



# THE VISION

March 2018

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”*  
**Amen. Matthew 28:19-20**

den’s helpful suggestions for worriers:

I trust as we receive our Vision for March, the stock market volatility will have settled down. When our retirement accounts start taking uncontrolled loses, we naturally become worried. As worrisome as financial matters can be, our health issues can be even more troubling. There are many circumstances that can cause worry. Satan will use any area of life to try and take our eyes off our Lord’s strength and comfort. My prayer is for us to recommit our faith walk to God who is our good, good Father!

- 1. START A WORRY LIST**—Write down what you are worried about. The bills. Your job. Your children or grandchildren. Your health. Your future.
- 2. TURN YOUR WORRY INTO A PRAYER LIST**—Ask the Lord to work in those situations you are concerned about. Pray specifically for your needs and depend on Him.
- 3. TURN YOUR PRAYER LIST INTO AN ACTION LIST**—If you receive insight on something you can do about your cares, do it. As we turn our worries in to prayer and action, Borden says, “Paralyzing anxiety can be replaced by concern for the responsibilities of life.”

**READ Matthew 6:25-34**  
**Matthew 6:34 says,**  
“Do not worry about tomorrow.”

The following words come to us from Anne Cetas called “Worry List”. She writes, “I was worrying about a good few things as I sat in my car under a shady tree at lunchtime. Then a robin, with a fat worm dangling from its mouth, landed near my door and looked at me. It was a vivid reminder to me of Jesus’ words in **Matthew 6:25-26**, ‘Do not worry about your life...Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?’”

Anne concluded her article, “Why not start right now? What you have made a matter of prayer should cease to be a matter of care.”

Beloved, may God bless us and we focus upon Him being glorified! Remember, your pastor is here to pray with you.

Pastor Bud Goude

Anne then uses an article for the Denver Seminary magazine *Focal Point*, quoting Paul Bor-

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# MARCH





# Deacon's Devotional

I'm guessing many of you have heard, memorized and quoted this phrase. "Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me." I wish I could remember how many times I mumbled that saying to myself through tears looking to find much needed comfort. I have always struggled with my weight and, as you can imagine, growing up with this problem at times was brutal to say the least. So, I must say this saying of "sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me" couldn't be any further from the truth.

James 3:5 tells us that the tongue is a "small" part of the body, yet Proverbs 18:21 says it "has the power of life and death." Our words can create actions, good and bad. For example, a judge or jury, by simply saying a word, can cause a person to be put to death or to live. Words often save lives. A doctor advises surgery, a weatherman issues a tornado warning, a counselor gives hope to a suicidal person, and just like words can save lives, words can also kill.

Murders are often initiated because of arguments or words spoken in hatred. James 3:6 describes the tongue as "a fire." He compares the damage the tongue can do to a raging fire. The uncontrolled tongue can do terrible damage. So before we speak, we will do good to remember that words are like fire, you can neither control or reverse the damage they can do. And, just like how our reckless words can cut like a sword. Proverbs 15:4 says our tongue can be described as a "tree of life." Which means our words can be used to renew, refresh, and to heal.

—Gary Mangrum

# Word Search

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**Deacon of the Week**

3/4—Keith Martin

3/11—Keith Belvin

3/18—Pauline Littell

3/25—David Crummett

**Nursery Workers**

3/4 Lynn Walton/Gloria Breeden

3/11—Maribell Loveland

3/18—Devon/Elyza Willard

3/25—Shannon Jenkins

**March Ushers**

Sonya Anthony

Stan Gandee

Seth Gandee

Jamie Moore

**March Tellers**

Tommy Ashe

Buddy Hogge

**Sun. Sch. Nursery**

Sharon/Howard Warren

**Older Children's Church**

3/4—Theresa Svoboda

3/11—Jennifer & Lauren Hall

3/18—Madison & Seth Gandee

3/25—Charlene & John West

**Younger Children's Church**

3/4—Tracy Williams & Jade Jenkins

3/11—Nancy Dyson & Sonya Anthony

3/18—Denise Gandee & Mallory Wagner

3/25—Laraine Sentz & Rachel Wells



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