

Those Privileged to Serve

Oct 9th - MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. R. Pack, G. Cooper

Announcements: Gaylon Cooper

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture: Costel Gimphu
Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion:

J. Lewis, J. Orr, S. Lewis
 D. Cunningham, C. Kidder, J. Cogdell

Greet: Darrell & Baleri Cunningham

Nursery Att: A.M. Kay Pack
P.M. Gail Crabb

Oct 9th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer: Eddie Anderson
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion:

Marion Thomas, Walt Ferguson

Oct 12th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer: Joe Venable
Invitation: Tyler Naes
Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Oct 16th - MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. T. Naes, B. Richardson

Announcements: Gaylon Cooper

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture: Andy Vaughn
Opening Prayer: James Eddleman
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Communion:

J. Lewis, J. Orr, S. Lewis
 D. Cunningham, C. Kidder, J. Cogdell

Greet: Jonathan & Sissy Orr

Nursery Att: A.M. Melissa Phifer
P.M. Reba Donaldson

Oct 16th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas
Opening Prayer: Carleton Kidder
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jeff Lewis

Communion:

Marion Thomas, Walt Ferguson

Oct 19th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas
Opening Prayer: Ray Pack
Invitation: Jeff Lewis
Closing Prayer: Darrell Cunningham

Weekly Record

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Contribution	\$ 4281

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Are Slang Words (Euphemisms) Wrong? Kevin Cauley

Is saying words like gosh, golly, heck, darn, dang, etc. the same as saying the “bad” words? I hear lots of Christians say these words. Are they wrong?

Here is a good question. This shows that someone out there is concerned about their speech and the influence of their speech upon other people. The Bible has much to say about our influence through speech upon others. The passage that comes to my mind immediately is Ephesians 4:29 which says, “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” From this passage we learn that “corrupt” speech is not to be spoken by the Christian. The Christian’s speech is to be for edifying, that is, building each other up. The Christian’s speech is to serve grace or favor to those who hear it. Herein lies the standard for our speech and communication patterns.

There are three ways in which we can use speech in a corrupt way. First of all we can utter a curse upon something. This is basically what Jesus condemns in Matthew 5:22 “But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.” To curse another person or even to curse God’s creation is a sin against God. God made the earth and people as a blessing. We ought to respect God’s blessing and not curse it.

The second way in which we can corrupt speech is by using God’s name in vain. God told the Israelites in Exodus 20:7 “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.” This principle is still true today. God does not want us to refer to Him in a vain or empty way. He is God and deserves our constant and complete respect. To use His name in an empty way is to not give God the respect that God deserves.



The third way in which we can corrupt speech is by taking something that God has made holy and make it common. The sexual relationship is one such example. God made that relationship to be holy, that is, set apart—between husband and wife. If we speak concerning that relationship as if it is just another common activity then we denigrate it. Many today speak of such matters in a flippant and joking way. Such should not be named among the people of God. Ephesians 5:3, 4 says, “But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.” Now, all of your so called “curse” words fit into one of these three categories.

So where do the words in your question fall into these three categories? When we are unsure of the meaning of words, the best place to go is to the dictionary. When I looked up “gosh” it said that it was a euphemism for God. When I looked up “golly” it said the same thing. The word “heck” is a euphemism for “hell.” The words “darn” and “dang” are euphemisms for the word “damn.” The word euphemism means the following: “the substitution of an agreeable or inoffensive expression for one that may offend or suggest something unpleasant.” Basically, a euphemism is using a word that doesn’t sound as bad as the one that most consider offensive, but the meaning of the word is the same. So there is no change in meaning when we use a euphemism.

Let me offer an example. Suppose I was to approach someone who was sensitive about their loss of hair and say that they were really getting on in their bald head. Most would likely take offense at such a serious expression. However, suppose I suggested the following, “He is possessing fewer follicle appendages on the cutaneous apex of his cranial structure, anterior to the sagittal suture and posterior to the lambdoidal suture, where said follicle appendages habitually germinate.” More than likely one would say that he is getting a little “thin on top.” The one is a euphemism for the other. The design is to be less offensive, but the meaning is the same.

So think about those three categories of corrupt speech: the curse, using God’s name in vain, and making common something that is holy. Are any of these words that we are discussing euphemisms for curses? Are any of them euphemisms for God’s name? I think that we can see that they are and as such would be in that category of forbidden speech that Paul described as “corrupt communication.” The euphemism itself (gosh, golly, dang, darn, etc.) is really just a milder way to utter a curse or use God’s name in vain. Such corrupt speech ought not to cross the lips of the Christian.



Congregational News and Notes

Prayer Requested

Glenn Phifer was seen at Jackson General Sunday and released with medication to treat a staff infection.

Al Palmer, son of Freddie Stewart, has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Members

Harold and Doris Davis,
Ron and Nadine McDonald, Jean Harber, Rachel Epperson,
Louise Hopper, Teresa Yearwood, Ted Lingren, Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder and Iva Hopper.
Bill and Gladys Gowan, Teriyaki Anderson, Tom Crow

Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Loretta Stanfill, Holly Richardson, Sammy Snead

Cards to Send this Week

Rachel Epperson
37 Southside Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Glenn Phifer
95 Malesus Heights
Jackson, TN 38301

Sammy Snead
Jackson General Hospital
620 Skyline Drive
Room 211
Jackson, TN 38301

Pantry Item

Canned Black Eyed Peas

Happenings

South Jackson

10/9

Youth Devo after evening services

FHU Student Series

10/12

Nathan Diller
God is...Good

10/19

Ben Coleman
God is...Merciful

10/26

Michael Shifflet
God is...Gracious

Flood Relief

Individual contributions are being collected to help the flood victims in Louisiana. Please give your contribution to Freeman Kidder. Please make your contribution by tonight.

