number of years. It is a song with valuable counsel for our dealings with each other and it warns us against disrupting friendship and love through unthoughtful use of the tongue.

The song tells us of the need to bridle our tongue. Take a look at the first and third verse of the song:

*"Angry words! O let them never
From the tongue unbridled slip,
May the heart's best impulse ever
Check them ere they soil the lip.*

*Angry words are lightly spoken,
Bitt' rest tho'ts are rashly stirred,
Brightest links of life are broken
By a single angry word."*

James tells us that the tongue is powerful and difficult to control. It has the power to control the whole body. You see, the tongue reflects the true expression of the inward man. The tongue has the power to do good and evil, to turn away wrath or stir up strife. The tongue has the power to use knowledge wisely or pour forth foolishness. The tongue can be a tree of life or a breaker of spirits.

When we restrain our tongues, we avoid sin and keep ourselves out of trouble. Restraining the tongue can often make one to appear wise. Words poorly

chosen, unthoughtfully and rashly spoken can destroy friendships. Words poorly chosen can make even the closest friends become enemies.

The chorus and verse two remind us of the importance of friendship and love.

*"Love is much too pure and holy.
Friendship is too sacred far,
For a moment's reckless folly
Thus to desolate and mar.*

*Love one another, thus saith the Savior
Children obey the Father's blest command
Love one another, thus saith the Savior,
Children obey the blest command."*

Some of the most beautiful passages in the Bible were expressions between friends. Think of Ruth's love for her mother-in-law, Naomi; or Jonathan's devotion to his friend, David; or Jesus' love for His disciple, John; and of course Paul's love for his coworker, Timothy.

Jesus teaches us to love one another. In fact, Jesus makes it a command and a mark of our discipleship in John 13:34-35. It is a blest command and love will avoid offending another with loose words.

Friendship is too holy to be destroyed by loose words used in reckless moments, especially between

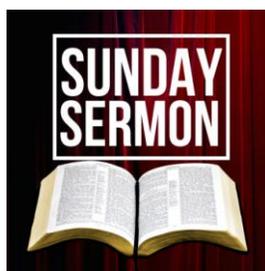
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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



*What Is
God Like?*

For The Pantry. . .

March 1 – Canned Chicken



**February 22, 2026
\$ 4,868.00**

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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brethren in Christ. True love values friendship so highly that it will resolve to say nothing that unnecessarily endangers friendship and to let nothing that is said no matter how hurtful to destroy a friendship. Let's make sure that our words are soft and sweet and never such that will destroy the closest bonds of love and affection between our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Annual Area Wide Singing



Friday – April 24, 2026

7:00 p.m. to 8:30p.m.

Refreshments served following the singing

On The Lighter Side. . .



**DAVE AND ARDY PROWL AROUND THE
POTLUCK LIKE ROARING LIONS, SEEKING
WHAT THEY CAN DEVOUR**

*Cooperation will solve many problems.
Even freckles would be a nice coat of tan
if they would ever get together.*

*There are many individuals who throw their
tongue into high gear and overdrive long before
they get their brain started!*



Plan To Stay for Lunch Today!

We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for the months of March, April and May. We will also enjoy a great time of fellowship together.

Hospitality group 2 is in charge of the luncheon today. The members of that group are Sarah Fletcher, Jana O'Brien and Norma Perkins.

Plan to stay and join us!

Communion Preparation - March
Manny & Brittany Ortiz



Wednesday FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Mark your calendar and make your plans to join us for our next Wednesday night meal
March 25, 2026



Stephen Wiggins is recovering from bypass surgery this past Wednesday.

Alice Hall is continuing at Holiday nursing home and slowly improving.

Gene Perkins (Tim Perkins aunt) is recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip.

Norma Magbee (Melonie Bradshaw's mother) has been placed under hospice care.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) **Leslie Adams** (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; **Krista Andrus** (Tim and Norma Perkins niece) **Peggy Baylor** (Tim Bradshaw's mother) **Dwayne Brister** (Cissy Amos' cousin) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Coleen Dickerson** (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Dot Grant** (Friend of Debra Pate) **Suzi Hogan** (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Albert Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's father) **Norma Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's mother) **Karen McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Heather Simmons Stewart** (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; **Max Windham** (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Reserve these dates for important events in the life of our Church for 2026

April 24, 2026 – Area Wide Singing & Fellowship

June 7, 2026 – "Friends and Family Day"

September 13, 2026 – "Back To Church Sunday"

December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"

December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party



Across The Preacher's Desk

Ruth Graham wrote a book entitled, "In Every Pew Sits A Broken Heart". All of us need to remember that from time to time. There is also a familiar passage in I Peter chapter 5 and verse 7 we need to remember. Peter writes there, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you".

You and I are in this verse! There is so much in our world that is impersonal. We live in an age of bigness and numbers. Everyone wants to know "the last four of your social" when you call wanting information on some account that you have.

Yet, God still knows us, you and me, as individuals. God doesn't keep track of us by a computer or an account number. You see, it's just the way we read in John chapter 10, he knows us.

But we are not only in that verse in I Peter as individuals. In that verse are our cares, our concerns and our problems. Every care that you and I are carrying is in that passage. Cares that often can be roadblocks to blessings. Yet, Peter tells us to cast our cares upon Jesus and with our cares removed we can truly experience the joy of the Lord.

Never forget, no one cares like Jesus and no one understands like Jesus. For those who will surrender their life to Him, obey His commands and live His kind of life, Jesus will carry their burdens. The question is, are you living life Jesus' way?

it's something to think about.....tlp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
Will you?**