

“Muscle Control” James 3

How does James 3:1-2 apply to leaders in today’s society, especially those in religious, social, and political positions?

Have you ever thought of the tongue as a bit for a horse or a rudder for a ship? What about the metaphor of the tongue as a small fire? How have you seen this manifest in your life or in the world around you? Have you experienced your tongue making a big impact, either positively or negatively?

According to James, what does the tongue reveal about our hearts and minds?

Think about the challenge of taming the tongue (vs. 7-12). Why do you think it’s challenging?

How have you observed the contradiction of blessing God and cursing people in the world around you? In your own life?

How can the principles in James 3 help in fostering better relationships in your family? Workplace? Church? Community? How does the message in this passage influence your view of the power of words in shaping social media interactions?

How can the teaching about the tongue and wisdom in James 3 inform the way we teach and guide the younger generation? How can it guide us in navigating political and social conversations in a divisive world?

What does it look like to turn to God for the controlling of our tongues?



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!

VISITORS—please fill out an information card at the Welcome Center.

We'd love to get to know you!



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP JUNE 23, 2024 - 10:30 AM

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE MEMORIAL ROOM

A Self-Service Nursery is available for children.

WIFI GUEST NETWORK PASSWORD: FAITHGUEST

Our worship service can be seen online via Facebook or YouTube & the audio version is available on our website. The service is also televised by Milford Communications (Channel 12) every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



June 23 - Ushers - Tim & Linda Hemphill Welcome Center - Maribeth Clarke

June 30 - Ushers - Emily Schaefer

Welcome Center -

July 7 - Ushers - Naoko Menting

Welcome Center -

July 14 - Ushers - Paula Hodge

Welcome Center



Would you like us to pray for you??? Please let us know how we can help by calling or emailing the church office with prayer requests, updates, or visit requests. **If you have a friend or family member with a joy or concern, please ask them if it's ok to share the information with the congregation.** It is not our intention to share personal information without the permission of the individual or family members.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Please pray for those fighting cancer:

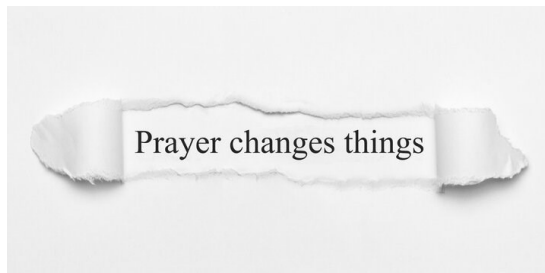
Darwin Winkowitsch

Mige Hyatt's family members, Tracy Carter & Tamy Gossman

Marilyn Bates' nephew, Curt Ingwersen (Praise! Currently cancer free.)

- ◆ Rhonda Thornton - recovering from surgery
- ◆ Pray for those with a birthday or anniversary this week
- ◆ Don't forget to include in your prayers those still recovering and rebuilding from severe storms and/or flooding.

Pray fervently. Praying should be active. We cannot truly come into contact with God and not be a different person, at least in some small degree, by the time we say, "Amen." Struggle in prayer, wrestle with it, and let the Spirit move. Answers to prayer are a blessing, but prayer in and of itself is meant to be a blessing. Sometimes it feels like the moaning of parched lips in the desert, and we should still persevere because prayer is not just the fruit of spiritual life, but the means of attaining it.



- ◆ **Monday, June 24 - 5:00 PM - Prayer Group**
- ◆ **Sunday, June 30 - 2:00-4:00 PM - Retirement celebration for Pastor Karen Dungan (served Union Memorial 1992-1996) at Norwalk UMC. Information at the Welcome Center.**
- ◆ **Advance Planning - Please mark your calendars! July 21st - FCC Annual Congregational Meeting**
- ◆ **July 26 & 27 - Annual Women of Faith Circle Rummage & Bake Sale - A reminder that we do not accept clothing and we will begin to accept items at the church beginning July 22nd through 25th.**
- ◆ **If you have information for the bulletin or you/your ministry team would like to offer a spoken announcement at our Sunday morning service, please contact the office and/or Pastor Jennifer by Thursday.**

Today's Hymns ~

"Here I Am to Worship"

Hymn #409 - "Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken" vs. 3

FWS #2152 - *Change My Heart, O God*"

FWS #2150 - *Lord, Be Glorified*"

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 - The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
Please place your gifts, tithes, and offerings in the basket located near the tech booth.