



Truth for Today

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A Thought on Opinions and Wisdom

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Being able to recognize one's own opinion and the effect that the stated opinion might have is important for discernment and growth in Christ. Many times I have failed and wish I could pull back on how I've stated some opinions. In an environment of strife, here are some questions and passages to think about today:

Let's say that

I have a very strong opinion about something;
I know it is an opinion, and I know that it is divisive;
I know if I state my opinion very strongly on social media, it will foster division and further divisive comments;
then I recall that Scripture tells me to pursue peace, unity, and love (Psa 34:14; Rom 14:19; 2 Tim 2:22).

Do I post a divisive opinion knowing that further division will ensue between brothers and sisters for whom Christ died (cf. 1 Cor 8:11)?

Let's say that

I have a very strong opinion about something;
I know it is an opinion, and I know that it is divisive;
I know that if I state my opinion very strongly on social media, it may drive away people whom I might otherwise be able to influence for good to follow Christ;
then I recall that Scripture tells me to walk in wisdom and speak with grace toward outsiders (Col 4:5-6).

Do I post this divisive opinion knowing that the opinion might turn people away from the gospel before I've had a chance to teach them about Christ?

Let's say that

someone else posts a divisive opinion I strongly disa-

gree with;

I know it is an opinion, and I know that responding to it in kind will be divisive and create further problems;
then I recall that Scripture tells me to pursue peace, unity, and love.

Do I respond to a divisive opinion with my divisive opinion, knowing that further division will ensue between brothers and sisters in Christ?

Let us learn to discern and gain wisdom from the Proverbs:

The wise lay up knowledge,

but the mouth of a fool brings ruin near. (Prov 10:14)

When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent. (Prov 10:19)

The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult. (Prov 12:16)

Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent. (Prov 17:28)

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion. (Prov 18:2)

It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife, but every fool will be quarreling. (Prov 20:3)

Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered. (Prov 28:26)

A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back. (Prov 29:11)

James 3:17 "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."

NEWS & NOTES

UPDATED PRAYER LIST

- **Mark Birdwell** will have more tests (cat scans) for follow-up after he injured his ribs.
- **Lori Alexander's** neighbor, Olive Lohey, remains in the hospital after a drowning incident and is responding to touch.
- **Maureen Chegin's** mom, Bobbie Smith is improving. Doctor removed the stitches from her ankle and fitted her for a boot.
- **Erin Dulin's** grandmother passed away today at 98 after a heart attack. Arrangements pending.
- **Craig Preuss' dad**, Arthur, has scheduled cancer surgery for early August.
- **Dehbrenda Preuss' dad**, Bill Harrison.
- Connor Foster, the boyfriend of **Preuss' daughter Lindsay**, had surgery Tuesday to do a tracheostomy but is now back on the ventilator, still in ICU.
- **Rich Shewmake's** bro-in-law Jim Goggan was given the "clean bill of health". Grateful for the concern and the prayers.
- **Cindy Via's** brother, Ron Morse, will have eye surgery Monday, July 13, to try to restore lost sight in right eye.
- **ECONOMIC CHALLENGES.** There are still some of our church family who have had pay-cuts, furloughs and job loss. Please let the Elders know. There are many who are ready to help.
—See Enews for Ongoing Prayer List

MEETINGS, EVENTS, SINGINGS & STUDIES

- Sunday Worship Assemblies
 - Reserved seating for members and those who regularly attend with us. Please contact an elder if there is any change planned in upcoming weeks: if you 1) will be out of town, 2) are changing your time slot (from last Sunday) or, 3) if you will have more than your family.

- KIDzONLY Summer BIBLE CLASSES | LiveStream Sundays, 8:00 a.m.
 - **BIBLE CLASS MATERIAL is available for parent pickup for graded classes from preschool through junior high in the hallway outside of classroom 1.**
- TEEN Summer BIBLE CLASS | Zoom Sundays, 2:30 p.m.
- Summer ADULT CLASSES
 - *Songs Outside The Psalter* | LiveStream Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
 - *Psalm 119 | The Psalm of the Word* | LiveStream Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
- BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES | will be postponed and resumed at a later date.
- 2:52 Kids Class [2-12] | (TBA)
- TEENS STUDY [13-18] | (TBA)
- YOUNG ADULTS | (TBA)
- TEEN DEVO [12-18] | (TBA)
- ADULT STUDY [30/40] | (TBA)
- BARNABAS GROUP | See Leo Betancourt
- WORKDAY | 8/1, 8-10 am
- YOUTH LECTURES | with *Caleb Churchill and Andy Harrison* | will be only a virtual event on Sat, Aug 8.
- MEETING with *Ben Hall* | 9/13-16
- WOMEN'S DAY with *TBA* | 10/10
- MEN'S DAY with *David McClister* | 11/7

DIRECTORY UPDATES

- **We would like all families** to update their information and ALL worship leaders to do the same. If you have any questions about the DIRECTORY application of our website, be sure to see **Brian Clark**. he most recent printed directory is in the foyer for members.
- We **rejoice** with the **DULIN** family in **Ethan's** decision to become a Christian and be baptized on Thursday!
- **The Potters** have moved to Cleveland, TX, to be closer to Morgan's mother and they will continue to worship with us.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **WOULD YOU TEACH?** Contact John Beighle for info on teaching in September.
- **VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS.** See the Monthly Assignments and let Barrett Blankenship know if you cannot fulfill an assignment.
- **WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE?** See Leo Betancourt about getting involved in Barnabus Group.
- **HOSPITALITY?** Marissa Suarez will coordinate food for members who need assistance during an extended recovery period after surgery or for the family at a funeral. **We need a new volunteer to begin July through December.**

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

- **Week Twenty-eight** (beginning 7/12)
 - Read Psalm 27, 77, 127
 - Memorize Psalm 27:4-6
- **Signup for weekly reminders at <https://www.remind.com/join/weeklymemo>**

| Attendance | InPerson Average Last-Month | Virtual Average Last-Month | InPerson Last Week | Virtual Views Last Week |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>KidzOnly Bible Class</i> | n/a | 4 | n/a | 0 |
| <i>High School ZOOM</i> | n/a | | n/a | TBA |
| <i>Sunday Adult Class</i> | n/a | 29 | n/a | 9 |
| <i>Sunday Worship AM</i> | 135 | 48 | 84 | 1 |
| <i>Sunday Worship PM</i> | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| <i>Wednesday PM</i> | n/a | 12 | n/a | 17 |

| NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE & WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS | 8:30 AM July 19 | 10:00 AM July 19 | Contact Information |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Communion Preparation</i> | G/L Chapman | G/L Chapman | Elders |
| <i>Sound Booth</i> | C. Latson | C. Latson | Keith Arrants 936.582.1244 |
| <i>Foyer 1/Greeting</i> | C. Preuss | D. Haas | George Chapman 281.298.1303 |
| <i>Foyer 2/Usher</i> | J. Beighle | N. Shows | Norman Davis 832.326.2966 |
| <i>SongLeading</i> | K. Arrants | A. Stilts | Don Hooton 936.443.6230 |
| <i>1st Prayer</i> | J. Beighle | P. Harshman | Deacons |
| <i>Scripture Reading</i> | R. Randow — Joel 2:1-11 | A. Suarez — Prov 8:12-36 | John Beighle 806.367.3389 |
| <i>Communion</i> | B. Blankenship | J. Crump | Adam Bohanan 281.798.1093 |
| <i>Bread</i> | n/a | n/a | Brian Clark 281.513.0706 |
| <i>Fruit of Vine</i> | n/a | n/a | Gary LeBlanc 281.292.0262 |
| <i>Contribution</i> | n/a | n/a | Craig Preuss 832.477.0578 |
| <i>Assist</i> | n/a | n/a | Evangelists |
| <i>Assist</i> | n/a | n/a | Don Hooton 936.443.6230 |
| <i>Preaching</i> | D. Hooton | D. Hooton | Website |
| <i>2nd Prayer</i> | C.Preuss | D. Osteen | www.woodlandschurchofchrist.org |
| <i>Announcements</i> | J. Dulin | M. Chandler | Office Phone |
| <i>InterService Clean—Foyer/Bath</i> | L/J Betancourt | A/M Suarez | 281.367.2099 |
| <i>InterService Clean—Auditorium</i> | W/R Ray | C Neel | Church Email |
| <i>Doors Open @8 Lockup @11:30</i> | A. Bohanan | D. Hooton | woodlandschurchofchrist@gmail.com |