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# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know Me.”  
John 10:14

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

## THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

As of this writing, we are preparing for a 5-week small group session on the book of James. This compact, yet, easy to read book packs quite a powerful look at how we should be purposeful with our words. We live in a world full of division and hurt. We as Christians are called to bring the healing salve to this world in need of relief.

The scripture says in Proverbs, that our tongue has the power of life and death. In James 3, we read that the tongue is a fire, and can be a world of evil. Yikes! This paints quite a picture of what our tongues can be.

If we are going to speak to people, let our words be words of life, victory, and encouragement. These words have such power and influence, so use them to lift others up and glorify God.

If our tongue is a fire, let it be a fire of the presence of the Holy Spirit. This fire is not to cause damage, but to bring healing and show the purification work within our lives.

We can make a difference in people's lives simply with Godly speech. A tongue that is used to speak life will serve all of us better than a sharp tongue.

*Ephesians 4:29, Proverbs 15:1, James 1:19, Psalm 141:3*

*Pastor Jesse Robinson*

# THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

On Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, the new Trustees and Deacons were introduced to the congregation. Nancy Brockmeyer and Ken Kretsinger are the newest members of the Board of Trustees. Helen Edwards and Karen Tressler are the newly appointed deacons.

## LADIES AID

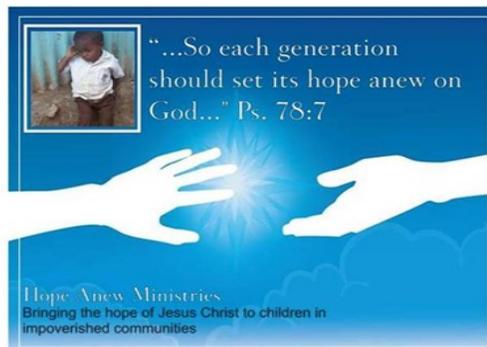
The Ladies Aid made a profit of \$900.25 from our 2017 Cookie Walk. Thank you to all that donated cookies and to those that attended and supported our cause.

Ladies Aid will have their annual homemade Easter egg sale. Deadline for orders is Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

We appreciate and depend on the continued support of the congregation to make our fundraising efforts successful!

Our group is always looking for new members who are interested in fundraising efforts to financially support Jenkins Memorial Church and the community. We meet the second Monday of the month at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Our meetings consist of devotions, planning/scheduling fundraising events and is a great time for Christian fellowship. If you are interested in joining the Ladies Aid please call Lynn Redding 443-255-0582.

*Lynn Redding*



## HOPE ANEW KENYA

Thank you for your continued support of Hope Anew Kenya!

As you know, our church has pledged to raise support for this ministry as part of our world missions outreach program. Support goes toward expenses of running the Hope Anew Children's Center in Nairobi where children are offered a safe, clean environment where they can learn the Word of God and experience the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We also support the Hope Anew well project and their vision to set up a new Christian camp and future Christian school. I am happy to report that the well has been drilled, water is flowing, and the Kamaus are on to the next phase of the project which is to fence off the perimeter of the property to make space for the Christian camp.

We are now going into our 5<sup>th</sup> year in partnership with Hope Anew. Here is a recap of what JMC has contributed so far:

2014	-	\$1,068
2015	-	\$1,919
2016	-	\$1,633
2017	-	\$1,084

(\$310 will post in 2018 from Christmas candy)

Exciting things are continuing to happen in Nairobi. Ministry partners enable Hope Anew to do the work that God has called them to do. Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support!

# DOES SODA TASTE BETTER IN A BIGGER CUP?

Answer: The size does not matter - 24 ounces or 16 ounces, the content is the same. I recently came across this analogy as to why we measure the effectiveness of a church by its size. A church of 100 and a church of 10,000 are both full of the same thing – Christ followers. Small does not mean a lack of purpose or mission, especially in an area like Riviera Beach. Jenkins Memorial Church has always been known as “The Little Church by the Side of the Road”, and you will see it printed on our church bulletin. For many years this expression was spoken and written as a term of endearment. To be known as “The Little Church” was a compliment and neighbors would visit our friendly, welcoming church in the middle of their community prepared to praise and worship our Heavenly Father. They still do.

In our world today where mega churches are becoming more and more popular, there is something to be said about small churches. Many people feel more comfortable in smaller churches. There is a stronger sense of “family” and almost everyone knows each other and can interact face-to-face. If we have a concern, we can approach our church family knowing they genuinely care and want to help. We are able to develop relationships; friendships. We are more aware of one another’s needs. I can vividly remember receiving phone calls from JMC members many years ago asking if they could be of help while I recuperated from surgery. Phone calls, cards, daily meals and visits from my church family followed. I have continued to receive support and prayers over the years, most recently when my son was stranded in St. Croix because of a category five hurricane. I could literally “feel” the prayers as our prayer warriors jumped into action!

Acts 2:42 The Fellowship of the Believers, states: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Jenkins Memorial Church teaches in numerous ways--sermons, Bible Studies, small groups, and workshops, to name a few. We develop lives that honor and support one another with our availability to help and encourage in a time of need. When our hearts long to serve, we are in true “worship.” At Jenkins Memorial Church we are known by name and our presence matters - and our absence is noticed. We are Christ centered, Bible believing and we partake of Holy Communion. JMC is very committed to prayer, individually and corporately.

We are growing in our faith and devotion to the Lord. Spiritual growth leads to numerical growth. Others want to come and see why we are able to shine so brightly for His Kingdom. We may be small, but we have one thing in common – our love for the Lord. We are a “Fellowship of Believers.” God does BIG things in small churches!

*Beverly Rockford*



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