



Website: <https://churchofchrist20keam.co.za/>
 Facebook: Church of Christ Keam rd
 Leadership: Braam Le Roux - 072 195 6104
 Mike Baisley - 083 500 7271

SUNDAY TIMES:
BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00
WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00
27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Preacher: Braam Le Roux
Sermon Topic: "Small things can cause great damage"
Scripture Reading: James 3: 1 - 6

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 a.m.

We encourage everyone to attend the morning Bible Study classes, as we study the book of Acts. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word. Continue reading through Acts!

Song Leader: Braam Le Roux **Scripture Reading:** Chris du Preez
Opening Prayer: Jan Roberts **Lord's Table:** Ordene Engelbrecht
Closing Prayer: Carry Hagemann **Attendance last Sunday:** 34
Servers: Mike, Carry, Jan & Ordene

The Power of Our Words: Taming the Tongue

Though the tongue is one of the smallest muscles in the human body, it holds immense power. In the book of James, it is compared to a small spark capable of setting an entire forest ablaze, or a tiny rudder that guides a massive ship through fierce winds. Our words have the unique ability to either build up, tear down, to heal, or to wound.

Taming the tongue is not about maintaining rigid silence; it is about cultivating intentionality. Often, a single, thoughtless remark, a bit of gossip, or an angry outburst can fracture relationships and cause lasting damage. Because our speech directly reflects the state of our hearts, gaining control over our words requires a deeper transformation from within.

To practise better control over our speech this week, try these three simple boundaries before speaking:

Pause: Take a breath before reacting to emotional or frustrating situations.

Filter: Ask yourself if what you are about to say is true, helpful, and kind.

Listen: Focus more on understanding others rather than rushing to voice your own opinion.

Let us commit to using our words as tools for encouragement, peace, and growth, rather than conflict.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

All the ladies are invited to join in and attend the Bible Study classes, every Wednesday morning at 10am. The book of Job is being studied.

PRAYER REQUESTS

There are many in our congregation who are in need of constant prayers. We think especially of Thoko and her family during this time of her mother's illness, Anle and Audrey, who are now recuperating at home.

Dear Louise, on behalf of the entire congregation, we extend our heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the passing of your beloved sister, Ethel. May God surround you with His love and comfort during this difficult time. May the wonderful memories of Ethel bring you peace and strength in the days ahead.

TEA AND FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for tea and fellowship after worship this morning. Ladies on duty are Sandra and Lorna.

BIRTHDAYS

Renee Martin – 27 September (Today)
 Ezekiel Engelbrecht – 28 September
 Thando Ntozakhe – 28 September
 Renee, Ezekiel and Thando, we wish you all another year filled with happiness, love, laughter and good health! May you all enjoy your special day!

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

May you be blessed today as we worship the Lord together. If you have any questions, we would love to discuss them with you. It was great to have Christine with us last Sunday!

ECBC LECTURE ROOM

We are looking for bookcase donations for the ECBC classroom.

If you have any unused boards or planks suitable to make a bookcase, please speak to Chris or Braam.

THE TAMED TONGUE

Consider the following selection of biblical passages concerning the way our tongues - our words - ought to be used. These reflect not only what is actually said, but also the attitudes behind the words. Perhaps you could post some of these as reminders on your fridge or bathroom mirror.

He does not slander with his tongue . . . nor takes up a reproach against his friend (Ps. 15: 3).

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit (Ps. 34: 13).

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice (Ps. 37: 30).

I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue (Ps. 39: 1).

My tongue also will utter your righteousness all day long (Ps. 71: 24).

When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise (Prov. 10: 19).

There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing (Prov. 12: 18).

The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable (Prov. 15: 2).

He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles (Prov. 21: 23).

She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue (Prov. 31: 26).

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear (Eph. 4: 29).

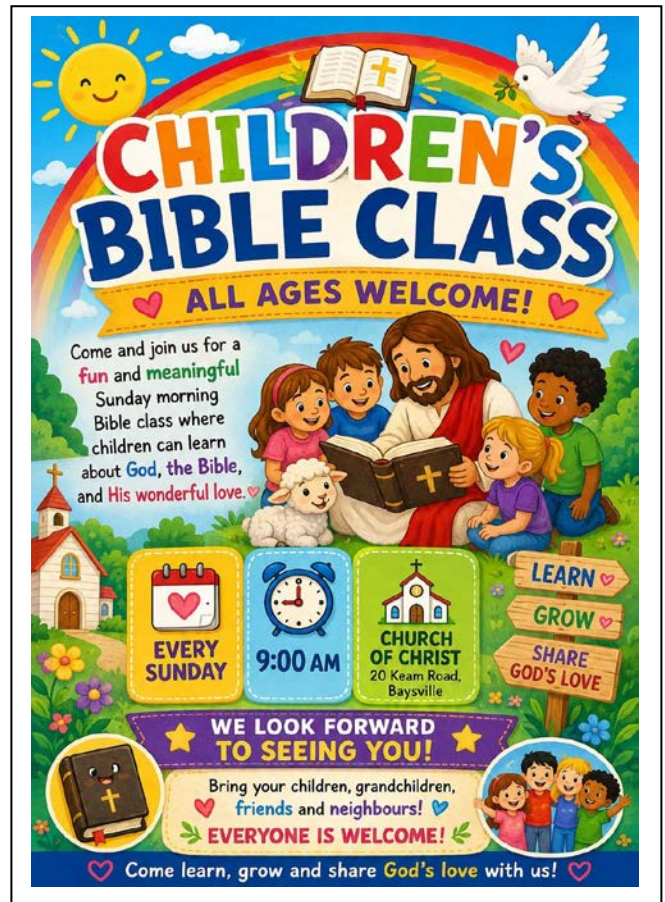
GUARD YOUR TONGUE

A gentle word can heal a heart,
A careless word can tear apart.
So think before the words you say,
And let God guide them on their way.

For tongues can build, and tongues can break,
They show the choices that we make.
Lord, help my words be kind and true,
And let each one bring glory to You.

When anger rises, help me pause,
And hold my tongue for mercy's cause.
Let wisdom guide each word I speak,
And make me strong when I am weak.

Help me to listen, slow to speak,
To choose kind words when hearts are weak.
Let love be heard in all I say,
And guide my tongue from day to day.



Bulletin compiled by: Braam Le Roux

Email: braamlr@mweb.co.za

☎ - 072 195 6104