

Just a Thought... Choose Your Words Wisely

Children say cruel things to each other. Very few of us escape our school years without getting our feelings hurt over something another child said to us. Often as children, we were taught to respond to a verbal barb by saying, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” Of course, that old saying is not true. Words wound us deeply. There’s a good chance you remember a time from years ago when someone spoke unkind words to you. Harsh words from a parent, teacher, or friend can linger for decades. That’s why wise people choose their words carefully.

Solomon wrote that wise people are prudent with their words (Proverbs 16:23), which means they show good judgment in their speech. As a result, their words help rather than hurt, and listening to individuals such as these motivates us to learn and embrace what is said. Foolish people give no thought to what they say, and their words cause damage. On the other hand, Solomon wrote,

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. — Proverbs 16:24

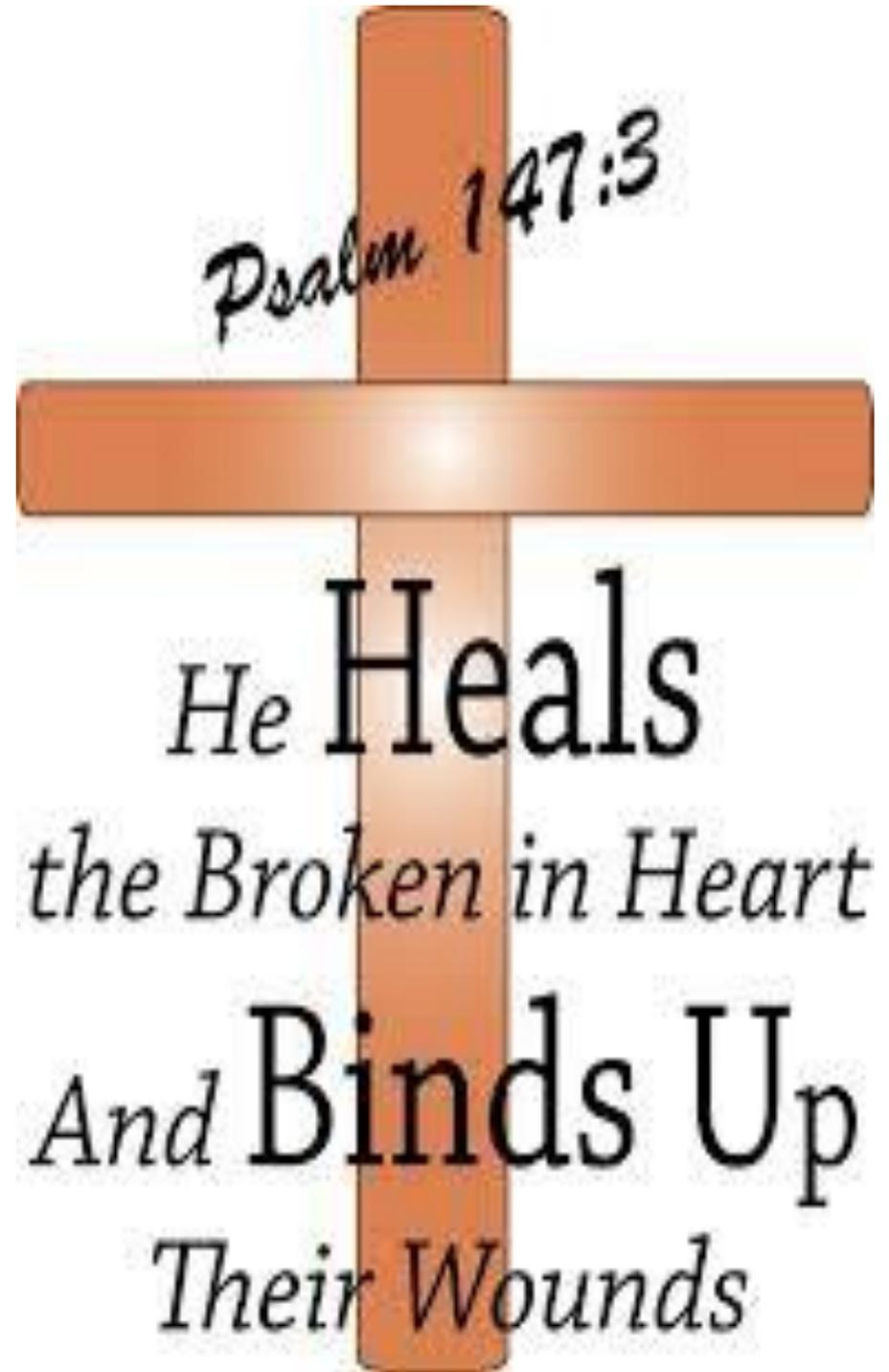
It’s astounding to realize that our words have the potential to bring healing. In the ancient world, honey was the sweetest substance available, and Solomon was intentional with his imagery.¹

Not only are kind words sweet to the soul, but they have the potential to have a healing effect on the body. Most of us expect anything medicinal to be bitter in taste and sweets to be harmful, but kind words are both sweet and health-giving.²

The apostle Paul offered instruction to the church at Ephesus on how a Christ-follower is supposed to speak:

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. — Ephesians 4:29

It’s easy for us to forget the impact our words have on other people. We have the potential to speak words that help or hurt, maim or heal. We need wisdom to choose our words wisely.



Welcome to
Bald Knob Church of God Worship Center

Sunday February 23 2020

Greetings and Announcements

*Ladies Bible study Tuesdays at 10AM
Church Supply List on Bulletin Board*

Birthdays

Kayla Truelove March 2

Jason Whitten March 5

Ronnie Corbit March 8

Patti White March 17

Connie Laurie March 18

Anniversary

Wilbur Dean and Patti March 11

Today's Humor..

Q: What do you call a deer with no eyes? A: I have no I-Deer

Q: What kind of deer is the god or goddess of weather? A: A rain deer!

Children's Announcements

Please bring treats and drinks for Children's Church.

Youth Announcement

Winterfest March 27-29

Adult Announcements

Supply List items are Toilet Paper and Sodas

Church Services

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Service	10:30 AM
Sunday Night	6:00 PM**
Wednesday Night	7:00 PM

** No night service on Holiday weekends

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- If you want to be saved or need prayer, please don't leave without telling someone. We will be happy to pray with you.

Please remember to pray for: Our Pastor and Judy, Lucy Skinner, Bill Miller, Connie's nephew Brad, Karen's sister and all those on our prayer list

Q: What do deers call hunters? A: Doe foes.