

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.

January 5, 2025

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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, and our email address is keavychurchofchrist@outlook.com Please share this information with your family, friends, and social media pages!

January 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 & Family, 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, Gary & Linda Lewis (Illness), Erb Family, Coy & Diana Giliam, Josh McKnight And Family, Brody Browning, Mason Garland, Cheryl Moore (Kin To Sister Ellen), Jim & Linda Day, Felicity Lanham (Cancer), Diane Duke, Chris Holt (Friend Of Brother Mark), Jerry Napier (New Christian), Nadine Car Fields Family (Lost Loved Ones) Chester Day Family (Lost Loved Ones), Carolyn Hoskins, Tim Williams, Rebecca Mobley, Gary

Fleming, Marlene Howard, Katherine Myers, Tim & Diane Lewis, Sam Colwell (New Christian), Piere Daigel (Cancer), Tom Saylor Family (Lost Loved Ones), Paul Mitton Family (Lost Loved Ones), Kenny & Bonnie Irvin, Herman Dale Helton Family (Lost Loved Ones), Fred Martin, Ariana Monhollen (Sick)

Announcements

- Baptism! Our hearts rejoice that Sam Colwell made the decision to be baptized into Christ this past Tuesday evening (December 31). Sam, we welcome you to our family at Keavy church of Christ and we are so happy you are with us!
- BackpacksFor The Homeless: Backpacks are available on the pew in front of the kitchen area. We are asking anyone who is able to please take a backpack (or more than one) 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. We will try to collect all of the backpacks by Sunday January 12.
- Please continue to pray for sister Marlene Howard as she recuperates.
- Justin combs is back in the UK Hospital. Please remember him in your prayers.
- Upcoming Events: Keavy Sunday Morning Bible Study (Every Sunday @ 10:00 Classes For All Ages); Keavy Sunday Worship (Every Sunday @ 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM); Keavy Wednesday Bible Study (Every Wednesday @ 5:00); Keavy Youth Group (Thursday January 2 @ 6:00 PM); Keavy Jail Ministry (Every Tuesday And Wednesday From 1-4 PM @ Laurel County Correctional Facility); Keavy Support Group (Every Tuesday Evening @ 6:00); Keavy Adult Night (January 10, 24 @ 6:00); K.L.A.S.S. (Keavy Ladies And Serving Saints) Meeting (Sunday January 5 After Evening Services); Keavy Nursing Home Ministry (Thursday January 16 @ 6:00 @ Corbin Christian Care Center); Keavy Fellowship Meal (Sunday January 26-Sign Up Sheet In Entryway)

Praise As A Weapon Of Spiritual Warfare

(More Bible studies available @ www.marktabata.com)

It is written:

Psalm 149:6-9-Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, And

punishments on the peoples; 8 To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

The Hebrew language in which the Old Testament is written is truly beautiful and complex. Its' words and tenses often contain tenses and shadows of meaning that can easily be overlooked. While our English Bibles preserve the authenticity and message of the text, studies into the original languages of the Bible are very fruitful. One example is found here in Psalms.

The Jewish people had something called “Targums” which helped to provide detail about the Hebrew Old Testament. One researcher has noted:

“TARGUM Early translations of the Bible into Aramaic, the native language of Palestine and Babylon in the first century A.D. Targum, in its verbal Hebrew form, means “to explain, to translate.” The most important of these translations still in existence is Targum Onkelos, which was probably read weekly in synagogue services from a relatively early date. The Targums are not simply translations but seem to include a large amount of biblical commentary that perhaps reflects sermons in Jewish Palestinian synagogues. Therefore, the material is of interest to NT scholars who attempt to understand the Judaism of which Jesus was a part.” (Stephenson Humphries-Brooks, “TARGUM,” in Chad Brand, Archie England, et al., Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary: The Complete Guide to Everything You Need to Know About the Bible, 48390-48397 (Kindle Edition): Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers)

With that in mind, consider this interesting commentary from John Gill on this passage of Scripture.

“The Targum is, "the praises of God in their throats, and as twoedged swords in their hands;" making the praises of God and the twoedged swords to be the same: and so Jarchi and R. Jeshuah in Aben Ezra interpret them.” (John Gill, Gill's Bible Commentary, 144297-144303 (Kindle Edition): Washington, D.C.: OSNOVA)

In other words, the passage is teaching us that our weapons of warfare include praise to God. Notice how this passage is rendered in the Passion Translation:

Psalm 149:6-9 (TPT)-God's high and holy praises fill their mouths, for their shouted praises are their weapons of war! 7 These warring weapons will bring vengeance on every opposing force and every resistant power—. 8 to bind kings with chains and rulers with iron shackles. 9 Praise-filled warriors will enforce the judgment-doom decreed against their enemies. This is the glorious honor he gives to all his godly lovers. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Other Scriptures remind us of the connection between praising God and victory in warfare.

For example:

Joshua 5:14-So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"

Judges 7:15-And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the LORD has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand."

2 Chronicles 20:22-Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

The connection with praise and spiritual warfare is especially shown in Psalm 91, where the one who worships God overcomes the attacks of Satan and demonic forces:

Psalm 91:5, 6, 13 (TPT)-You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you. 6 Don't fear a thing! Whether by night or by day, demonic danger will not trouble you, nor will the powers of evil launched against you....You'll even

walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness, trampling every one of them beneath your feet!

These blessings are for the one who is a worshipper of Jehovah. Notice the connections in the Psalms between ‘calling’ on God (Psalm 91:15) and worship:

Psalm 18:3-I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Psalm 50:15-Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

Psalm 105:1-Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Psalm 116:17-I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.

When we are faced with spiritual warfare, praise of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit will be powerful weapons for us. Worship turns our focus from ourselves and our enemies and focuses on the one true God Who is worthy to be praised, and Who gives His people the victory.

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: There Is A God! (Handouts)

Middle School Class: Heroes Of The Bible

Sunday Morning Sermon: The Steadfast Church (Acts 2:36-47)

Sunday Evening Sermon: A Second Chance (John 8:1-12)

Bible Class And Sermon Notes