

The Keavy Encourager

WELCOME TO THE KEAVY CHURCH OF CHRIST!

(July 19 2026)

- 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! Services are available online at our website and on our YouTube page.
- If you would like to be subscribed to brother Mark Tabata's email list (for weekday devotionals and other Bible and Bible related studies), please let him know!

July Prayer List

Kurt And Joanne Martin, Sanders Family, Eddie Craft (Cancer), Jimmy Brooks (Tammy's cousin, cancer), Kathy Mingus (Cancer), Anne Baker (Cancer), Sandi Tabata, Bill and Mary Ruth Browning, David and Ivy Mosley, Margie Turner (Hospice), Jake Robbins (Cancer), Coy Gilliam (Cancer), Carman Carroll, Edward Young Sr., Ed Young, Harmony Mullins, Claude Humphrey (Cancer), Felicity Lanham (Cancer), Piere Daigel, People In Ukraine, Barbourville Work, Rod Hill (Cancer-friend of brother Paul), Charlene Reef (Cancer), Jimmy Turner (Cancer), Danny Day, Kathy McFall (Brother Gary Lewis' Cousin, Cancer), Lisa Hurt, Terry & Rita Wooton And Family, Amanda Clark, Keith And Kathy Bowling, Tiffany Cox And Family, Keith And Kathy Bowling, Quintin Nelton, Kenny Irvin, James Williams, Shirley Lawson, Ronnie Gregory, Tammy Sapienza, Josh Lewis, Wade Cowden, Jake Hale, James and Anne MacDonald, Krista Cox, Linda Cowden, Wayne Hamblem, Lillie Bennett, Gary Fleming, Tristen Meadors (New Christian), Kathryn Burns Family (Lost Loved Ones), Gabriel McVeigh, Cody Riley, Ashley Wilson, Dianne Joop, Jim And Donna Abell, Frankie Sheeran, Hill Family (Lost Loved Ones), William Garland Family, Barbara Hale (Sick), Ebb Baker (Bad Fall), Fred Martin (Sick), Dana Sanders (Surgery), Tim Williams (Sick), Roger Frazier (Sick), Linda Lewis Friend (Bad Fall)

Announcements

- Today starts our Vacation Bible School! Please make plans to attend, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Flyers are available on the entryway table so please take some and invite others! **Each night is from 6-8. There will no church**

services tonight at 5:00: instead we will meet tonight at 6:00. Thanks to everyone who has been working so hard to make this a great event. If you can help in any way we still need help!

- Regularly Scheduled Events; Sunday Bible Class All Ages (Every Sunday @ 10:00); Sunday Worship (Every Sunday @ 11:00 AM And 5:00 PM); Wednesday Evening Bible Class All Ages (Every Wednesday @ 5:00); Keavy Ladies And Supportive Saints (K.L.A.S.S. Every First Sunday Of The Month After Evening Service); Keavy Support Group And Youth Group Meeting (Every Tuesday @ 6:00); Keavy Fellowship Meal (Every Last Sunday of The Month After Morning Service)

There Is A Fountain

(More Bible Studies Available @ marktabata.com)

*Zechariah 3:1-2-In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. **2** "It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.*

The Season Of The Fountain

“In That Day” Throughout Zechariah Usually References The Entire Christian Age From Jesus’ Death Till The Second Coming

Examples Of “In That Day” Throughout Zechariah	New Testament Fulfillment During Christian Age
Zechariah 2:11-Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.	Acts 2:38-39-Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Zechariah 3:10-In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbor Under his vine and under his fig tree.' "	Acts 2:46-So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,
Zechariah 3:1-4, 8-9-Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. <u>2</u> And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" <u>3</u> Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. <u>4</u> Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."...8. Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH. <u>9</u> For behold, the stone That I have laid before Joshua: Upon the stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.	Revelation 12:10-12-Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <u>11</u> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. <u>12</u> Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."
Zechariah 9:16-The LORD their God will save them in that day, As the flock of His people. For they shall be like the jewels of a crown, Lifted like a banner over His land —	John 10:11-I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Zechariah 9:9-Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.	Matthew 21:4-7-All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 5 "TELL THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, LOWLY, AND SITTING ON A DONKEY, A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.' ". 6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.
Zechariah 12:10-14-And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. 11 In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. 12 And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; 13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; 14 all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.	John 19:34-37-But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "NOT ONE OF HIS BONES SHALL BE BROKEN." 37 And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED." Revelation 1:7-Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

The Source Of The Fountain

Zechariah 13:7-"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.

The Salvation Of The Fountain

From Sin And Uncleaness; From Idols; From False Prophets; From Unclean Spirits.¹ Notice That These Are Not Instantaneous But Progressive Events Throughout The Entire Christian Era Culminating In The Second Coming (Zechariah 13:3-6; 1 Corinthians 10:19-20; Ephesians 6:10-19; 2 Peter 2:1-2; 1 John 5:21).

*Colossians 2:16-Having disarmed principalities (arche) and powers (exousia), He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*²

Colossians 2:20 (ESV)-If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits (stoicheia)³ of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations—

Demonic power is defeated by Christ's death, burial, and resurrection in the act of a repentant believer being baptized!

*Colossians 2:11-12-In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, **12** buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. **13** And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,*⁴

The Spread Of The Fountain

*Zechariah 14:4-5, 8-9-And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south. **5** Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You....8. And in that day it shall be—That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall*

occur: **2** *And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be "The LORD is one," And His name one.*⁵

Why wait?

Acts 22:16-And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

1 John 1:7-But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

William Cowper is one of God's gracious gifts to those suffering from depression. Like the Psalmist who cried, "Why are you cast down, O my soul?" (Psalm 42: 5), Cowper shows us that our emotional struggles often give us heightened sensitivity to the heart of God and to the needs of others. Cowper (pronounced Cooper), born in 1731, was the fourth child of a British clergyman and his wife. William's three siblings died, then his mother died while giving birth to the fifth child. William was six when he lost his mother, and it was a blow from which he never recovered. Years later, when someone sent him a picture of her, he wrote: My mother! when I learn'd that thou wast dead, Say, wast thou conscious of the tears I shed? Hover'd thy spirit o'er thy sorrowing son, Wretch even then, life's journey just begun? . . . I heard the bell toll'd on thy burial day, I saw the hearse that bore thee slow away, And, turning from my nurs'ry window, drew A long, long sigh, and wept a last adieu! William, emotionally frail, was sent to a boarding school where for two years he was terrorized by a bully which further shattered his nerves. From ages 10 to 18, he had a better experience at Westminster School, developing a love for literature and poetry. His father wanted him to be an attorney, but, preparing for his bar exam, he experienced runaway anxiety. Concluding himself damned, he threw away his Bible and attempted suicide. Friends recommended an asylum run by Dr Nathaniel Cotton, a lover of poetry and a committed Christian. Under Dr. Cotton's care, William slowly recovered. In the asylum in 1764, he found the Lord while reading Romans 3: 25: ". . . whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith" His life was still to hold many dark days of intense depression, but at least he now had a spiritual foundation. As he later put it: There is a fountain filled with blood / Drawn from Immanuel's veins, / And sinners plunged beneath that flood, / Lose all their guilty stains." (Robert J. Morgan, *Then Sings My Soul* Special Edition: 150 of the World's Greatest Hymns Stories, 1021-1037 (Kindle Edition): Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, Inc.)

Endnotes

¹ “Jarchi and Kimchi interpret “the unclean spirit” of the corruption of nature; but that will not cease as long as men are in a mortal state. This prophecy is, by the ancient Jews, (p) applied to the times of the Messiah. (p) Zohar in Gen, fol. 53. 4. & 73. 1.” (John Gill, Gill’s Bible Commentary, 225857 (Kindle Edition): OSNOVA)

² Testament Of Solomon–“I therefore, having heard this, glorified the Lord God, and again I questioned the demon, saying: “Tell me how you can ascend into heaven, being demons, and amidst the stars and holy angels intermingle.” And he answered: “Just as things are fulfilled in heaven, so also on Earth (are fulfilled) the types of all of them. For there are principalities (*arche*), authorities (*exousia*), world-rulers (*kosmokratōr*), and we demons (*daimonia*), fly about in the air; and we hear the voices of the heavenly beings, and survey all the powers.”

³ The interpretation of stoicheia as personal spiritual entities is the most compelling view. Consequently this interpretation has commanded the consent of the majority of commentators in the history of the interpretation of the passages.¹² This view is based partly on the widespread usage of stoicheia for astral spirits in the second and third centuries A.D. (and probably before). The word was used, for instance, in the Greek magical papyri in connection with the Zodiac: “I conjure you by the 12 stoicheia of heaven and the 24 stoicheia of the world in order that you would lead me to Heracles.”¹³ It is important to realize that not only pagans used this word to refer to spirits, but Jews also used this word in that sense. The Jewish Testament of Solomon, written during the Roman Imperial period, includes five references to stoicheia as spirit beings. In the following passage the stoicheia are linked with the kosmokratores (cf. Eph 6:12):...These terms further reflect the wide array of vocabulary in reference to spirit beings, shared by Jews and Gentiles alike. Paul drew from this reservoir of terminology with which his readers would be readily familiar. He showed no interest, however, in discussing what he believed to be true about the starry host. Rather, he lumped all manner of spirits together, affirmed Christ’s superiority, and encouraged believers to be prepared for their hostile intentions and attacks by reminding minding his readers of their past ability to enslave. (Clinton Arnold, Powers Of Darkness: Principalities & Powers In Paul’s Letters, 54 (Kindle Edition); Downers Grove, Illinois; InterVarsity Press)

4. In conclusion, Paul is affirming that Christ has performed a spiritual circumcision that consists of the removal of the compulsion to sin (“the flesh”) for all who are incorporated into him. 12 συνταφέντες αὐτῷ ἐν τῷ βαπτισμῷ, “when you were buried with him in baptism.” **The circumcision that Christ performs on believers takes place in the events associated with their baptism.**... The similarity between the two texts also extends to baptism as the rite through which believers are said to participate in Christ’s death. A key part of Paul’s concern in Rom 6 is to convey to believers that by virtue of their participation in Christ, the power of sin has been broken and no longer exerts a compelling reign over their lives. They have been set free from the overwhelming power of sin (Rom 6:7) and no longer have to serve it as an irresistible despot over their lives (Rom 6:6). They are, in fact, liberated from its dominating curse and are now able to live for God (Rom 6:10–11).... Yet the burial with Christ is grammatically dependent on περιετμήθητε, “you were circumcised,” and thereby explains when and how the spiritual circumcision takes place.¹⁰⁰ It is not to be interpreted as dependent on the verb that follows (συνηγέρθητε, “you were raised”) because the ἐν ᾧ καί, “in him also,” introduces a new thought. The time of this participle is coincident with the main verb. **In other words, the circumcision takes place precisely in the events associated with conversion-initiation (expressed by “baptism”).**... Paul further specifies that this takes place ἐν τῷ βαπτισμῷ, “in baptism.” From the very beginning of the Christian movement, baptism was the ritual of initiation into the new community established by Jesus Christ. Peter declared the importance of this rite at the end of his Pentecost sermon (Acts 2:38), and the three thousand who responded to his message were baptized (Acts 2:41). The practice of baptism continued as the gospel spread to various regions and among those who were not Jews; for example, the Samaritans (Acts 8:12), the Ethiopian (Acts 8:38), the first group of gentiles (Acts 10:47–48), and in the gentile mission (Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8).... For Paul, this ritual powerfully symbolizes the participation of believers in the death and resurrection of Christ. **Yet certainly it can be said that the readers at Colossae needed to internalize and think through the implications of what it meant for them to be in this relationship of solidarity with Christ. Their participation in Christ’s death clearly entailed not only their deliverance from the power of sin as it came to expression through the evil influence of the flesh (2: 11b), but also deliverance from the domain of the principalities and powers (1: 13; 2: 15).** Paul affirms later in the letter that they have died with Christ (ἀπεθάνετε σὺν Χριστῷ) from the demonic spirits of the world (2: 20). This is something the Colossian believers needed to hear because they were being unduly influenced by these demonic spirits (2: 8). (Clinton E. Arnold, Colossians, Volume 44A: Second Edition (Word Biblical Commentary), 495-497 (Kindle Edition, emphasis added): Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic)

⁵. With chapters 11-13 all referring to the first advent, it is to be assumed that chapter 14 will also, although it is recognized that a move to later things is a possibility. Taken alone, the first seven verses of chapter 14 could well have eschatological significance, but verse 8 makes it clear that he refers to the gospel as living water....That this is a figure of speech cannot be denied, since it is a physical impossibility for waters to flow in two directions from the point of origin. The natural lay of the land would cause waters from Jerusalem to flow eastward to the Salt Sea, as Ezekiel has it. But in this place, as well as in Ezekiel, the waters refer to the water of life—not to literal water. The same figure of speech is used of Jesus: “Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst let him come to me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water” (John 7: 37-38). Literalists are hard put to explain this as rivers of ordinary water, for it is not ordinary water. It is living water. Jeremiah spoke of people forsaking the fountain of “living waters” (Jer. 2: 13: 17: 13). These waters flowing to the east and to the west from Jerusalem point to the universality of the gospel message. It is for all men—not for the Jews only. Since chapter 14 also refers to the first advent and the gospel age, we must interpret the verses that preceded verse 8 in like manner. This is done by recognizing that the battle mentioned is of the battle between good and evil, expressed in apocalyptic terms. The splitting of the Mount of Olives is a figurative method of expressing the division that occurred at Christ’s first coming, and which persists unto this day. Some have accepted Him: some have not accepted Him. (Everett I. Carver, *When Jesus Comes Again*, 8200-8216 (Kindle Edition): Prestonsburg KY: Reformation Publishers)