



# THE LINK

LINKING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE, EACH TO THE  
OTHER, TO CHRIST JESUS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD

## PASTOR'S NOTES

PASTOR JAMES W. CARLSON

Our nation is STILL bitterly divided. We are divided along political lines: Republican or Democrat. Civil dialogue seems rare. We are emotionally charged. And we vilify others.

As Christians, as the church, we must be unlike the world in this regard. Yes, we have many beliefs that are different from the world's, which are based on the truth of God's Word and the gospel of Jesus Christ. But let us never forget two things about every person we disagree with no matter how strongly we differ with them: 1) They are created in the image of God; 2) They are someone for whom Jesus Christ died.

Let us not look at anyone as merely a foe to be defeated or bested in an argument. But someone who has a soul and will spend an eternity either in heaven or hell. And of course we can learn something from them too. Perhaps the other person is right, and I am the one who is ignorant. The key is to test all things by the Word of God.

Let's begin with **James 1:19**. This is one of my favorite verses in the Bible. I encourage you to memorize it cold. It says, "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (NIV). James commands three things in this verse:

1) Quick to listen; 2) Slow to speak; 3) Slow to become angry. What causes conflicts among us is that we fail to do these three things but instead do the opposite. We live out this verse as if it says: 1) Slow to listen; 2) Quick to speak; 3) Quick to become angry.

Perhaps you've heard someone say God has given us two ears and one mouth for a reason. It's His clue that we should listen twice as much as we speak. But we don't listen to others very well. Let's be honest: We don't even want to listen to people. When speaking with someone else, we think we have a great point to make, and while the other person is talking, we're not listening carefully, but nodding until they get done talking so we can make our point.

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### THE MISSION OF CCC:

"WORSHIPING GOD, GROWING,  
SPIRITUALLY, SERVING OTHERS,  
INVITING FRIENDS"

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on Sunday Morning at 11 AM .  
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watch the worship service live  
11 AM on Sunday.**

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I am constantly resisting this urge. One thing I have been doing lately is to consciously refrain from making any point at all. Try it sometimes. Such quiet listening may gain the other person's attention better than a thousand words. And then you can share the gospel. Speaking of...

When conversing with unbelievers, the Apostle Paul says in **Colossians 4:5-6**, "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person" (ESV). Notice in v. 6 Paul speaks of three things that should govern our speech with outsiders. Do these three things characterize how you interact on social media for example?

**First**, Paul says that we should have words that are always gracious. ALWAYS. GRACIOUS. This is only one verse in the Bible. But it is in the Bible. This world is in short supply of gracious words. If you speak this way, you're going to stand out. People are desperate for somebody to say something nice to them. That's a simple thing that anyone can do.

**Second**, Paul says that our words should be "seasoned with salt." What's the purpose of salt? In the ancient world (before refrigerators and freezers) salt was used as a food preservative. But back then it was also used (as it is today) as a condiment or a seasoning (thus Paul says "seasoned" with salt). It enhances the flavor of something. What does that mean for us?

When sharing Christ with someone speak as though what you are talking about tastes really good. **Psalms 34:8** says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good!" And we can't fake it. So the real need is for we Christians first to fall in love again with the taste of God! When you talk about Christ, do it in such a way that makes people's mouth water!



*"The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1*

**Third**, our words should be filled with answers ("so that you may know how to answer everyone"). What does that imply? It implies that you know the question. If you're giving an answer, you know what the person is asking, and if you know what they're asking that means...you are listening. And so we are back to the listening of **James 1:19**.

When it comes to our attitude toward the world, whether you think the enemy is Democrats or Republicans, or anyone in between – I want to leave you with this perspective from God's Word. I want to let Titus (inspired by the Holy Spirit) have the last word here. **Titus 3:1-3** says, "Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another." Paul follows this by saying, "BUT God" changed us. Let's keep praying for the same change in others.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor James

### Friendship

When a person looks for confirmation in friendship  
For compassionate understanding concerning  
some involved situation  
Being aware of consequences implicit with  
such circumstances  
Strength is drawn, notwithstanding the possible outcome  
To know that there is someone in whom you can confide  
Who can hear the voice within your beating heart  
Since you cannot withhold all the pressing issues of life  
Without the ages offering a necessary shield  
When those who matter most could be hurt  
One would surely stand alongside  
a friend in turn  
And come to know you will never be alone

***By Edward S. Murphy***

### THE JOURNEY

**AS YOU JOURNEY DOWN LIFE'S PATH,  
IT CAN BE FILLED WITH UPS AND DOWNS,  
AND PITFALLS AND SNARES.  
BUT, JESUS CAN CALM YOUR STORMS IN LIFE  
AND SURROUND YOU WITH HIS LOVING CARE...  
LIFE'S JOURNEY CAN BE A ROCKY ONE,  
-BUT WITH JESUS WALKING BY YOUR SIDE,  
THE PATH SUDDENLY BECOMES SMOOTHER,  
AND THE TURMOIL, WILL TURN TO PEACE INSIDE...  
WHEN THE SKIES TURN CLOUDY AND GRAY,  
-TURN TO JESUS, TO BRIGHTEN UP YOUR DAY.  
HE IS THE TRUTH, THE LIGHT, AND THE WAY.  
-AND HIS WORD WILL ALWAYS BE A LAMP  
UNTO YOUR FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO YOUR PATH...**

**WRITTEN BY, DIANNE INGLE**





# HIS GATHERING PLACE CAFÉ

## BIRTHDAYS

- June 6th: Savannah Birr
- June 7th: Kathy King
- June 9th: Linda DeGroot
- June 10th: Jake Umbriaco
- June 10th: Marge Roberts
- June 12th: Dennis Branham
- June 14th: June DeCaria
- June 19th: Jen Pettibone
- June 21st: Sandy Wood
- June 28th: Mary Jo Elwell
- June 29th: Bob Brandler
- June 29th: Richard Loomis
- June 29th: Chuck Sanborn
- June 30th: Colin Warnshuis
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## CLASSES & STUDIES

### Classes/Groups for Fall:

#### SMALL GROUPS – in person & online

- 1) A Women's group led by Shari Boehmer - is on **Discipleship Curriculum by The Navigators** – FH - Tuesday at 7pm.  
All are welcome! -**On hiatus until the fall**
- 2) A men's group led by Chris Morin, "**Growing Strong in God's Family** by The Navigators" on Thursdays at 7pm in the church cafe.
- 3) Women's Bible Study **on hiatus until the fall** -FH Wednesday 10 AM led by Pat Baker
- 4) A study through the book of **1st Timothy** on Wednesday's at 7pm.  
A group for everyone led by Pastor James (jamescarlsonsr@gmail.com).  
***\*This class is facilitated via the church's Facebook Page.***  
Directions:  
When you sign up to be part of a group, you will email the group leader. Then, they will send you an email inviting you to join their small group. This email will include a link that you press on and, voila- you can join. It will ask you to run the program on your computer, and after a couple clicks, you'll be in the chat room. If you have questions about how to use this, contact your group leader or Pastor James (626-476-5543) or the church office (801-825-1115).

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## MINISTRY NEWS

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN CARE CENTER MINISTRY

PLEASE COME JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY AT 10:30 AM FOR A HALF HOUR OF SONG AND A MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER THAT DAY WITH PATIENTS. ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT EILEEN OR DENNIS RICHARDS 801/825-3471. JUNE 3RD -PASTOR JAMES CARLSON, JUNE 10TH - ALICE CIPOLLINI, JUNE 17TH - DENNIS RICHARDS, , JUNE 24TH - LEE OSWALT

### ATTENTION MINISTRY CHAIRPERSON!

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN GETTING OUR ANNUAL REPORT OUT ON TIME!

### FISH 'N LOAVES

THE PANTRY NEEDS ARE: TOILET TISSUE, BATH SOAP, JAM AND HAMBURGER HELPER. OUR SHELVES ARE FILLED WITH ALL OTHER ITEMS. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT! SARAH L. VOIGT

### C.C.C. BOOK DRIVE!

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST FOR R.E.A.D.

READING ASSISTANCE DOGS.

WHERE CHILDREN ARE REWARDED FOR IMPROVING THEIR READING SKILLS. THESE SPECIAL THERAPY ANIMALS OFFER HOPE, HEALING AND LOVE TO CHILDREN THAT ARE IN NEED OF IMPROVING THEIR READING SKILLS. HOW CAN YOU HELP? NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR K-6TH GRADE ARE IN NEED FOR CHILDREN TO READ. THANK YOU I.T.A.

INTERMOUNTAIN THERAPY ANIMALS. R.E.A.D. PROGRAM

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

June 2022

Sue Carlson, Kaylin Terry, Kathy Knighton, Eric Palmer, Lynn McCarthy, Pat Call, Linda Manning, Jamie Richards, Stuart Simmons, Bob Roberts, Travis Jeffery, Barrett Wellington, Marte Hazelwood, Dennis & Naomi DeGroot, Marilyn Simon, Angelika Bertrand, Traudy Sandborn, Jean Moneymaker, Bob & Tonya Brandler, Audrey Otrumbar, Bob Schellhase, Pat Zabel, Joe Umbriaco, Jackie Ross, Andrew Milito, Robert & Doris Stott, Kristin Taylor, Karen Snyder, Lois Kennedy Stone, Vanessa Chavez, Debbie Maryott, Shelly Griffith, Ken Morgan family, Bill Davidson, John Moulton  
Clyde & Norma Jean George

**WE STARTED A PRAYER MEETING ON SUNDAY MORNING AT THE CHURCH (9AM - ROOM #10). WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING THREE PRAYER REQUESTS. WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU FOCUS ON THESE PRAYER REQUESTS EACH WEEK THROUGHOUT THIS MONTH OF JUNE DURING YOUR OWN PRAYER TIME.**

**-PRAY THAT WE WOULD LOVE AND TREASURE CHRIST MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS WORLD (MATT 6:19-21; PHIL 1:21; COL 3:4; REV 2:4-5)**


**-PRAY THAT WE WOULD DENY OURSELVES, TAKE UP OUR CROSSES, AND FOLLOW AFTER JESUS (LUKE 9:23); THAT WE WOULD OFFER OUR BODIES TO GOD AS LIVING SACRIFICES (ROM 12:1; EPH 5:2) AND THAT WE WOULD EXPERIENCE JOY FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT (GAL 5:22) IN THE MIDST OF SUCH SACRIFICE (HEB 12:2)**

**-PRAY FOR GOD TO BE GLORIFIED IN ALL THINGS (MATT 6:9; 1 COR 10:31)  
LET US PRAY, PASTOR JAMES**

"Rejoice  
always, pray  
without  
ceasing, give  
thanks in all  
circumstances;  
for this is the  
will of God in  
Christ Jesus for  
you."

1 Thess 5:16-18





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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**