

**IN TOUCH**  
**TALK TO ME**

**Dear Friend:**

**I think I know what my parents must have felt like with the introduction of television to our culture. As they saw my generation get more and more obsessed with watching television they must of thought: “This is the ruin of America.” They were partly right. As the influence of television grew, all generations became hooked on daily doses of news and entertainment. The television has become a babysitter, a point of family debate, and a tool (via advertising) that teaches us not to be content. No doubt family interaction and conversation has suffered. But wait...it gets worse with the advent of the cell phone!**

**A study I read two or three years ago said the average American checks their phone every four minutes and thirty seconds. Today I believe it is more like every two minutes and thirty seconds. I flew to Florida last week. 90% of the people on the airplane were on their phone. 95% of the people in the pre-boarding area were on their phone. Not one meal with my brother passed without each of us checking our phone at least once. I knew America was in trouble when five – six years ago at a local restaurant I watched a mom in her 30’s giving full attention to her phone while her 12 year old son played games on his phone . What’s the big deal? Everyone’s doing it and the phone can be so useful. True – but that does not make all things well.**

**The obsession with our cell phone is further declining communication between people. The television was the first step, the cell phone is the next. With the explosion of internet shopping and communication plus the frequency of cell phone use, I believe the ability for people to directly talk to each other will decline more and more. What can prevent (or at least slow down) the decline? The answer is multi-faceted but one simple solution is: turn off the T.V., put the cell phone away and talk to each other!**

**In Christ’s Love,**

**Pastor Mike**

**Prayer Request: Mary White, Sunil Bhat, Pastor Aaron Lim, Pastor Mike Muwonge**

**Events: Sunday 9:00 am Bible Study, 10:15 Worship Service & Communion**