



Dean Road
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome Guests!

We are honored that you are with us this morning!
Please fill out a white or green card and place it in
the collection plate when it is passed around.
We invite you to stick around after the assembly,
so we can get a chance to know you!

Quick to Listen

July 26, 2020

10:30 Worship

Scripture Reading

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

[“The Good Samaritan”](#)

Damien Barber

James 1:19 instructs us to be “quick to hear (or listen) and slow to speak.” We sometimes have a habit of half listening to someone as we begin to imagine what we think they are saying. We will begin to read into subtext that often times is not even there. This leads us to jump to conclusions that are often times wrong. We imagine someone to mean something they don’t mean at all. Then instead of asking for clarification, we begin to argue back against something they are not even saying. Sometimes we even spread what we think someone was saying to others as if it were what they actually said. What we have here is a failure to listen properly and effectively. Instead of being quick to hear and slow to speak, we have been quick to jump to conclusions because we failed to listen properly and communicate properly.

It can be especially easy to find ourselves reading between the lines and finding subtext where no subtext exists when we are talking with strangers or people we don’t know that well. Back when I was trying out at various congregations, I decided to use a sermon I had just preached at Mount Dora at one of my tryouts. When I preached it at Mount Dora it went over well because they knew me and generally what I believed to be true. In the new context with people who didn’t know me (and who had the added task to judge the soundness of my preaching) a sentence spoken the same way to both crowds resonated very differently and I could tell by some raised eyebrows that people were reading too much into my statement because they did not know me and where I stood on a plethora of topics. I found myself having to explain myself to this audience that didn’t know me whereas the original audience knew exactly what I meant and didn’t try to go beyond what I was saying to what I might be saying.

Another example, of people misreading a stranger (again from a preaching standpoint) comes from a time when I swapped pulpits with another minister from a neighboring towns while preaching at Ozark. I found out that afternoon that one member got up and walked out when the preacher announced his topic, “Four Things God Doesn’t Know.” I found out what the four points were and later went to speak to this brother to assure him nothing heretical had been preached and had he stayed, he would have agreed with the points (even if he didn’t appreciate the way it was introduced). At first, he wouldn’t even listen to the points because he was so sure this

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Prayer Updates:

- ***Barbara Tripp**: breathing problems.
- ***Margie Ganvy** (*Marion's Sister*): therapy for rotator cuff.
- ***Family of Sam Salisbury** (*William Salisbury's dad*): Sam passed away Friday.
- ***Kay Durden**: numb thumb due to broken wrist.
- ***Peggy Pugh** (*Reata Dunlavey's daughter*): undergoing shoulder therapy.
- ***Jeanne Reichart** (*DeeAnna Durden's sister*): operating at 98.9%; next appointment 6 months.
- ***David Benedict** (*Theron friend*): needs physical and mental healing (retired out of necessity).
- ***Catherine Spears** (*Marion Pylant's friend*): she is now cancer free!
- ***Danny Fry** (*Georgana's brother*): improved health.
- ***Lehman Ragan**: health is slowly improving.
- ***Richard** (*Barbara Tripp's son*): starts new job on August 3rd.
- ***Peggy Dougherty**: had a pacemaker put in. She is at home doing well.
- ***Kim Avery**: cancer spread to lungs; undergoing a different chemo & radiation treatment.
- ***Family of Sylvia Brooks** (*George Brook's wife*): Sylvia passed away.
- ***Janice Smarr** (*Damien's mom*): scheduled for surgery to install defibrillator this Tuesday.
- ***Kyle Boggs, Jr.** (*Teresa Golleher's nephew*): awaiting more surgeries to finish putting his shoulder back together. Cards can be sent to **3290 Musgrove Road Williamsburg, Ohio 45176**.

Please Pray for Our Church Family

- ***Steve Berg** (eyes); **Dutch Dekker** (breathing issues);
- ***Bobbeye Donarama** (knee issues); ***Reata Dunlavy** (shingles); ***Ann Hyatt** (broken ribs); ***Audrey Hylton** (back); ***Jamia Hylton** (upcoming surgery/ epilepsy);
- ***Joyce Maier** (dental issues); ***Charles Oliver** (knee surgery); ***Michael Ray** (encouragement); ***Marie Rutkowski** (dental); ***Marion Pylant** (health); ***Elsie Pylant (broken back)**; ***Sharon Salisbury** (cancer);
- ***Barbara Tripp** (respiratory problems); ***Rita Webb** (back issues).

Shut-ins

- Barbara Abbandola** (Taylor Apts.)
- Louise Cauthen** (Consulant Rehab)
- Nancy Godwin** (Taylor Home)
- Connie Kersey** (Opis Center)
- Lamar Marjenhoff** (Atrium at Regency)
- Athel Webb** (Atrium at Regency)
- Gerrit Dekker** (Men's Center)

Chris Howell and Emily Buras'
upcoming wedding (October 3rd)

Others to Remember in Prayer:

Reata Dunlavy's husband, ***George Dunlavy** (chemo for leukemia), *daughters*, ***Alice Farris** (recovering from heart surgery), & *niece*, ***Jacqueline** (radiation for thyroid cancer); *Dutch & Georgana's son and grandson*, ***Lucas** and ***Nikolas Dekker** (encouragement to become Christians); ***Terry Lewis** (Stage 2 bone cancer); ; *Elsie Pylant's son-in-law*, ***Randy Stone** (seizures and other health problems); ***Larry Waite** (encouragement); *Jennifer Salisbury's friend's son*, ***Jacob Long** (chemo); *Barry's mom*, ***Cathy Rutkowski** (pain); *Berg's relative*, ***Amanda Nichols** (recovering from accident); *Marie Rutkowski's sister*, ***Belinda** (lost sight in one eye); *Marion Pylant's sister*, ***Betty Edenfield** (might have colon cancer); *Theron Golleher's friend*, ***Debbie Kerr** (heart catheter).

We express our sympathy for the family of Sylvia Brooks, late wife of George Brooks. If you would like to send a card, George's address is **3543 Jacona Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32277.**

We regret to inform y'all about the passing of Sam Salisbury on Friday. Sam is Will Salisbury's father. Funeral details will be provided as soon as known.

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preacher was preaching heresy. I finally had to start asking him questions: "Do you believe God knows a sin He does not hate;" "Do you believe God knows a sinner, He does not love;" (etc). To each question he had to admit that he agreed. He only got up and left because he had jumped to a wrong conclusion instead of hearing the man out.

It seems to me that right now there is a lot of this failure to properly listen going on. People are assuming what people are saying and going beyond the actual words being used at times to assuming what is meant behind the words. We need to be careful not to assume we know what someone is meaning without first confirming that with the person. This can happen among friends, but it happens even more easily among acquaintances and strangers who don't have a good understanding of one another. Let's be careful not to jump to conclusions about what someone means without having a dialogue with them and carefully listen to what they actually have to say, rather than what we think they mean. And then once we really know what someone thinks and is saying, we can better open our mouths and speak properly.

Gerrit Dekker's Address

3333 Philips Highway Jacksonville, FL 32207

July Birthdays

- 3 Erin Michelle King
- 8 Megan Bailey
- 10 Gene Bryant
- 17 Serene Bailey

July Anniversaries

- 28 Damien and Valerie Barber
- 31 Theron and Teresa Golleher

Pantry Item of the Month:

This month's items are laundry detergent and dryer sheets. Our goal is 20 items (combined).

We greatly appreciate those who continue to support this effort!

VISION 20/20

Looking Through Christ's Eyes

This Quarter's Focus: Looking For Service Opportunities

Memory Passage for the Quarter

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

~Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

