
The Power of the Spoken Word



In Genesis 1 we are given proof of the power of the spoken word. Here God creates all things with the power of his word. This is truly a magnificent event. Think for a moment how much human labor goes into the creating of things in our world today and how inefficient most are. Then compare that work with the comprehensive and magnificently



powerful work of God. God really knows how to show himself as omnipotent in the simplest way.

The power of the spoken word is evident. God within his being

can plainly speak and his will and desires come to pass. The spoken word from God is the only thing we can credit for our existence. But there is more. He not only spoke the words of creation he also gave us words of re-creation or redemption. After the fall of our father Adam and his bride Eve, God began his re-creation by giving the word of the Law. In order to reform, retrain and reintroduce his creation to himself he gave the Law. The Law given in what the Jewish people called The Ten Words.

God also gave us the words of living. In Deuteronomy 6 we are encouraged to give the words of God to our children so that they can grow and come to know God as he desires. The psalmist states in Psalm 119 that the word of God is a lamp unto his feet. This 'lamp' he uses for survival in a land of temptations, trials and struggles. Jeremiah, the great prophet, went so far as to say he would eat the words of God (Jer 15:16). Now we know this is not a literal eating but it is a consumption of words of teaching, the very thing that will give him life – spiritual life. He felt it was imperative to his existence.

There is a mystical and powerful characteristic in the spoken word. We see this in the preached word. Romans 10:14 and follow-

ing asks, how can they call on the one (God) if someone doesn't preach to them? Here in very simple terms we are given the command to preach, to speak words so that the people, God's people, will come to know him and his ways. This is speaking the words of God, not showing a video that makes the point, not using pictures on an overhead but speaking, preaching the very words of a Holy God. Many will confess that their spiritual growth began and continues by sitting under the preached word. It is not fancy words spoken by the preacher but the mere fact that a man is standing before God's people giving them HIS words.

God has the powerful ability to speak words of creation and give words of life. With a word spoken Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead and with a word he will cause Satan to fall at his appointed time. Thinking of this and our relationship with God, the question comes to mind – do we have this ability? As his children, what ability do we have with our words?

In Genesis as God spoke creation into being he said, **let us make man in our image** (Gen 1:26). So we were made to be righteous, immortal and have tendencies and characteristics similar to God. But came the fall and we lost that righteous, immortal characteristic. We lost all ability to do any spiritual good outside the saving grace of Jesus Christ. But did we lose all our God-given abilities? We can still think and put together rational ideas. We can still breathe and yes we can still speak. I believe we retain the characteristics of the original created human however now tainted by sin. The power God has in his speech, we too have a measured power and ability in our words. If not, why are there so many passages of instruction and caution in relation to our words? These from Proverbs:

From a wise mind comes wise speech;
the words of the wise are persuasive.
(16:23)

Wise words are like deep waters; wisdom flows from the wise like a babbling brook. (18:4)

The wicked are trapped by their

words, but the Godly escape such trouble. (12:13)

The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. (18:21)

We are made in the image of God and while we do not have the abilities of God in any stretch of the imagination, we do have the ability to construct, de-struct, mend, advance life, and even kill emotionally with our words. God gave us the beautiful gift of speech so that we could imitate him and communicate with each other similar to the way he communicates with us. He made us to be intellectual, rational beings with an ability to follow after him and use the gifts given to build up and encourage others. Again from the Proverbs:

People who accept discipline (spoken words) are on the pathway to life... (10:17)

A gentle answer deflects anger; harsh words make tempers flare. (15:1)

Kind words are like honey; sweet to the soul and health for the body (16:24)

This month many will attend this year's marriage retreat. We will be speaking of communication in marriage. Most marriage counselors say that communica-

tion is one of the top contributors to a successful marriage. But we must realize that communication can also be one of the top contributors to a failed marriage. After realizing the power and capacity of words and our speech it is easier to see why this is the case. In marriage or in general conversation we should realize, before we speak, the power of our spoken words. We have the ability to improve life. We can build someone up with a properly spoken word. We can sustain someone while going through a troubled time with a softly spoken word of love and mercy. We can commend a job well done. We can sooth the fears of a three-year-old after a loud clap of thunder. But we can also tear down someone we love so easily with a misplaced or misspoken word. I have learned personally the power of a misspoken word and have had to apologize. I continue to learn of this power.

Be careful. The power of the spoken word is contained within each of us. How we wield the power of the spoken word will go a long way to establish the condition of our relationships.

In His Service,
Pastor Tim

Joseph, Julie and Josiah Alghrary will be moving to Dearborn, Michigan. Joseph will be in training for approximately a year and then begin reaching out to the Muslim community there. Dearborn has the largest number of Muslims in one area.



They are making plans now for the move sometime between October and December of this year. We all were hoping that when they moved it would be here in the New Sterling community but God has much bigger plans for them. We wish them the very best in their new ministry.

Many thanks to all of those who contributed to the Sharon School book bag project sponsored by the Evangelism Committee. We feel it was a huge success.



We had 45 book bags and 10 boxes and bags of supplies. We had note-



book paper, composition books, crayons, pencils, pens, markers, rulers, protractors, erasers, 3 ring binders, folders, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, glue sticks, scissors and many other useful items.



The supplies will be delivered the week of August 27th. Thanks again to everyone!!



Bud and Emily Nash

Bud and Emily were classmates at Celeste Henkel School in Iredell County and began dating in high school. They were married in Gaffney, South Carolina in June, 1956.

Bud and Emily have been members of New Sterling since 1970, where they are both active in church activities. Bud has served as a Deacon and Elder, Superintendent of Sunday School as well as Clerk of the Session and Executive Secretary of the Cemetery. Emily helps with meals for Sunday night meals and other church functions. She is a member of the Golden Christian Circle, Sterling Silvers and the Knit Wits.

Both are currently retired. Bud spent 30 years with the US Postal Service, most recently serving as Assistant Postmaster for the Statesville region. Bud is an active member of the West Iredell Ruitan Club. Emily worked 20 years as the accountant for Statesville Bonded Warehouse.



They have a son and daughter. Scott Nash and his wife Teresa Hope Nash reside in Statesville. Their daughter, Myranda, will be a sophomore at Western Carolina University this fall. Laura Nash Jordan and her husband, Randy Jordan, live in Lincolnton. Their son Chauncy and his wife Meredith are expecting their first child in December. Bud and Emily are looking forward to being great-grandparents!

Bud spends his time outdoors raising cows and maintaining the family farm. Most days he can be found on a tractor or attending to his warehouse in Statesville. Emily's hobbies include gardening and needlepoint.

Bud and Emily have traveled to England and Scotland, survived an earthquake in Las Vegas and love the mountain beauty of the Lake Tahoe, Nevada area. They also spend time at their Beech Mountain cabin in the western North Carolina Mountains.

We are fortunate to be a part of the New Sterling Church family for over thirty years.

The Frank Emery Family

Frank and Kitzi met on a blind date in February, 1989, and married the following December. Kitzi is a life-long member of New Sterling; Frank joined after they married. They lived in Hickory when they first married, then moved in 1991 to their current home at 120 Mt. Hermon Road. They have three children: Gray, Davis, and Maggie.



Frank, son of Frank Emery, Sr. (aka “Sarge” or “Pop-Pop”), graduated from high school in Charleston, SC and college at UNC-Chapel Hill. He has one sister, Barbara, who lives in San Antonio. He is a Senior Vice President with N.C. State Employees’ Credit Union. He has worked out of Hickory’s Fairgrove Church Road branch for 21 years, but has been with the credit union for 28 years. Frank enjoys golf, big TV’s, and resting. He is currently an Elder and chairman of the Evangelism/ Membership Committee, and co-teacher (along with Kitzi) of the Junior Sunday school class.

Kitzi is the daughter of Reid and Peggy Gray. She has three brothers: Jimmy, Andy, and Kirk. A graduate of West Ir-dell High and A.S.U., she worked in sales until son Gray was born, but has been a stay-at-home mom ever since. She enjoys home improvement projects (with her loyal and enthusiastic side-kick, “Pop-Pop”), cooking, reading, crocheting, antique shopping with mom Peggy, and spending time with family and friends. Currently she teaches the Junior Sunday school class along with Frank, is a Youth Shepherd leader, Mary Martha Sunrise Co-Chairman, and Knit-Wit. From the time Gray started school, she has been a volunteer at Sharon Elementary, and now also at West Middle and West High.

Gray will be sixteen in October and is a sophomore at West High. He played basketball on the freshman team last year and will be going out for the JV team this year. He is a huge sports fan and enjoys college and pro ball, especially the Tampa Bay Bucs. Favorite pastimes are playing wiffle ball, basketball, and football with Davis and our neighbors, swimming, weight training, and going to Carolina football games with his brother and dad.

Davis is thirteen and is an 8th grader at West Middle. He plays basketball and pitches and plays shortstop for his baseball team. He also enjoys college and pro sports of all kinds, especially the Denver Broncos and the Boston Red Sox. His hobbies mirror Gray’s, just no weight training! Both boys are members of the Youth Shepherds.

Maggie, nine, is in the fifth grade at Sharon School. She enjoys dance and volleyball, reading, crocheting, swimming, and playing with friends. She is a member of the “Battle of the Books” team at Sharon. She is a Youth Shepherd and “Little Knit Wit”.

Our pets are a beagle named Rainbow and cats Blackie and Sylvia.

We are so happy to call New Sterling home!

Harold and Pat Sherrill

Harold and Pat Sherrill met in the early 1960's when she was working for an attorney in Statesville. Harold caught a glimpse of Pat in a parking lot as he was bringing a boat in for storage in a nearby building. Harold was working for Adam's Sporting Goods and he kept talking about "this girl" to everyone who would listen to him. By chance, Pat's uncle, the late Cathey Pope, also worked there and realized that Harold was talking about his niece and game him a phone number. Harold wasted no time calling Pat, showing up at her house uninvited. Pat finally went out with him, (just to get rid of him) and the rest is history.



Harold and Pat were married at New Sterling on January 19, 1962. This was a day of hard rain and snowstorm hit. Harold and Pat became the parents of three children: Brandon Mark, who lives in New Port News, VA and works for NASA/Langley an electrical engineer; Clemmons, NC and is a manager at Windsor Jewelers in Winston-Salem, NC; and Jackie Darren, who lives in Statesville and works for Dyno-Nobel, Inc. He is the father of two children who are twelve and eight.

Harold is a graduate of Mitchell and attended Statesville High and he attended the late Harold Sherrill at Catawba College. He is a son and the late Frances Eagle Sherrill. He became a co-owner in 1960 of Adams Sporting Goods, one of the top boat dealers in the nation and was awarded many trips including, Spain, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Nassau. In 1973 Harold became a Sales Rep for Leisure-Time Distributors in Richmond, VA selling boats in ten southeastern states for five years. He then became a sales rep for Mid-Atlantic Stihl in Durham, NC, selling outdoor power equipment in the central mountains of North Carolina for eleven years. He has written seventeen books of family genealogy and has twenty thousand names in his database. In earlier days, he liked to hunt, fish and play golf. Harold has been a teacher and a Deacon at New Sterling.

Patricia is a graduate of Celeste Henkel School and Statesville Business College. She is the daughter of the late Huey Pope and Minnie Drum Pope and has four brothers: Alton, Rynn, Lynn and Lexyie. She is a granddaughter of the late Linden and Estelle Morrison Pope. She is a life-long member of New Sterling having been active in the Women's Ministries for many years. She has served as Historian, Leadership Training Chair, Love Gifts, Memorials and Life Memberships Co. Chair and Food Group III, Co-Chair. She received a Love Gift in 1998 and the Yearbook Dedication in 2005-2006. Pat is a member of the Golden Christian Circle and the Sterling Silvers. Pat's hobbies include: photography, shopping. Gardening. Travel and enjoying nature, especially birds. She loves to travel with her grandchildren, other family members and on excursions with her Red Hat Club.

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**HERE AND THERE
AT NEW
STERLING!!!!**



Andy, Amy, Rachel and Laurel Gray vacationed at Ocean Isle with parents **David and Martha** and nephews **Gregory and Kody**.....Ladies attending the First Presbyterial 100th Celebration were: **Virginia Brady, Tena Campbell, Peggy Gray, Kitzi Emery, Jane Fulbright, Harriet Linderman, Pat Sherrill, Betty Sides and Sheila Snyder**....**Gray Emery** made a colorful poster used during the Family Bible Conference....**Betty and David Sides** were attacked by Japanese hornets while they slept.....**Jeff "The Mac" McNeely and Elijah Winters, aka "The Kid"** sucked the paint off his mom's car and left her in the weeds at the beach.....**OOPS!!! Newsletter editor error:** The **Emerys** and the **Winters** vacationed at Ocean Lakes in South Carolina NOT in Mooresville at Lake Shores.....The **Ken Haucks** traveled to Pennsylvania for a visit and a class reunion. I think I heard Ken say it was his 25 year reunion.....**Julie Winters** started her care at Bible School and thought she was having engine trouble. When she investigated she realized **Brian Setzer** started his truck at the same time and it was his flow masters rumbling instead.....**Faye Walker** recently spent time in the hospital.....**Robert and Carolyn Byers, LeAnn and Andy, Bailey and Dylan Hartness** spent a week at the beach.....**B.J. Brewer** traveled up north to visit with her children.....**Dylan Deal** tried out and made the West Iredell JV Volleyball team.....**Jim and Jane Mayhew** vacationed in Minnesota and the North Shores of Lake Superior....**Harvey and Aarene Reese** had fun with a hummingbird while pet watching for the Mayhews.....**Kattie Compton** is a member of the CVCC Show Choir. They travel and sing as a group. In the spring, they will be going to Puerto Rico to perform.....**Richard, Michelle, Cody and Mara Hairyes** enjoyed a week at the beach before school started.....**Jane Fulbright** recently had surgery to her face.....**Carroll McNeely** has recently been a patient in the hospital.....**David Brady** spoke on August 26 for Lay Ministry recognition.....

Lynn and Muriel Jenkins donated a wheelchair to New Sterling. It is located in the vestibule and available to anyone who needs to use while attending church services.



YOU ARE INVITED

TO A

PSALM SINGING SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

7:00 P.M.

LED BY DR. EARL & HARRIET LINDERMAN

**SPONSORED BY THE NEW STERLING
WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Sterling Silvers will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am on Monday, September 10. Refreshments will be served.

Let us start off the new season with 100 percent attendance: Here are the members as of June 1, 2007



Dorothy Beatty
Virginia Brady
Florence Brookshire
Helen Cashion
Pauline Charles
Eleanor Dagenhart
Jim Dagenhart
Olean Deal
Carolyn Elliott
Betty Godfrey
Vivian Gray
Leon Gray
Lynn Jenkins
Muriel Jenkins
Earl Linderman
Harriet Linderman

Juanita Massey
Doris McNeely
Clark Milholland
Emily Nash
Avis Pope
Birchie Pope
Meldirene Pope
Minnie Pope
Cora Poovey
Roy Poovey
Lucille Reese
Pressley Reese
Pat Sherrill
Swanie Snyder
Jim Snyder
Wayne Waugh

The project TEN COMMANDMENTS is complete. The Tablets of Stone was erected July 6 by Triplet Monument Works. Thanks to the Sterling Silvers members for your support in bringing this project to completion. First discussion to completion was a year.

Let's make the new season fun, informative and a dedication to serve our Lord, his church and church community.

Frank Emery (Sarge)
Director





A Little Biblical Humor



Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a FURY. David's TRIUMPH was heard throughout the land. Also probably a HONDA, because the apostles were all in one ACCORD

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible

A. Samson. He brought the house down

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing

Q. Who is the greatest baby-sitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

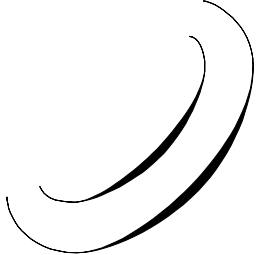
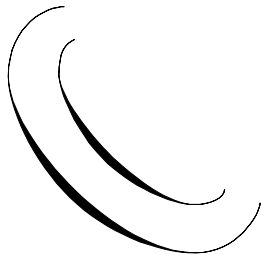
A. Joshua, son of Nun

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck

Q. Did you know it's a sin for a woman to make coffee?

A. Yup, it's in the Bible. It says....."He-brews"



COMING EVENTS



- September 1 9:00 Knit Wits at Judy Stewart's
- September 2 Promotion Sunday
5:00 Children's Choir/ C3 Choir
- September 3 Labor Day
- September 4 7:00 Men's Bible Study
7:00 Finance Committee
- September 9 2:00-4:00 Shower for Elizabeth Moose Smith
5:15 Children's Choir/ C3 Choir
4:00 CE Committee
6:00 Sunday Family Night begins—There is something for all ages
- September 10 10:30 Sterling Silvers
- September 11 7:00 Treasure Keepers at Judy Watson's
- September 14-15 Marriage Retreat
- September 16 5:15 Children's Choir/ C3 choir
6:00 Sunday Family Night
7:30 Session Meeting
Newsletter Items Due
- September 17 7:00 Knit Wits at Emily Nash's
- September 18 7:00 Evangelism Committee
- September 18 7:00 Mary & Martha Sunset
- September 19 10:00 Mary & Martha Sunrise
- September 20 7:00 Men's Life Issues Study
- September 23 5:15 Children's Choir/ C3 Choir
6:00 Sunday Family Night
- September 24 7:00 Men's Roundtable
- September 27 Senior Fall Fling
- September 28-30 Senior High Retreat
- September 30 5:15 Children's Choir/ C3 Choir
7:00 5th Sunday Night Psalm Sing at
New Sterling



Comedy Corner



PECANS IN THE CEMETERY

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts.

"One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along.

"Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls."

The man said, "Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk." When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery.

Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord."

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

SUNDAY FAMILY NIGHTS

begin on September 9th. We have changed things somewhat beginning this fall session. We have something for **all** ages, so come and bring the whole family.

Children's choir and C3 choir will meet at 5:15 pm

At 6 pm there will be a Nursery (infant-2 years), all Youth Shepherds K-2, 3rd-5th, 6th-12th and the Adult class.

The evening meal will follow.

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

People don't care how much you know.

They just need to know you care.

Family Fun Night



Fun



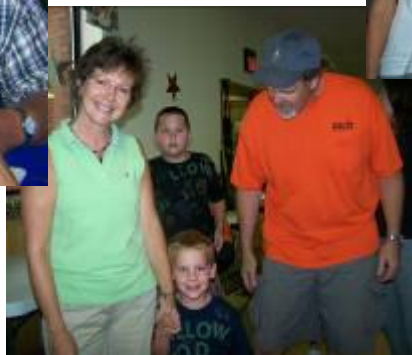
Food



Fellowship



Gary,
Thank you
for all your
hard work!!!



The woodpecker may have to go.....



Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

One : Don't miss the boat.

Two : Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three : Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four : Stay fit When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five : Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six : Build your future on high ground.

Seven : For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight : Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine : When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten : Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven : No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting

Knit Wits

Under

The Shade Trees



Another new member getting acquainted with everyone.

One of our visitors for the day



A special guest—Sassy Godfrey



Newcomers "relearning" the art of crochet

Our "mini Knit Wits" hard at work



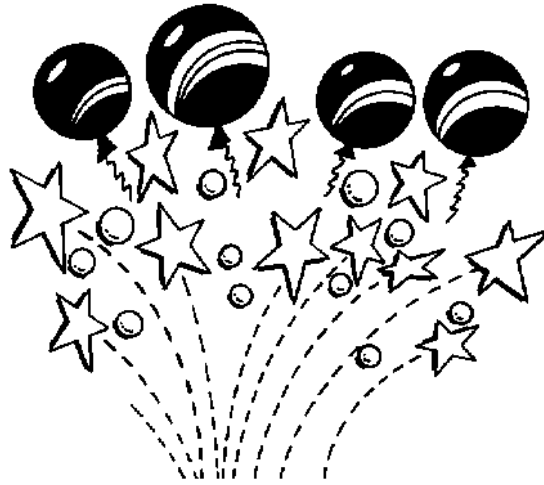
Working hard to finish up a project



We welcomed three new members to our group: Pauline Charles, Sherry Stewart and Jane Mayhew.

WELCOME!

- 1 Karen Goodman
- 1 Rose Reynolds
- 1 Meldirene Pope
- 3 Stephanie Watts
- 4 Lucille Billings
- 8 Gladys Bossman
- 8 Gaye Pope
- 10 Thomas Hartness
- 10 Mike Warren
- 12 Scott Graham
- 12 Patti Gryder
- 12 John McClure
- 13 Dylan Pope
- 14 Reid Gray
- 14 Judy Stewart
- 15 Bob Brawley
- 15 Kattie Compton



- 16 Megan Pharr
- 16 Jeff West
- 20 Melissa Stanley
- 21 Mabel Brady
- 21 George Chambers
- 22 Danny Pope
- 24 Laura Jordan
- 24 Kelly Pugh
- 26 Natalie Yount
- 27 Frank "Pop-Pop" Emery
- 27 Kortney Hauck
- 27 Melissa Henderson
- 27 Shasta Snyder
- 28 Mary Deal
- 30 Kitzi Emery

Something for Fun

1. Number of times you like to eat out in a week. Greater than 1, less than 10
2. X 2
3. + 3
4. X 50
5. + 1757 if you have already had a birthday or + 1756 if you have not had a birthday yet
6. - the 4 digit of your birthday (ex. 1978)
7. You should have 3 digits left (1st digit is how many times you like to eat out, 2nd two digits is your age.

My wife and I would like to say "thank you" to the Knit Wits and to the editors of the newsletter. Both of these ministries do a wonderful job and we feel our appreciation and thanks is not expressed enough to either group.

We do appreciate and support both of these works that do so much for our church and community.