

Pray for our friend
Michael Cole

as he becomes Interim Pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Dixon. He will continue as Lead Pastor of The Worship Center in Dixon as well. He covets our prayers as he assumes his new duties.



EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 9



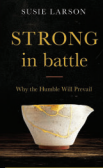
◆ Invite 2 people to hear the **GOOD NEWS** for our **EASTER CELEBRATION!**

A DECISION ON REUNION

A decision on REUNION has been reached. Instead of a REUNION gathering, a Summer Picnic is planned that will invite former members of JCC and their families to attend.

STRONG IN BATTLE

If you are looking for faith-filled inspiration, order the book, "Strong in Battle: Why the Humble Will Prevail" by Susie Larson." It will ENCOURAGE you!



Speak

Life

THE RIGHT WORDS
AT THE RIGHT TIME

- Mar 05 » Life or Death?
- Mar 12 » I Said This, You Heard That
- Mar 19 » Spoken Blessing
- Mar 26 » Complaint Department

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III
- Gearen Family
- Tom M.
- Stein Family
- Ryan K.
- Tyler M.
- Mandy W.
- Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

- Art B. » Health Issues
 - Armando » Back Issues
 - Jean G. » Health Issues
 - Carlos V. » Leukemia
 - Karla D. » Cancer Recovery
 - Mandy W. » Cancer
 - Maggie B. » Chemotherapy
 - Merle » Health Issues
 - Carlos V. » Health Issues
 - Angie & Family » Life Issues
 - Kensey Dunlap » Broken Back
 - George I. » Hospitalized
 - Samantha B. » Health Issues
 - Christine P. » Bone Cancer
 - Howard P. » Cancer
 - Bob A. Healing/Kidney
 - Evelyn K. » Serious Illness
 - Hudson » Bronchitis
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METRICS THAT MATTER (02/26/23)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 27 GIVING ▶ \$880 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits. Proverbs 18:20-21

Words are the most powerful thing you have.
They have the power of life and death.
Words will shape others and you as well.

1

Life-giving words are true

A truthful witness saves lives, but one who breathes out lies is deceitful. Proverbs 14:25

- Those who speak truth rescue lives.
- Life-giving words begin with truth. That's because our God is a God of truth. There is no darkness in him. There is no lying in him.
- People who speak truth become people who embody truth which produces good lasting fruit in you.
- Satan, God's enemy – is called the father of lies in scripture.

If you tell a truth about something you did, it becomes part of your past. but if you tell a lie it becomes a part of your future.

2

Life-giving words are gracious

A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. Proverbs 15:4

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. Proverbs 16:24

[Gentle words bring health and restoration]

When we speak heavy truth without a relationship, we destroy the effectiveness.

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Proverbs 12:18

Avoid gossip at all costs. The goal is to build people up, not tear them down.

The one who reveals secrets is a constant gossip; avoid someone with a big mouth. Proverbs 19:12

3

Life-giving words are encouraging

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence. Proverbs 10:11

When we speak, our words are to perceive what God wants to do in a situation, and speak the words of life that call people to believe that!

When you come to JCC:

- I hope you hear the voice of the one who said to the woman caught in adultery “neither do I condemn you...go and sin no more”
- I hope you hear the voice of the one who called Lazarus—“Come forth!”
- I hope you hear the voice that says I have created you for good works to walk in. I see you not as you are but as you could be.
- I hope you hear the voice that says, “You are not damaged goods you are a new creation washed in his blood and filled with his power.

**[HE IS HERE TO HEAL YOU
AND MAKE YOU WHOLE]**