

## DOERS OF THE WORD

The book of James has some straightforward instructions for us as followers of Jesus Christ. Verse nineteen of chapter one tells us that we need to be quick to listen and slow to speak. James tells us that we are to: 1) hear or listen; 2) receive . . . and let it sink in so we understand what is desired of us; and 3) be doers of the word. Each day of our lives as “professed Christians,” God expects us to live out what the scriptures tell us. That means we will have to work at eradicating some of the things that consume us so we are able to live out God’s word. To do otherwise is to be disobedient and disappointing to God.

Recently I was reminded of what being “doers of the word” involves. My 102-year-old mother has dementia, and is in a care facility. With dementia, she does what they call “sundowning,” or yelling.

One evening after spending several hours with her, I thanked the nurse and aide for their patience with her situation. Their combined comment was, “We love Ruthie . . . she is a dear and can’t help what she does.” Amidst the unnerving repetition of the yelling, they see something deeper in Mother and they exhibit something deeper in their caregiving and patience. These nurses and aides are “doers of the word.” The question I believe we will be asked when we get to heaven’s gate is: “Where you a doer of the word?”

—Georgia Markey, associate district executive  
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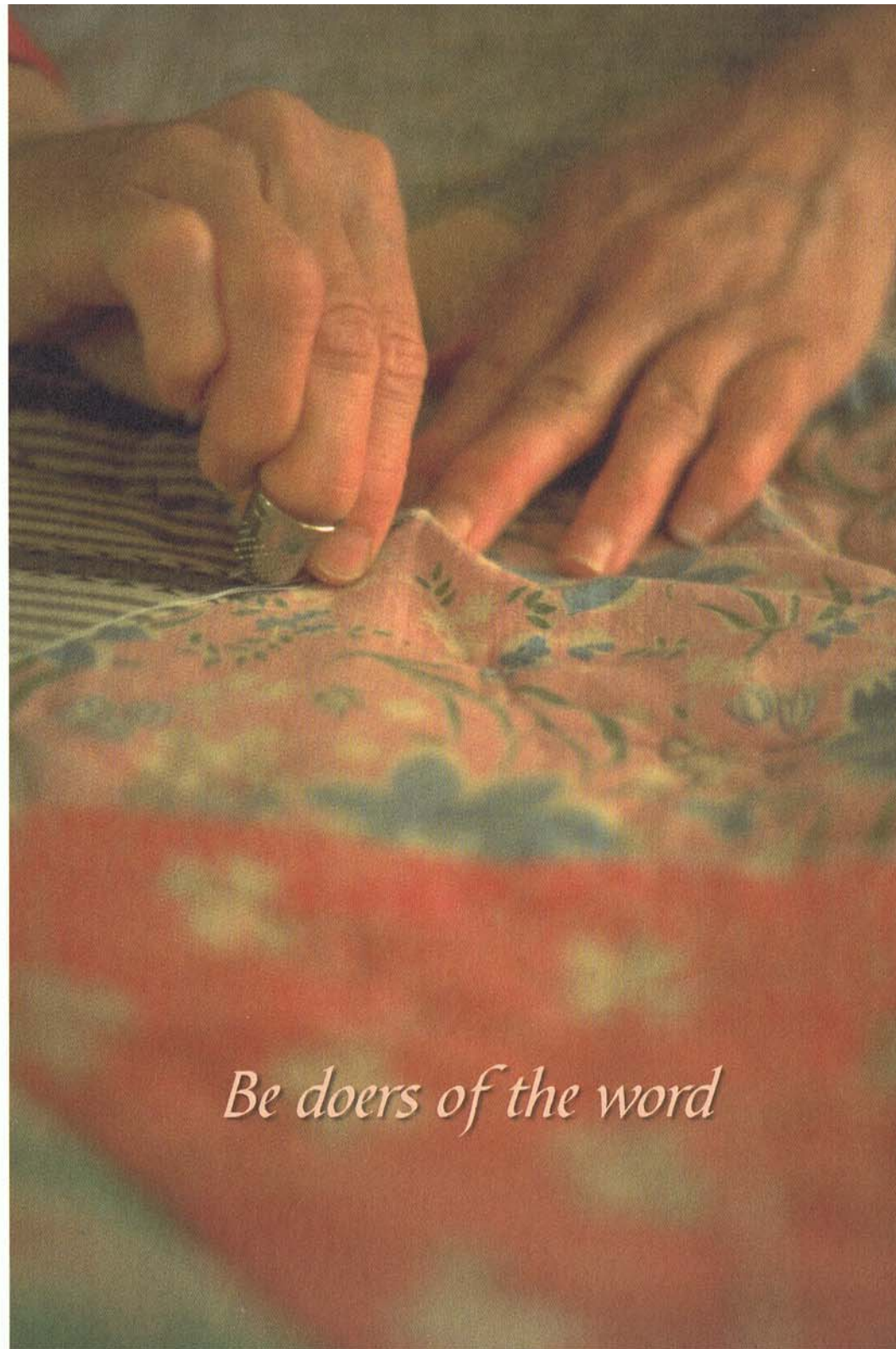
### Text for Today

**James 1:17-27 (22)**

But **be doers of the word**, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.



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*Be doers of the word*



Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
Ministers - All Members  
August 30, 2009  
9:30 a.m. Worship



**NOTE:** The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

\*GATHERING HYMN #366 *God Of Grace and God Of Glory*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (John 4:23 and James 1:27)

**One:** When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman he said:

**ALL:** "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him."

One: The hour has come to worship God in spirit and truth. James, the brother of Jesus, warns us that this means more than simply saying the right words when he writes:

ALL: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

\*INVOCATION (in unison)

Lord, we gather in spirit and in truth, determined to do more than talk the talk, or just mouth the phrases the world wants to hear, or simply put in our time on Sunday morning and leave behind your help, to become your living word, as far as we are able, to practice a faith that is pure and undefiled, to help all who are needy in their distress, to keep ourselves unstained by the world's motivations, so that our lives might become a satisfactory offering to your glory. You are the giver, the source of all good things. As we gather in the good things of the world in one hand, we seek to measure them out to your children with

the other. Bless us in our worship today. Amen.

PRAISE HYMN #407 *We Are People Of God's Peace*

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

READING Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9

OFFERTORY STATEMENT I offer you my praise, my heart, my money and my life.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOSPEL READING Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #384 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

PASTORAL PRAYER #721 (responsive reading)

Pray For: York, ND Pleasant Valley Church

Praying For Us: Beaver, IA Church

READING FROM THE LETTERS James 1:17-27

MESSAGE "So...What's Real Religion?"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

\*CLOSING HYMN #362 *Help Us To Help Each Other*

\*BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

\* - Please Stand, if you are able

## SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, August 30:

Message  
Children's Message  
Music  
Ushers  
Adult Sunday School  
Children's Sunday School

Rev. Lucinda Douglas  
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Teri Kelderman  
Mark Bilsland and Alan Cox  
Not held June-Sept. 6  
Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

## SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, September 6:

Message  
Children's Message  
Music  
Ushers  
Adult Sunday School  
Children's Sunday School

Rev. David Loveall  
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Donna Brinkman  
Mark Bilsland and Scott Maggert  
Not held June-Sept. 6  
Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

## PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children  
Living Peace Church, Sioux City  
UCI - Jean-Jean & Kristie  
Lost Brothers and Sisters  
Those Serving in the Military  
Clarence & Rhelma Evans  
Helen Van Kekerix (mini-stroke)  
Harriet Rolston (care center)  
Julie Fisher (thyroid cancer)  
Ann Evans (cancer)

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## OUR CHURCH

Worship Service . . . . .9:30am  
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion  
1st Sunday of Each Month

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The Church:  
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Haitian Ministry directed by Rev.  
Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.  
[www.unitedchristiansinternational.org](http://www.unitedchristiansinternational.org)

## Anniversaries and Birthdays for August

*Anniversaries*  
09 - Alan & Marcene Cox  
18 - Ron & Donna Brinkman  
29 - Doug & Nancy Osterbuhr

15- Donna Brinkman  
23 - Nancy Diers

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth.  
May sunshine and gladness be given and  
may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for  
a beautiful birthday in heaven.

*Birthdays*  
12 - Sandi Cox  
15 - Linda Adams

## Church Events

### Welcome!

Welcome to Rev. Lucinda Douglas this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service. Enter to receive the Light; Depart to let it shine!

### Council Meeting

Sunday, October 11, following worship service, will be our fall council meeting. Reports by the various committees will be given, election of officers and other items to be considered. Please plan to attend this meeting.

### Northern Plains District Women's Event

*Connecting Our Lives Piece by Peace* with Rachel Brown will be held September 25 and 26 at Camp Pine Lake in Eldora. For details see the pamphlet on the bulletin board. Register by September 10. The fee is \$40. You can make travel plans with Sandi Cox.

## Community

**Sept. 6** - The Sheldon Ministerial Association invites everyone to the community worship service in the Sheldon City Park at 6 pm. The service will include a Men's Gospel Choir of 30 men from Sheldon area churches singing 11 songs. Bring lawn chairs and come as a community of faith to worship and praise our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. An ice cream social will follow. In case of inclement weather, it will be held at First Reformed Church on Washington Ave.

**Sept. 14 - Oct. 14** - Coats for kids collection.

**Sept. 27** - CROP walk.

## Guest Speakers

Sept. 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)  
Sept. 13 - CJ Wurpts  
Sept. 20 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas  
Sept. 27 -  
Oct. 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)  
Oct. 11 - Dyan Sterk  
Oct. 18 - CJ Wurpts

Oct. 25 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas  
Nov. 1 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)  
Nov. 8 - CJ Wurpts  
Nov. 15 -  
Nov. 22 - Dyan Sterk (Harvest Sunday)  
Nov. 29 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas  
Dec. 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)