



pastor's
PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

Over the last couple of weeks, we have discussed the tongue (a metaphor for our use of “words”). We have considered that the tongue does what the heart has already done. That is, out of the heart, the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34-35).

Last week, in response to the message on James 3:1-12, one of our godly men came to me and shared with me the challenge of refraining from gossip when your boss is involved. Of course, that is a sensitive situation, but I told this friend that this would be a helpful discussion to consider.

So what does this look like in those situations where someone who has authority over you encourages you to engage in gossip? Well, let us employ Ephesians 4:29 as our anchor text. “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those hear.”

Clearly, this text forbids all forms of gossip and only allows for timely words that edify. With that anchor verse in mind, let me offer these suggestions when faced with the possibility of gossiping.

(1) Do not say anything. Proverbs 10:19 “When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.” The exceptions would be in the case of someone being significantly harmed by keeping a secret.

(2) Praise what is praiseworthy. That means giving encouragement, commendation, and affirming words where it is appropriate. Commendation can sap the life out of gossip. Again, Paul says to speak “only such as is good for building up.”

(3) Never about, always to. These words come from Amy Carmichael, missionary to India in the early 20th century. The idea is that conflicts are fueled when we talk about people rather than to them. Is not that the principle of Matthew 18:15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault?”

(4) Be a conduit of mercy. Proverbs 10:21 “The lips of the righteous feed many.” We do not have to say everything we think. Indeed, we can be merciful because our heavenly Father is merciful (Luke 6:36). This may include offering a charitable counter perspective to the words of gossip you are hearing.

(5) Flee. Proverbs 20:19 “Do not associate with a simple babbler.” As much as you can, stay away from situations and settings where you know gossip is taking place.

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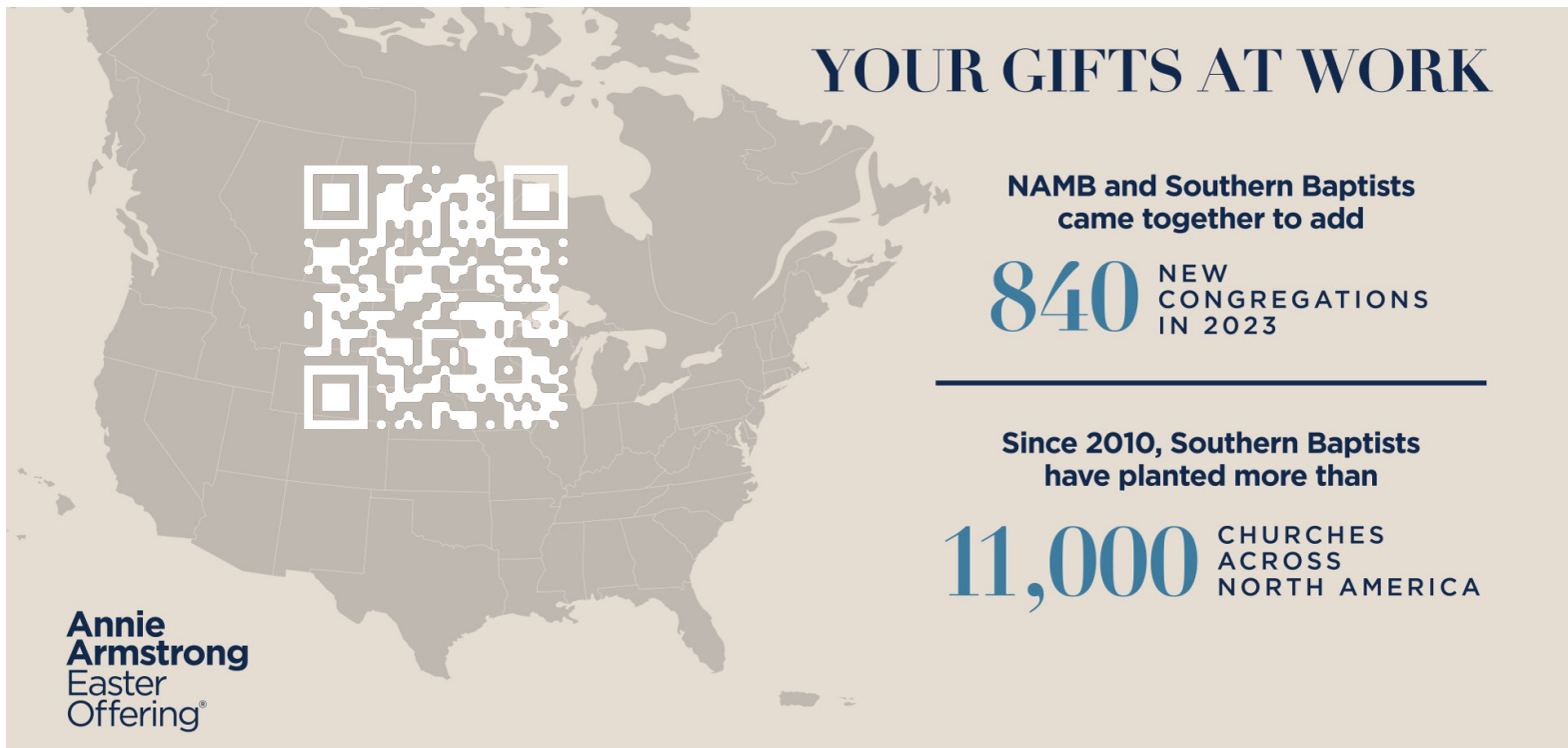
(6) Cover. Proverbs 17:9 “Whoever covers an offense seeks love.” If there is a word that is the antonym to gossip, it is to cover. Again, Proverbs 10:12 “Love covers all offenses.” Let me qualify this. Sin must be confronted, not covered. If there is abuse, there should be no covering of that. It does mean taking pains so that those who are not part of the problem or part of the solution, do not hear. It also means defending someone’s reputation when you know the chatter is not rightly representing the truth. It may also mean having the conviction and courage to tell the “gossiper” that it is not any of our business or that we need to apply the Golden Rule. Sometimes covering may also mean asking the “gossiper” if they have gone to the person being discussed.

These are some thoughts to consider. It is in no way exhaustive. I am sure you could add to this list. If we applied these biblical principles, I do believe God’s glory would be more magnified in our conversations.

One last unrelated topic before I close. This Sunday is our last Sunday to take up the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Currently we have received \$71,259.11. If you have not given but are planning to, now is the time. I am so grateful for your sacrificial giving for the sake of our Lord Jesus and out of obedience to his Great Commission command.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian

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children's CHATTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 25TH: PROMOTION SUNDAY

All grades (K5-12) will promote to their new Sunday School class on May 25th.

MAY 14TH: 6TH GRADE CELEBRATION

We are hosting a graduation for our sixth graders who will be transitioning to youth this year. We want to have one last time to celebrate them before promotion Sunday. Our focus will be on habits of grace – Hear His Voice (Word), Have His Ear (Prayer), and Belong to His Body (Fellowship). We would love to have our 6th graders join us this Wednesday night in N108–N109 from 5:30-7:30 for pizza, teaching, and fellowship!

MAY 18TH: 1ST GRADE MEET AND GREET LUNCHEON

All rising first graders and their families are invited to a meet & greet after morning worship on Sunday, May 18th. We will meet in the youth center for pizza, a tour of the KidZone, and a brief parent informational session. Children will also meet their Sunday School teachers and learn all about our Children's Ministry.

MAY 28TH: WATERSLIDE AND PIZZA

5:30-7:30PM on the grass field. Bring a towel and wear a swimsuit. Parents must fill out a child ministry participation waiver for the children. This event is open to our upcoming first graders through graduating 6th graders!

JUNE 16TH-20TH: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Every day from 8:00 AM - Noon. Available for all kids entering K5-6th Grade. Online registration is open now through June 8th at www.lakeviewvbs.com.

VBS DONATIONS AND T-SHIRTS

Donations needed:

- Mostly solid color t-shirts with minimal print on them (like new, but gently used shirts are needed).
- Plastic pringle can lids (just the lids).
- Glass spaghetti sauce-sized jars.
- 16-20oz water bottles (empty, but with the lid).

Please drop these items off at our donation table in the lobby before June 8th. We really appreciate your help!

Vacation Bible School T-shirts are \$12 each and will be sold in the lobby on Sunday mornings starting May 25th through VBS. Shirts are available in kid and adult sizes.

SENIOR SAINTS

Those over 55 are encouraged to join the Senior Saints for monthly fellowships, activities, day trips, and spiritual growth. Thursday, May 15th, from 11:30am–1:00pm is a historical lecture study of Timothy by Jordan Hoge, Pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Lunch is catered for \$10 per person. If you have questions, contact Jann or Jenny Swaim or Larry or Miranda Webb.

Signup has begun for Lakeview Baptist Church's "Grandparenting Matters" seminar to be held on Saturday, July 12th. This seminar is designed to inform, equip, and inspire participants to become more intentional about grandparenting and build a spiritual legacy with their families. The cost is \$20 per person. Contact Jenny Swaim at swaimje@gmail.com, scan the QR code or visit the Senior Saints website by clicking the button below to sign up.



Click [HERE](#) to visit the Senior Saints Website

2025 WOMENS EVENT

A WEEKEND WITH ROSARIA BUTTERFIELD

Join us for a faith-building conference with Rosaria Butterfield and worship led by Heather Payne. Butterfield is a nationally known author and speaker. She will share the story of her conversion to Christ in what she describes as a "train wreck," and will teach from her book entitled *Five Lies of our Anti-Christian Age*. Rosaria offers gospel hope to people trapped in the lies of our culture, and help to parents of children who have become casualties of these lies. Q&A and a book signing will be included. **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!** Tickets can be purchased online or in the church office.

[Click HERE to register!](#)



praise WORTHY

RE/GEN ON-MISSION CONCERT AND COMMISSIONING THIS SUNDAY, MAY 18TH – 6:00 PM

Join us for our annual Re/Gen Youth Choir Concert and Commissioning. The concert will feature the Re/Gen Choir singing songs for their upcoming On-Mission trip to Nashville, TN. Please make plans to support and pray for our Lakeview Youth Choir by attending this special time of worship and commissioning.

RE/GEN ON-MISSION PARENT, CHAPERONE, AND STUDENT MEETING THIS SUNDAY, MAY 18TH – 7:15 PM

Immediately following the Re/Gen Concert on May 18th, we will have a parent, chaperone, and student meeting in the fellowship hall. This very important meeting will cover the details for the On-Mission Trip to Nashville.

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sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:

Angela Jolley and family in the death of her father.

OUR *newest*

SAMUEL BERTRAN CHETTA

Born: May 11th, 2025

Parents: Micah & Emma Wood Chetta

Grandparents: Perry & Cheryl Wood

SAVE THE DATE

2025 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 28th – Wednesday, October 1st

DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 18

Are you interested in joining Lakeview or just finding out more about us? The Discover Lakeview Class is for you. Bro. Cliff will walk through what we believe as a church, membership, and our covenant. We need a reservation from you with the number attending for lunch and childcare. The class will follow the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Please email Laura Gray at lgray@lakeviewbaptist.org to reserve your spot.

REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ARBOR LAKE

Nancy Brownfield
Emaleen Fagen
Jennifer Hood
Shirley Randall
Joe Waller

AZALEA PLACE

Barbara Blankenship

BILL NICHOLS STATE VETERANS HOME

Ira Hayes

CAMELLIA PLACE

Linda Currie

CANTERBURY HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Dean Baker

EASE HOUSE

Anne Dodge
Harriett McNelly
Larry Ryan

THE PHOENIX AT OPELIKA

Dick Lane

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Matthew Baker
Daniel Benjamin
Matt Beth
Mike Cannon
Alice Chambliss
Dennis Clark
Ambers Hanson
Rena O'Mary
Jane Parker
Matthew Richardson
Lottie Sides
Jackie Snead
Larry Swango
Ilze West
Joe Youngblood

MAY 11 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,020

EVENING SERVICE _____ N/A

MAY 11 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$88,920.84

RESTRICTED _____ \$19,446.80

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