

One of our goals as a church family is to create a number of *Connecting Points* that you can make use of to foster Christ-honoring friendships. We hope that as you familiarize yourself with the opportunities found within the *Connecting Points Brochure* one or two of them will be of interest to you and suit your schedule so that you can join us! Brochures can be found at our Welcome and Resource Centres – or online (www.whyteridgebaptist.ca).

How do I become a follower of Jesus Christ? It begins with recognizing our need. All of us live broken lives in one way or another because of sin. A follower of Christ is one who realizes that God, in His love, has provided for our need through His Son Jesus. When we see that our lives can be restored, we turn from our sin and brokenness and receive Jesus Christ. We then continue on a new path closer and closer to God.

For more information go to:
<http://whyteridgebaptist.ca/visit/the-good-news/>

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9:00—4:30


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A STUDY OF
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October 25, 10:30am
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WORSHIP TOGETHER

“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name...” 1 Chronicles 16:29

Call to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Through Song

Pastor Appreciation—*Dave Barton*

Scripture Reading—*Gerald and Karen Schmidt*

Message— *The Taming of Your Tongue (James 3:1-12)*
Pastor Terry Janke

Weekly Prayer Response—*Freda White*

Closing

Next Week: *The Humility of your Life (James 4:1-17)*
Pastor Terry Janke

If you would like to have somebody pray with you during or following the service please call 431-804-6764. One of our deacons would be happy to talk to you.

PRAYER TOGETHER

Families of the Week: Scott & Dolores Tully, Bob & Phyllis Van Drunen, Karl & Tina Wagenaar, Ken Wahl, Ernie & Cheryl Waldner

MBA Ministry of the Week: Temple Baptist, Swan River, MB: Neal Effa, Sr. Pastor

Visit our online Prayer Wall: www.WhyteRidgeBaptist.ca/Prayer-Wall

Come to the Quiet - A prayer time that takes place Wednesday morning, 10:30 at the church. Everyone is welcome.

PLACES TO CONNECT

Precept Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesdays, Sept. 16—Nov. 4,
7:15-9:15pm
Contact: Barb Brewer
precept@whyteridgebaptist.ca

Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
Grace Changes Everything
October 15, November 5, 19
10:00am
Contact: Pastor Doug

English Conversation Circle (Zoom)
Wednesdays, Sept.30—Dec. 2,
7:00—8:30pm
Contact: Brenda Noble
ecc@whyteridgebaptist.ca

Men & Women of the Bible
Online Bible Study (Zoom)
Sept. 28—Dec.7, 7:00-9:00pm
Contact: Emmie Dryjski
edryjski@mts.net

4HG (Youth grades 6-12) (Zoom)
Wednesday, 7:00pm
Contact: Pastor Rudy Wall

Come to the Quiet Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, 10:30am
Contact: Erika Cooper
thequiet@whyteridgebaptist.ca

Cancelled or postponed until further notice:
Sermon Series Discussion Groups
Women's Fireside Nights
Solid Grounds Café Coffee Time
POLO
Growing in Grace Lunch
Movie Night

PLACES FOR KIDS ON SUNDAY MORNING

Babies

Parent room for nursing moms and infants - at the back of the Main Auditorium.

Little Lambs Nursery — 10:30am

Children 6 months to age 2 (in the Children's Ministry Area)
Childcare is provided during the service.

SONseekers — 10:30am

Children age 2 through grade 4 (in the Children's Ministry Area)

The Wave — 10:30am

Children in grade 5 and 6 attend the first portion of the service and then are dismissed prior to the sermon for their own gathering. The Wave does not meet on the first Sunday of the month but stays in the service for Communion.

Evacuation Procedure

In the event of an emergency, the Children's Ministry volunteers have been trained to evacuate the children to the church parking lot. Please DO NOT come into the Children's Ministry Area. Parents are to meet their children in the parking lot at the front of the church building (southwest corner).

PLACES TO CONNECT ONLINE

For sermon podcasts or information about upcoming events check:
www.whyteridgebaptist.ca

Find us on Facebook:
www.Facebook.com/WhyteRidgeBaptist

WRBC-GUEST network Wi-Fi password:
Welcome2405



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*The Taming of
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*For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says,
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Study and Discussion Questions

James 3:1-12

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2. What can you learn about a person by listening to him or her speak?

Explore It

3. If a person were never at fault in what he or she said, what would that show about the person? (3:2)
4. What is significant about the way we talk? (3:2)
5. What similarity does a person's tongue have to a horse's bit, a ship's rudder, and a spark of fire? (3:5)
6. What is so difficult about taming the tongue? (3:7-8)
7. In what ways are we inconsistent? (3:9-10)
8. What can a spring or a fruit tree teach us about speech? (3:11-12)

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9. What motivates a person to teach others?
10. Why will God judge teachers more strictly than other people?
11. What are the ways we sin with our speech?
12. What practical advice would you give someone who wanted to control his or her tongue better?
13. In what times or places can your tongue be used for good?
14. How can you change your daily speech to reflect its importance in your life?

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With this in mind, in what ways do we connect? We connect through words and action. When you are a new person to a congregation, you connect through words—the welcoming words we say to a new person. We invite that person to join in/participate etc. If you are established in the congregation, perhaps you are “new” to a particular issue/problem such as divorce, addiction, mental health issues, grief etc. You will need words of comfort as well and you will be invited to join a group which can give you support.

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Fun Fact: Darlene has over 150 pieces of her artwork displayed in the Health Sciences Centre.

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- for Chief of Police Danny Smythe, and all in leadership in the Winnipeg Police. Pray for wisdom in how they use the resources available to them as they face increasing budget constraints.

Tuesday Pray:

- for change in our city's reputation as "murder capital of Canada" to "City of Refuge".
- that God will expose and root out violent crime, paedophilia, human trafficking, drugs, pornography, domestic violence & child abuse.
- for God's wisdom for those dealing with these types of crime.
- Pray for a change of heart in offenders. Pray that they would come to know God's love for them and find purpose in their lives.
- Ask the Lord to end the Meth Epidemic in our city and to provide a detox centre and long term rehabilitation centre for users.

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- for victims or people affected by crime,
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- for protection over police, physically, spiritually, emotionally, mentally as they engage with people who do not respond positively.

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- for their marriages and families.
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- for support and healing for those who have experienced traumatic situations in their work.
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