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## UPCOMING SERMONS

### SUNDAY AM

June 24	Neo-Calvinism
July 1	Basic Bible Facts
July 8	Basic Bible Facts
July 15	Foolish and unlearned questions
July 22	Harrison Morgan to speak
July 29	Chuck Northrop to speak

### SUNDAY PM

June 24	His tomb is empty (#373)
July 1	Lessons from Miriam and Aaron (#374)
July 8	Lessons from Ananias & Sapphira (#375)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

**Sunday**

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

June 24, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Vanalstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Tyler's friend Allee (Military)

## **READING OF SCRIPTURE:**

**AM:** Jas. 1:13-16      **PM:** Acts 2:29-32

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

June 24 – Singing at 5 p.m.  
June 29 – Seminar with Rusty Stark  
July 29 – Chuck Northrop to speak  
July 30 – Aug. 4 – Booth at Ingham County Fair

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## **FILTHY COMMUNICATION**

Charles Coats

Do you know what this list of words has in common? Shoot, gosh, gee, geez, gee whiz, heck, golly, my goodness, darn. You might say that they are commonly used by people and that would be true. You might struggle with some of them because they do not seem to connect to the other words. For instance, shoot can refer to the discharging of a round from a rifle. Gee is an expression used by farmers in days gone by to get their animals to turn right. And darn is a word that deals with mending garments. But these do not seem to relate to the other words.

The one thing that all the words found in the list above have in common is that all of these are normally

used by individuals as euphemisms. What is a euphemism, you say? It is a word that is generally considered less offensive than the word it replaces. In some cases, neither the word nor its euphemism is bad. For instance, "die" as in "He died" is often replaced with "He passed away". Passed away seems to be milder than died.

Going back to the words in our list, we must make this observation. These words are normally used as interjections usually to express astonishment, amazement, or even a disgust with what has happened. When used in this way, every one of these words is used to replace a curse word. In other words, it is still cursing, just that which is considered less offensive or milder. Often, I hear people begin to use a curse word in front of someone they know will be offended by it (say a preacher or a little child) and they quickly change to one of the euphemisms that they believe will not offend. However, even though it may be easier to hear, it is still saying the same thing.

While all people should be careful in what words they use, Christians should especially be careful and not use words that simply replace the more offensive curse word. The list at the beginning of this lesson does not include every word used to replace curse words.

Since we are to have our speech seasoned with salt (Col. 4:6) and no corrupt communication or filthiness should come from our lips (Eph. 4:29; 5:4), then we must be sure that we do not use words that violate God's command. To help us be more careful in language, it would help us to remember that if we use bad language, then the wrath of God will come upon us (Eph. 5:6). Take some time and look up the words you use in speech. The words in our list can all be found in the dictionary, and when one looks them up, he will easily see why these words must be avoided.