



Muscle Memory

The boys and I have been playing ping pong lately. They often wonder how I can hit and return a fast-hit ball to their side of the table. My answer: muscle memory. After you do something so many times, you don't have to think about doing it anymore; it just becomes automatic. Muscle memory is a good thing to have when you are driving a car. For example, when you see brake lights come on in front of you, it's important that your legs and feet do what need to be done to stop the car without having to think about it too much. A delay could create a collision. I'm very thankful for muscle memory.

Muscle memory, however, isn't really muscle memory, it's brain training. We train our brain to remember how to do things again and again. I'm glad I don't every day have to learn again how to walk, or eat, or drink, or talk, etc. We have learned these things and now know how to do them without thinking.

Muscle memory and brain training can be useful or detrimental depending on how we use it. When we use it for sinful purposes, it becomes addiction. When we use it for good purposes, it becomes good habits. In Philippians 1:9, the apostle Paul wrote, "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment." God wants us to use our muscle memory for good. This means that we must practice it daily. The more we practice loving one another, the more of a habit it will be, and the easier it will become to do it. For our love to abound, we must love one another more and more. Make love a habit.

> God bless you, and I love you. Kevin Cauley



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November 17, 2019 Servants Prayer List Don Grider

Announcements: Johnny Thomas

Announcements.	Doris Jones	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers	James Love
Derrell Patterson	Scott Hobson	Faith Salfen
Jimmy Smith	Dave Conley	Robin Upson
Lord's	Enoies Curbow Billy Johnson	
Monty Crawford	Jody Thomas	Terry Woods
Eddie Cauley	Jamey Thomas	Sue Yarberry
PM Communion	Marie Howard	
Visitors Cards:	Winnie Tucker Blake Drinkard	
November 24,	Sara Jo Vance	
Announcements:	Melda Spencer	
Am Prayers	PM Prayers	Jeraldine Wages Marie McPherson
Scott Hobson	Mike Raney	Keith & Helen
Dave Conley	Scott Overstreet	Clark

Mike Raney
Scott OverstreetKeith & Helen
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Charles Tuck

November

Pantry Needs:

Canned Fruit and

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

Monty Crawford

Eddie Cauley

Visitors Cards: Zain Wages If you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney @ 903/559-4141 or John D. Thomas @903/490-5572

OUR FAITH IN ACTION Saltine crackers

	Contribution		Attendance
Budget	\$3,100.00	Wednesday, Nov 6	67
Sunday, Nov 10	\$2,746.00	Sunday, Nov 10	
Average	\$2,872.95	Bible Class	65
		Morning Worship	94
		Evening Worship	48

A Rose by Any Other Name

Randy Reagan

William Shakespeare would write in Romeo and Juliet, "A Rose by any other name would smell as sweet." The point was that whatever you called a rose, it would still retain its distinctive sweet smell. In a sad way, the world we live in has attempted to mask evil and wickedness with this very ides. Constantly we are being confronted with situations with the obvious stench of wickedness, and by simply changing its name, we think that it will make the smell sweet.

This is not a new or original concept. You may recall that the Israelites asked their leaders to cease prophesying the truth. Instead they were asked to prophesy "smooth words" and "deceits." (Isa. 30:10). The feeling was that they could change the odor of their wickedness by masking it with "smooth" words.

Some of us might say "but that was the Israelites, not us!" Listen to the warnings of the Apostle Paul to Timothy: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers; and they will turn away their ears from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."

Does that not sound like the very thing that has been going on forever and continues today? There are those attempting to change words into "politically correct" language acceptable to them and their desires. They changed our "garbage men" to "sanitation engineers." (My childhood ambition, by the way) Do you really think that changed the job in any way?

Today, they attempt to desensitize the baby in the womb by calling the unborn child a "fetus" or even worse, "fetal tissue." For those purists, the Latin word for fetus does mean childbirth, pregnancy, or offspring. My response would be to ask, 'When was the last time you have seen or heard someone walk up to the parents of a newborn infant and say, what a beautiful fetus or fetal tissue you have?"

Does it change the odor of the murder of unborn children through abortion to rename it "reproductive freedom?" Sounds so much nicer than murdering children, doesn't it? How about the indiscriminate slaughter of people in countries of different ethnicity? Let's call that "ethnic cleansing" rather than the genocide it is! Can we really equate the murder of innocent people with cleaning the house of unwanted dirt or germs? For many years in this country, racial hatred and evil was masked by "separate but equal" laws. No matter how all these things were presented, they were/are wickedness at the highest level, and no matter the semantics, all remain sin for God's people and are abhorred by our God. (Rom 12:9)

I love the imagery of Shakespeare's words reminding us that the wonderful sweet smell of a rose can never by changed by what it is called. At the same time, it helps me remember that the putrid smell of wickedness cannot be changed with a "sweet" name. Even if you called it a rose, the odor of a skunk will always stink! (Isa. 5:20)

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Birthdays! Alicia Dooley November 19		Kevin and will be on vacation
		beginning November 25.
Jimmie Thomas Becky Overstreet Jody Thomas	November 19 November 20 November 22	Charles Tuck passed away Tuesday evening, Nov 12.