



# Friends and Neighbors

## Denver Friends Church

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*"Understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters. Let everyone be quick to hear [be a careful, thoughtful listener], slow to speak [a speaker of carefully chosen words and], slow to anger [patient, reflective, forgiving]; for the [resentful, deep-seated] anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God [that standard of behavior which He requires from us]."*

*James 1:19-20 AMP*

As I grow older and move further along in my journey as a father, husband, and follower of Christ, the more vital this verse seems. As a child, the meaning behind these words appeared elementary. "Listen to what others say and think about what you say," (or maybe that was just my interpretation). It has evolved and deepened into so much more, however, as I've watched the damage words can do to others.

As I've experienced how careless, irresponsible words have affected me, I also recount wonderful examples of people who were almost methodical about each syllable and its effect on the recipient. I felt safe talking to them. To me, the difference is their intentional and active listening skills and how they related within the conversation. They truly listened with the filter of not just hearing and responding, but of understanding and internalizing what was said in order to respond in a meaningful and intentional way.

Words have always been powerful and their impact immense, but over the past couple of years the careless way they are thrown around and the irresponsible manner in which words are used, as well as the intentional divisiveness in which some yield them, have been even more exposed. So those affected by this misuse of communication, and the news is full of those from all walks of life, are hurting as a result. Knowing and experiencing this leads to the last part being very hard. It has grown increasingly difficult to assume positive intent with other people when our experience is that of pain and manipulation.

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### **Free Camp Physicals**

Camp physicals will be held **THIS SUNDAY**, June 13 from 11:15 AM-12:30 PM at Denver Friends. All campers, counselors, and staff are required to have a physical before camp begins. This is your opportunity to get a camp physical for free!

### **Youth Camping Trip**

We will be leaving for the campground on Friday, June 25 and will be back in the afternoon on Sunday. Deadline to sign up your youth for the trip is **THIS SUNDAY**, June 13. There will be a small cost of \$10 per person to help with the cost of renting the camp sites and to buy food. However, if you are not able to make that payment, let me know and we can work something out!

I will need to know if your child has any medications or allergies and if your youth will be in need of a tent, sleeping bag, or any other camping items. Please contact Aaron V. [fdfcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fdfcyouth@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

### **ALL Ladies Salad Luncheon (young and old)**

All ladies are invited to a salad luncheon on Saturday, June 19 at **NOON**. The purpose is to fellowship and enjoy each other. Bring a favorite salad, if you would like. Paper products and beverages will be provided by Friends Women. Our luncheon will be held in the church parlor and we look forward to seeing a large group of ladies in attendance. Come join us!

### **Men's Ministry Breakfast**

Men's Ministry Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 8:30 AM in the church parlor. All men are invited to join us as we gather for food, prayer and fellowship. Please RSVP to Phil Burgi so we know how to prepare.

### **Camp Counselors Needed**

We need counselors for **Junior Camp** (4th grade thru 6th), **Middle school** (6th thru 8th) and **Senior High** (9th thru 12th). You need to have a love for Christ and the desire to share Him with campers. Call or email Autumn Keith with questions.

### **Camp Registrations**

You can now register your child/ren for camp at [www.rmymyouth.com](http://www.rmymyouth.com). Junior, Middle School and High School Camps will all be held July 11-17 at Quaker Ridge Camp in Woodland Park, CO.

### **Help needed**

Sarah Dawson is seeking some assistance after her hip replacement surgery on June 22. Overnight help might be needed on June 30 and she is likely to be needing some help during the day from July 1 through possibly July 12. Please give her a call if you would consider helping. Thanks.

### **Community Prayer Stop**

The Community Prayer Stop will be available soon. We could still use more volunteers to collect the prayer requests. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer or you can contact Mary Ford.

Mary would like to meet with the volunteers for a short meeting following the worship gathering on Sunday, June 20.

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The more the meaning of this verse is revealed, the more I realize that we can't embody that verse and keep our sanity without divine assistance. Without God's wisdom it is such an insurmountable task that we could drive ourselves into paranoia. My prayer is that we could all allow God to infuse Himself into our communications to help us achieve being quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

Bart Jacks, Young Adult Pastor

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***Celebrate Recovery***

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-Step program based on Christian principals. They meet at 5:00 PM on Sundays in the sanctuary.

***Extra volunteers will be needed beginning September 12*** to help set-up tables and chairs, tear down, and help with meals before the Sunday CR meetings. For more information or if you would like to help, please contact Michelle Cordean.

***Sharing Kindness Is Priceless***

Pen Friends (PF) is our pen pal outreach to our elderly NW neighbors living in Senior Residences. Sharing God's love through our greeting cards is priceless to those that are often forgotten. This ministry needs you! PF has been successful only because of DFC volunteers. We have *Encouragement*, *Inspiration*, and *Thinking of You* cards available to all PF volunteers, if you are interested in participating. Please contact Margarita Jaramillo-Hall to learn more. Thank you.

***Al-Anon***

If you know of anyone who struggles with another person's drinking or drugs, please suggest they join us at 7:00 PM in room 204 on Tuesday nights. Contact Marlene Pittman for more information or questions.

***Friends Drumming***

Friends drumming has resumed in the gym two days a week. Monday's are at 11:00 AM and Saturday's are at 10:00 AM. We will also continue to Zoom the activity. Contact Mary Ford for more information.

***Needmeeter***

***Employment Opportunity:*** I am looking for a part time cashier for Action Recycling in Wheat Ridge, two to three days a week. We are also needing to hire someone for our feed store, Wardle Feed and Pet Supply. Contact Patty Pyell at 303-919-6175 for the recycling. Contact Terri Pearman for the feed store (303-475-5247).

*If you have anything to give away or to sell, or you are in need of something, we would be happy to put your item/ items in the Needmeeter. Please contact the church office at 303-455-7604.*

***Remember, you can donate online***

at [www.denverfriendschurch.com](http://www.denverfriendschurch.com). Click on the "donate" button on the top right of the home page. You can also mail your check to the church office or to our treasurer, Kay Burgi. We thank you so much for your continued giving through the COVID-19 crisis. You are amazing, Denver Friends Church!

***Refugees in the Middle East***

Christians in Lebanon are still in need of our aid, especially in this time of COVID-19. Please give your \$1 or desired donation in the black box at the back of the sanctuary next time you are at the church. Thanks for supporting our brothers and sisters with the basics of life.

***Mark your 2021 calendars***

***\*FX Camps.*** July 12-17

Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, CO

***\*RMYM Summer Gathering,*** August 5-8  
Quaker Ridge Camp

***\*RMYM Women's Retreat,*** September 17-19, Quaker Ridge Camp

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