

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 fill out one of our visitor cards in the pews and leave them with one of our members!
- Also 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).
- We assemble on Sunday mornings at 10:00 (Bible Study) and 11:00 (Worship), and on Sunday evenings at 5:00 (Worship). We also have midweek Bible study on Wednesday evenings (5:00). Bible Classes are available for all ages! You can 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 share this information with your family, friends, and social media!

June 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, Bill and Mary Ruth Browning, Terry and Rita Wooten, Leland Marsee, Cassidy Hubbard, Silky Sullivan, Haley Brock And Friend (Four-Wheeler Accident), David and Ivy Mosley, Sharon Smith, Chris Brown, Belinda Feydo, Pam Hensley, Junior Couch, Molly And Ebb Baker, Don Sanders, Josephine Jordan, Leena and Christina (Family Of Sister Marlene), Bella (Friend Of Brother Ed Young), Larry Hubbard, Jan (Knee Replacement Surgery), Katelyn Helton, Edward Young (New Christian), Kenzley Wyatt, Bobby Anders Family, Justin Storm (Heart Attack), Timothy Burke, Tammy Matney, Jim and Donna Abell, Margie Turner (Hospice), Jenny Cima And Family Tammy Matney, Michael (Employer of brother Ken Hill), Christy Brooker, Rose Coleman, Matt DeZarn, Piere Daigle Family, Otis Williams (Broken Hip), Nathan and Pattie McDaniel (Broken Rib), Jake Robbins (Cancer), Carl Peachtree, Coy Gilliam (Cancer), Paul Junior Hubb (Nursing Home), Reah John (Nursing Home), Francis Stewart (Nursing Home, Charles Delph (Nursing Home), Charlie Messer (Nursing Home), Tim Sawyerz (Nursing Home), Audrey Johnson (Nursing Home), Joyce Smith (Nursing Home), Kenny Hill Family (Lost Loved Ones), Wendy Muncie, Holly Sanders, Sandra Frazier, Tammy Young Family

Bereshit

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

The Old Testament was written in the Hebrew language, which is exceedingly and amazingly complex. Scholar Chuck Missler describes some of the incredible nuances of this language:

"The Hebrew language has some distinctive characteristics that no other language on the planet Earth has. All the early languages were written without spaces between the words, and the Hebrew language is self- parsing. In Hebrew, there are five letters that have a slightly different shape when they're used as the last letter of a word. Because of that, it's possible to read Hebrew without spaces between the letters. There are only consonants in Hebrew, and no vowels. It's what's called a consonantal script. The meaning of a word derives from a root of three letters, and each three letter root word can be expanded to create all manner of other words. Prefixes and suffixes can be added to those three letters, forming different parts of speech or even entirely new words; the meaning is related to those three base letters. The particular meaning of the word depends on how it's pronounced when vowel sounds are added. For instance, the three letters sfr create the word for "book" and it's pronounced "sapher." A writer, on the other hand, somebody who makes books, would be called a "sopher" same letters. The plural form requires a "ym" ending sfrym – "sefarim." The pronunciations are therefore very important. It's not difficult for a native speaker to vocally add the appropriate vowels. We often use the consonants "bldg" for "building" and we understand the word even with the vowels (and one consonant) removed.

Native speakers would naturally read the words correctly. The root consonants are designed to give Hebrew a semantic backbone and stability not characteristic of Western languages. It also leads to word play. Verb usage is dependent on the context, and the language lends itself to puns. There's often far more meaning implied in the Hebrew sentence than there would be in a Greek sentence....One of the peculiarities of the Hebrew language is that the alphabet is not just phonetic, but also symbolic. The alphabet of most languages are phonetic. Words can be sounded out if the letter sounds are known. Hebrew is phonetic, but it is a special language, because it is also symbolic. Individual letters can have their own meanings. Early in Hebrew writing, the letters were also pictographs. Aleph , for instance, was shaped like the head of an ox and represented strength and leadership. The letter kaf was originally shaped like a hand, and "kaf" means "palm of the hand" or "to coerce." The Hebrew language is astonishingly vivid, concise and simple. It is also so dense that it makes it difficult to translate fully. While the Greek language is precise, each word holding a specific intended meaning, Hebrew leaves many ideas to be "understood." It requires the reader to fill in the blanks. It often takes two or three times as much space to translate the Hebrew into English because the words carry so much significance on their own.". (Chuck Missler, *How We Got Our Bible*, 400-424 (Kindle Edition); Coeur d'Alene, ID; Koinonia House)

The original Hebrew of the Old Testament, like the koine Greek of the New Testament, is unparalleled in its' beauty and complexity. With this rudimentary knowledge in mind, consider the amazing discovery one researcher learned about the very first word of the Bible:

"I began to wonder about the Hebrew pictographs. The pictographs can be dated back many thousands of years even before the time of Christ. Each picture tells a part of a story or message; I believe it is a message from eternity to those who are willing to listen and believe....The above illustration is a generalisation of the meanings of each letter. For instance Aleph can also mean sacrifice as it is in the shape of an ox and an ox was used to sacrifice or it can mean God himself as the first above all. Tav is the last letter of the Hebrew "Aleph- bet" and like Aleph and many of the other letters can simply mean cross because of its shape. Again I wondered is there a message here somewhere? I began my search in the very first word of the Old Testament "Bereshit" meaning "In the beginning." What would happen if I took the ancient pictographs and substituted them for the Hebrew letters in Bereshit? Would there be a message hidden beneath the surface text?...In the pictograph of Bereshit, the first word of Genesis 1, we read from right to left: בֵּית Beit which is a picture of a house or the temple, רֶשֶׁת Resh meaning the highest, אֱלֹהִים Aleph which can mean God or sacrifice, שִׁן Shin meaning to be destroyed or to destroy, יָד Yod meaning hand or one's own hand, תָּב Tav meaning a cross. (See fig 4) The stunning message we receive from Genesis 1 in ancient Hebrew Pictographs and Bereshit the very first Hebrew word in the bible is: The house / temple of the highest sacrifice (or God) will be destroyed by his own hand on a cross. (Fig 4)....Isn't that incredible? To discover the Gospel message hidden in the first Hebrew word of the bible? Hidden in ancient Hebrew pictographs. All the more stunning when one realises the modern religious Jew does not believe God would come and die on a cross for their sins. Yet here it is revealed in the Hebrew pictographs proving, yet again, God authored the bible; placing within the Hebrew text proof they cannot deny from their own ancient

pictographic history. Yeshua is God and came and died on the cross for our sins. The message was placed there by a divine hand at the very beginning of the Hebrew bible thousands of years before crucifixion was ever invented!" (Bob Mitchell, *The Messiah Code*, 77-103 (Kindle Edition))

"The house/temple sacrifice of God will be destroyed by his own hand on a cross."

Incredible!!

When I was studying this, I was reminded of something else I had read a couple of years ago:

"Even the word “Torah” itself, drawing on the concepts that lie behind the original Hebrew letters, , embodies some provocative elements: The Tav (originally, a cross), the Vav (a nail), the Resh (the head of a man), and the Heh, (the breath or Spirit of God). Thus, Man, with the Spirit of God, nailed on the Cross! This term was in existence well before Messiah walked on the earth. It is an interesting summary of the climax of God’s love story, which was nailed on a cross erected in Judea 2,000 years ago. The entire Biblical drama records the extremes our Creator has resorted to in order to redeem man—including you and me—from our predicament." (Chuck Missler, *Hidden Treasures In The Biblical Text*, 295-305 (Kindle Edition): Coeur d’Alene, ID; Koinonia House)

Everything revolves around Jesus Christ.

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

Announcements

- There will be no Sunday evening church @ 5:00 next Sunday. Instead we will be starting VBS at 6:00 pm Sunday evening.
- Our next scheduled appointment for Nursing Home Ministry is Thursday July 18. We will meet at the church at 5:30.
- *Foundations Bible Class*: There will be no Foundations Bible Class today.
- Our next Keavy Adult Night will be Friday July 12. .
- VBS will be July 7-11, 6-8 each evening. The theme will be, “Crazy Critters From The Creator’s Creation.” ALL HELP NEEDED ANSWER APPRECIATED.
- There will be a VBS planning meeting Monday @ 7:00 at the building.
- There will be no Youth Night on the third Thursday in July since that is July 4. However, we may reschedule for another night. Stay tuned for updates!
- If you would like to be added to our church social media forum (available through the free app known as Discord), please let brother 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

Sunday A.M. Lesson: Sin And Grace

Sunday P.M. Lesson: Being Faithful To Christ In Times Of Persecution

Bible Class And Sermon Notes