

The World Your Words Build

I remember hearing the familiar phrase, "*Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me,*" back when I was a student at Edison School in Danville. That playground saying tries to downplay the damage, but the truth is, words carry immense spiritual weight. The Bible reveals there are no neutral words. Proverbs 18:21 states plainly that "death and life are in the power of the tongue."

As Proverbs 11:9 reminds us, "an hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour." However, our words also have the power to bring life and healing. Proverbs 16:24 says that "pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones," and Proverbs 15:4 notes that "a wholesome tongue is a tree of life."

In the original Greek, the word for "saved" is *sōzō*, which means far more than just spiritual salvation. It is a complete rescue package — forgiveness, eternal life, deliverance from oppression, and divine healing. And the atonement reaches further still, for our Savior "was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). This is wholeness for the whole man, spirit, soul, and body (3 John 2).

Let us be mindful of our confessions, choosing to speak blessings, encouragement, and truth. When we speak negativity, we limit what God has provided. But when our confession agrees with His Word, we lay hold of the fullness of that *sōzō* restoration, becoming vessels of healing rather than destruction.

Three things to carry into this month:

1. Love God, then love your neighbor. Our words flow from the heart—get the order right, and the tongue will fall in line (Matthew 22:37-39). Pause and pray before you speak, letting compassion guide every word.

2. Speak life over others. A good word makes a heavy heart glad (Proverbs 12:25). Be the person in the room who builds up rather than tears down, choosing words that bring encouragement and life instead of destruction.

3. Declare God's promises over your life. Stop cursing what God has blessed. Draw on the fullness of *sōzō* — salvation, healing, and deliverance —and frame your world with His promises rather than negative words.



God bless, *Pastor Stan*

OCTOBER 2026



COMMUNION 10-04-2026: Join today in communion. Monthly we join together to celebrate in communion. We do in remembrance of our Savior, The Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor. 11:24)

MEN'S CONNECT 10-17-2026: Men will meet at the church fellowship hall Saturday at 7:00 am for a time in the WORD and will go for breakfast following the devotional.



MISSIONS SUNDAY 10-18-2026: Every third Sunday we will recognize foreign and local missions. A second offering will be taken and designated for outreaches.

SATURDAY WOMEN'S CONNECT 10-24-2026: Women will gather at the church at 9:00 am. *Saturday Sisterhood* is specifically designed for our women who work during the week to enjoy a time of fellowship and connection.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S CONNECT 10-27-2026: Women will gather at the church at 10:00 am for a time of Bible study and fellowship. Lunch following the meeting.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS — We will be collecting food and monetary donations for baskets all month. Please no refrigerated or frozen items. If giving a monetary gift, mark on envelope or check: "Thanksgiving". We will hand out baskets on November 22nd. Let Pastor Deb know of any family in need of a basket.



ANNIVERSARIES

LeeAnn & Gary Strawser - 10/28

BIRTHDAYS

Andy Goble - 10/15
Chris Hummel - 10/18
Don Medlen - 10/18
Nancy McQuigg - 10/26



Growing In LIFE Together In HIM

connect GROUPS

- Sunday Morning Celebration
- Adult Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School
- Worship Group
- Wednesday Prayer
- Thursday Bible Teaching
- Men's Group
- Women's Groups -Tue/Sat
- Volunteer Groups
- Witnessing & Discipleship
- Tech Group



"Daily also continuing with one accord in the temple, breaking also at every house bread, they were partaking of food in gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people, and the Lord was adding those being saved every day to the assembly."

— Acts 2:46-47 (YLT)

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Coffee Center: 8:30 am
Christian Education: 9:00 am
Celebration: 10:00 am

MIDWEEK SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday Prayer: 6:00 pm
Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 pm

LEADERSHIP

Lead Pastor: Stanley F. Jackowski
Assistant Pastor: Rebecca L. Jackowski
Assistant Pastors: Mike & Debbie Robling
Founding Pastors: Bruce & Nancy McQuigg

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