



# And Also With You

FEBRUARY 2016

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## FEBRUARY

### SUNDAYS

10:00 am  
Worship  
(nursery provided)

### MONDAYS

10:45AM  
INTERCESSORS  
706-897-6381  
6:30pm-Graham  
Cooke Group-

Information: 455-5940

### WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am  
Women's Bible  
Study-Information:  
990-2973

12:00 noon  
Holy Communion

### FRIDAYS

8:15 am  
Men's Group-  
Information:  
751-5266

## FYI

### NOT SCOTT'S TATTOO

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## CHALICE BEARERS

**February 7**  
Jane and Bob  
Grafe

**February 14**  
Becky Johnson  
Jan Bogue

**February 21**  
Maggie Rockett  
Susan Jones

**February 28**  
Kitty Barksdale  
Janic Terry

## Putting Away Childish Things



The Reverend Scott Davis

Several years ago the Lord taught us about the power of words. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21a KJV). " The emphasis over the last

year has been on receiving a word from the Lord as well as the mystery that He is the Word made flesh who dwells among us.

The emphasis shifts again and this time it is on *declaring the word* in order for it to become flesh and dwell among us. When we pray, we use words in hope that they will become flesh. James writes, however, that it is not enough just to hear a word from the Lord, we must also do what the word says. Part of the *doing* has to do with calling God's word into being.

God almost always partners with humanity to bring about His will and pleasure. God could have given Goliath a heart attack or a stroke but instead involves a very unlikely young shepherd, to kill the dreaded enemy of God's people.

God could have created Jesus as a thirty year old man who suddenly begins His ministry in Galilee, but instead He partners with a young woman in Nazareth and her fiancé, Joseph.

God always wants to partner with us and therefore when He gives us a word He wants us to call it forth on His behalf.

Sometimes He wants us to summon the reality of the word and at other times He wants us to use our dominion in Christ to decree His word in prayer into the heavenlies. C. S. Lewis understood this in *The Chronicles of Narnia* when he called humans *sons of Adam and daughters of Eve*. By calling us this, Lewis reminds us of our original call and heritage as the ones with dominion over all God's world.

Declaring God's word and summoning whatever God's word points to can only happen when it is God providing the word. A foolish person tries to figure out a solution and then calls it forth in Jesus's Name. It is much the way most of us are taught to pray. When you hear a need you try to figure out a solution and then tell God what He needs to do to fix the problem (in a very respectful, churchy sort of way, of course). Instead, the Lord teaches us to ask,



"What do I pray for this person or how do I pray for such and such a need?" It is when we hear the answer in the still small voice within

that we can then powerfully proclaim it in the heavenlies. It is then that answers to prayer occur. I am convinced that this is why the prayers of so many Christians are anemic. We try to figure out solutions to problems that are far bigger than our minds and then weakly pray them to God with the caveat, "Thy will be done." Once we begin to hear from God, however, there grows a power within to declare His answers, His will into each situation.

I have not been able to get Corinthians 13:11 out of my mind so I looked up the

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Greek words in hopes of discovering a deeper meaning. I Cor 13:11 says, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things." The etymology of the Greek word *child* comes from *no*

**YOU SONS OF Adam, YOU daughters of Eve** word; *no speak*. When I was spiritually immature I was a

*no speak*. Infants cannot speak and at best, *babble*. [The etymology of *babble* comes from *barbaros* which means *no Greek speaking*.] An infant cannot speak or if it babbles, it still means that it cannot speak the educated language.

Paul writes, however, that when I became a man I put away *no speak* things. In other words, when I became a man I began *to speak*. What does a mature Christian speak? A mature believer calls forth what God gives them to call forth. In John 5 Jesus makes it clear that He can do only what He sees the Father doing. I think we can stretch that to also say that Jesus can only speak what He hears the Father speaking. Jesus puts away childish things (*no speak things*) and declares only what He hears the Father whispering in His heart through the Holy Spirit.

Just after the exodus, Israel needed water and God directed Moses to take the staff and strike the rock and water would come forth. Moses heard the word and obeyed it by striking the rock. Forty years later, Israel needs water again and God tells Moses to take the staff and *speak* to the rock. Moses is expected to have matured in the forty years. God calls him to hear His

word and then to *speak the word*. Moses, however, reverts back to his *no speak* ways and hits the rock. "When I became a man I put away *no speak* ways."

Jesus is amazed by a Roman centurion whose servant is ill. Jesus offers to travel and lay hands on the sick servant, but the soldier says, "No! Just *say the word* and my servant will be healed." The soldier reveals his maturity. He is offered a *no speak*, i.e. Jesus is willing to travel and heal but the soldier understands the power of the word when called forth on God's behalf. Scripture tells us that Jesus is absolutely amazed at the gentile's maturity.

This year ask God for words and when you get them, speak speak them out for when you do, you release them to become flesh and dwell among us full of grace and truth.



There will be a Fried Chicken Pot Luck following church on Sunday, February 21. The main dish will be —>>>.



Bring one of the following:

Simple Summer Side Dishes



or



or

DESSERT




Congratulations to Mackensie Terry who signed with Birmingham Southern to play soccer for them this fall. Mackensie is a senior at Daphne High School and is the daughter of Beverly and Janic Terry and granddaughter of Ruth England.




ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes  
6pm  
Feb 10

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



9 Steve Roth & Raymond Parker  
10 Janic Terry  
17 Susan Jones  
21 Amanda Williams  
26 Gwen Simmons