

# **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!

- Visitors: Please fill out a visitor card and grab a Visitor Welcome Kit!
- Communion is available in the front of the building on the table.
- Our website is: [www.keavychurchofchrist.com](http://www.keavychurchofchrist.com), and our email address is [keavychurchofchrist@outlook.com](mailto:keavychurchofchrist@outlook.com) Please share this information with your family, friends, and social media pages!

## 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, Bill and Mary Ruth Browning, David and Ivy Mosley, Molly And Ebb Baker, Margie Turner (Hospice), Jake Robbins (Cancer), Carl Peachtree, Coy Gilliam (Cancer), Roger and Sandra Frazier, Carman Carroll, Bessie Young, Melinda Howard, Ann Phelps, Tracy Johnson, Ivy Mosley Family (Brother & Sister), Nathan & Patty McDaniel, Edward Young Sr., Elise Allen, Ed Young, Roy Lung, Mr Collett (Kin To Sister Phyllis Sanders), Ashley West (Lost Loved Ones), Mike Clayton (Liver Transplant) Corbin Junior Pennington, Larry & Rosetta Short (Sister Marlene's Brother & Sister In Law), Sue Joseph, Tommy Joseph, Darrell Hall, Joe Williams, Jamie Anderson, Shawn McCracken (New Christian), Justin Combs, Debbie Myers, Richard Baker, John Reeder (Cancer), Harmony Mullins, Richard Eubanks, Pam Worley And Family, Eryn Barrett, Aileen Smith, Bob Bowling Family (Lost Loved Ones), John Reeder, Mike Gill (Cancer), Claude Humphrey (Cancer), Maddox Alsip, Tim & Diane Lewis (Traveling), Gary & Linda Lewis (Illness), Erb Family, Coy & Diane Giliam, Josh McKnight And Family, Brody Browning, Mason Garland

## Announcements

- Everyone me is invited to stay with us for our Thanksgiving potluck meal after morning services today!
- We will not have Foundations Bible Class after morning service today.
- Homeless Backpack Ministry. We have ordered backpacks for the homeless. They will hopefully be here by next Sunday. We are asking anyone who is able to please take a backpack and fill it up with any items that you believe will be helpful for the homeless in our community. Suggestions include: non-perishable food, sleeping bags, blankets, bottled water, gloves, tooth brushes, toothpaste, sanitary wipes, feminine products, dry shampoo, combs, mouth wash, razors, hand warming packs, body wash, etc. We will also have Bibles and/or Bible related material for each bag.
- Please say a special prayer this week for Carman Carrol, a friend of brother Mark's. He was in a serious motorcycle accident four months ago and will be having surgery this week to reattach his skull.

Proverbs 17:11-20 (ERV)-Those who are evil only want to cause trouble. In the end, punishment without mercy will be sent to them. **12** It is better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool who is busy doing foolish things. **13** If you do wrong to those who were good to you, you will have trouble the rest of your life. **14** The start of an argument is like a small leak in a dam. Stop it before a big fight breaks out. **15** The LORD hates these two things: punishing the innocent and letting the guilty go free. **16** Money is wasted on fools. They cannot buy wisdom when they have no sense. **17** A friend loves you all the time, but a brother was born to help in times of trouble. **18** Only a fool would promise to pay for someone else's debts. **19** A troublemaker loves to start arguments. Anyone who likes to brag is asking for trouble. **20** Crooks will not profit from their crimes, and those who plan to cause trouble will be trapped when it comes.

### Studies In Mormonism (Four)

(More Bible Studies available @ [www.marktabata.com](http://www.marktabata.com))

It is written:

EZEKIEL 37:16-17-"AS FOR YOU, SON OF MAN, TAKE A STICK FOR YOURSELF AND WRITE ON IT: 'FOR JUDAH AND FOR THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, HIS COMPANIONS.' THEN TAKE ANOTHER STICK AND WRITE ON IT, 'FOR JOSEPH, THE STICK OF EPHRAIM, AND FOR ALL THE

HOUSE OF ISRAEL, HIS COMPANIONS.' 17 THEN JOIN THEM ONE TO ANOTHER FOR YOURSELF INTO ONE STICK, AND THEY WILL BECOME ONE IN YOUR HAND.

Our Latter Day Saints friends claim that the stick to Judah referenced here is the Bible (which was given to the Jewish people), and the stick to Joseph is the Book of Mormon (which was given to the Gentiles).

“Note that the Lord said he would do this and would make them one in his hand. Now, granting that the Bible is the stick of Judah, where is the stick of Joseph?...Should anyone object to God's doing exactly what he promised Ezekiel he would do? Could this promise be fulfilled in a simpler and more perfect manner than it was through the coming forth of the Book of Mormon?...“The two records have now been joined together, constituting a complete fulfillment of another great prophecy. Again, who could object to God's doing the thing he promised to do? Until someone can explain where the record of Joseph is, the Book of Mormon stands unrefuted in its claim to be "the stick of Joseph.”” (LeGrand Richards, A Marvelous Work and a Wonder, 948-957 (Kindle Edition); Salt Lake City, Utah; Desert Book Company)

However, notice that the Bible itself tells us what the two sticks are!

EZEKIEL 37:21-22- "THEN SAY TO THEM, 'THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD: "SURELY I WILL TAKE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FROM AMONG THE NATIONS, WHEREVER THEY HAVE GONE, AND WILL GATHER THEM FROM EVERY SIDE AND BRING THEM INTO THEIR OWN LAND; 22 AND I WILL MAKE THEM ONE NATION IN THE LAND, ON THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL; AND ONE KING SHALL BE KING OVER THEM ALL; THEY SHALL NO LONGER BE TWO NATIONS, NOR SHALL THEY EVER BE DIVIDED INTO TWO KINGDOMS AGAIN.

The word “stick” did not refer to “scroll.” (see Numbers 15:32; 1 Kings 17:10; 2 Kings 6:6; Lamentations 4:8).

“Mormons think this passage points to the Bible and the Book of Mormon. They believe the sticks mentioned in this passage are pieces of wood around which a papyrus scroll was wrapped. “In ancient times it was the custom to write on parchment and roll it on a stick. Therefore, when this command was given, it was the equivalent of directing that two books or records should be kept.” 14 One of the sticks (Judah) is allegedly referring to the Bible; the other (Joseph) is allegedly

referring to the Book of Mormon. Contrary to such a claim, the context clearly defines what the two “sticks” are. Ezekiel 37: 22 says, “I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms” (emphasis added). The sticks are not two books but are two kingdoms.” (Ron Rhodes, The 10 Most Important Things You Can Say to a Mormon, 27 (Kindle Edition): Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers)

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

### Sunday Lessons

Adult Bible Class: Through The Gospels

Teenage Bible Class: Proof That The Bible Is The Word Of God

Middle School Class: Heroes Of The Bible

Sunday Morning: Thankful For The Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Sunday Evening: What Job Learned (James 5:11)

### Bible Class And Sermon Notes