

The Keavy Encourager

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (GW)-We encourage you, brothers and sisters, to instruct those who are not living right, cheer up those who are discouraged, help the weak, and be patient with everyone.

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WELCOME TO THE KEAVY CHURCH OF CHRIST!

- If you are visiting with us, you are our welcomed and honored guest. We are so thankful that you came to be with us today! PLEASE remember to pick up one of our “Visitor Packages” before you go! PLEASE also leave your name and address with us so that we can get you a “thank you” card in the mail. If we can help you in any way, PLEASE let us know!
- If you would like to participate in our Communion service, you will find Lord’s Supper packets in the Foyer (the area where you first enter the church building).
- Visit us online for Bible studies, live streaming, and other resources! Our website is: www.keavychurchofchrist.com, and our email address is keavychurchofchrist@outlook.com Please also share with your family, friends, and social media!

Something To Help Us Laugh

(Adapted From Paul Miller, World’s Greatest Collection Of Church Jokes)

“I hope you didn’t take it personally, brother,” an embarrassed woman said after church service, “when my husband walked out during your sermon.” “I did find it rather disconcerting,” the preacher replied. “It’s not a reflection on you, sir,” insisted the churchgoer. “Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child.”

Miss Gladys was a regular fixture in morning worship at First Church. On this one particular morning the pastor’s message went on forever. Some in the congregation

dozed off. Following the service, she walked up to a very sleepy looking visitor to welcome him. “Hello, I’m Gladys Dunn.” To which the visitor replied, “You’re not the only one.”

Here’s an old standby that’s worth sharing with a music director. Dentist’s hymn —”Crown Him With Many Crowns” Mender’s hymn—”Holy, Holy, Holy” Politician’s hymn—”Standing on the Promises” Shopper’s hymn—”In the Sweet By and By” Paramedic’s hymn—”Revive Us Again” Shoe repairer’s hymn—”It Is Well with My Soul” Librarian’s hymn—”Whispering Hope” Umpire’s hymn—”I Need No Other Argument” Golfer’s hymn—”There Is a Green Hill Far Away” IRS agent’s hymn—”I Surrender All” Gossip’s hymn—”I Love To Tell The Story” Psychiatrist’s hymn—”Just a Little Talk With Jesus” Haberdasher’s hymn—”Blest Be the Tie” Dot-com sales hymn—”A Charge to Keep I Have”

November Prayer List

Kurt And Joanne Martin , Sanders Family , Eddie Craft (Cancer) , Jimmy Brooks (Tammy’s cousin, cancer), Kathy Mingus (cancer), Anne Baker (Cancer), Larry and Sandi Tabata, Josh and Holly Baker, Violet (Ivy’s sister), Leslie Prescott And Family (Winchester), Bill and Mary Ruth Browning, James And LeAnne Day, Terry and Rita Wooten, Kandace Scalf, David And Ivy Mosley, Robin McDonald, Gary And Vanessa Fleming, Jessica, Theresa H And Family, Tim Williams, Leland Marsee, Lisa Creech Family, Herman Helton (Uncle of sister Kristina Helton), Larry Worley, Wesley and Sarah Henson, Bill Peterson, Lisa Rainwater, Dean Lisle, Kate Ray, David And Ivy Mosley

The Restoration Movement (Seven)

(More Bible Studies Available At www.marktabata.com)

It is written:

Luke 8:11-Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

The apostate church-propheesied by the Lord Jesus and His Apostles-spread throughout the world, doing their best to chain the Word of God and exercise political and military power and persecution upon any who dared to stand against the wickedness of Roman Catholicism. Yet despite their efforts, many valiant men and women stood up and opposed the powers of the papacy. Deemed “Protestants” (i.e., those who officially protested the Roman Catholic church), these followers of

Christ encouraged people to abandon the creeds of man. Yet sadly, their efforts were met with limited success by people who still could not understand the idea of Christianity without Denominationalism and man-made creeds.

Now, many of the great leaders of the Protestant Reformation attempted to encourage their followers not to embrace sectarian names and creeds! However, their efforts often fell on deaf ears.

“Martin Luther What happens when people realize that the great reformation leader Martin Luther wrote: I ask that men make no reference to my name, and call themselves not Lutherans, but Christians. What is Luther? My doctrine, I am sure, is not mine, nor have I been crucified for any one. St. Paul, in I Cor. iii, would not allow Christians to call themselves Pauline or Petrine, but Christian. How then should I, poor, foul carcass that I am, come to have men give to the children of Christ a name derived from my worthless name? No, no, my dear friends; let us abolish all party names, and call ourselves Christians after Him Whose doctrine we have. (Hugh Thomson Kerr, *A Compend of Luther's Theology* [Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1943], p. 135, cited by Lewis W. Spitz, Ph.D., *Our Church and Others* [Saint Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 1969], pp. 23-24.) Yet people who call themselves Lutherans blatantly disagree with Luther himself, who on this point agreed with Christ. John Wesley Another great reformation leader, John Wesley, among whose followers are the Methodists, Wesleyans, etc. said: Would to God that all party names, and unscriptural phrases and forms which have divided the Christian world, were forgot and that the very name [Methodist—SGD] might never be mentioned more, but be buried in eternal oblivion. (John Wesley, *Universal Knowledge, A Dictionary and Encyclopedia of Arts, Science, History, Biography, Law, Literature, Religions, Nations, Races, Customs, and Institutions*, Vol. 9, Edward A. Pace, Editor [New York: Universal Knowledge Foundation, 1927], p. 540.) In violation of Wesley's plea, his followers still call themselves Methodists, Nazarenes, and Wesleyans. Charles Spurgeon What transpires when people learn that Charles Spurgeon, one of the greatest Baptist preachers who ever lived, said: I look forward with pleasure to the day when there will not be a Baptist living! I hope that the Baptist name will soon perish, but let Christ's name last forever. (Spurgeon Memorial Library, Vol. I, n.d., p. 168.) Instead of Spurgeon's desire coming true, we have at least twenty-six different Baptist denominations in this nation alone. Likewise, Calvinists today disagree with Calvin, etc.” (Samuel G. Dawson, *Denominational Doctrines: Explained, Examined, Exposed*, 5864-5883 (Kindle Edition); Bowie, TX; SGD Press)

As a result of the introduction of more man-made creeds, the result of the Protestant Reformation was that hundreds more man-made churches were formed. It was necessary to submit to the creeds brought forth by these churches in order to join them. So, to become a member of a Baptist church, one had to accept the Baptist Manual (s); to become a Methodist, one had to accept the Methodist Discipline; to become a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses, one had to accept the Watchtower Society; etc. The idea of Christianity as it existed in the first century seemed to be unheard of.

However, there were some who attempted to return to New Testament Christianity. Desiring to rest their beliefs and practices solely on the Word of God, these Christians understood the principle of kingdom reproduction that Jesus taught (Luke 8:11; Matthew 13:19). If we do our best just to teach and practice what God's Word teaches, and to allow that Word to be our standard of authority (as the early Christians), then we will just be Christians-members of the church which Jesus built and established.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Questions

1. 1 Corinthians 3:1-6 (NKJV)-And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to _____ *people* but as to _____, as to babes in Christ. **2** I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; **3** for you are still _____. For where *there are* _____, _____, and _____ among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men? **4** For when one says, "I am of _____," and another, "I *am* of _____," are you not carnal? **5** Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but _____ through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? **6** I _____, Apollos _____, but God gave the _____.
2. "I ask that men make no reference to my name, and call themselves not _____, but _____. What is Luther? My doctrine, I am sure, is not mine, nor have I been crucified for any one. St. Paul, in I Cor. iii, would not allow Christians to call themselves _____ or _____, but Christian. How then should I, poor, foul carcase that I am, come to have men give to the children of Christ a name derived from my worthless name? No, no,

- my dear friends; let us abolish all _____ names, and call ourselves _____ after Him Whose doctrine we have.” (Martin Luther)
3. “I look forward with pleasure to the day when there will not be a _____ living! I hope that the _____ name will soon perish, but let _____ name last forever.” (Charles Spurgeon)

Announcements

- Backpacks For The Homeless: Located in the right of the building near the classrooms, there are eight backpacks. Each backpack has a Bible, several Gospel Minutes, a number of granola bars and pop tarts, gloves, and a quilt. Would you like to help? If so, please either donate an item to each backpack or take a backpack and fill it up however you would like. We ask for the backpacks to be completed by next Sunday (December 3). Thanks so much to everyone who can help!
- Foundations Bible Class: Starting today (November 26), we will be starting a new class after A.M. worship. It will be a class on first principles of the Bible. We will go through the Old and New Testaments, learn a basic timeline of the more important historical events of the Word, memorize the Books of the Bible, and focus especially on the centrality of Jesus. We will also have special lessons on the books of the Apocrypha, miracles, and the gift of tongues. Questions and discussions encouraged. Workbooks have been ordered and will be provided. Refreshments will be available. Hope everyone can attend!
- We have started a Keavy church chat on two different free apps: Discord and WhatsApp. If you would like to join, please let Mark Tabata know.

Sunday Lessons

Adult Bible Class: Through The Gospels

Teenage Bible Class: Taking A Look At Christian Evidences

Middle School Class: Heroes Of The Bible

A.M. Sermon: The “D’s” Of The Devil And The “D’s” Of Jesus

P.M. Sermon: Thankfulness

Bible Class And Sermon Notes