



# Kelham Korner

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Wednesday, March 5, 2025

## Prayer God is Faithful Newer Requests

- Shelley & Allen Cloud—trip to Mayo this month
- Joan Cox—continued healing/foot
- Steve Daniel (Justine Hoel's son-in-law)—cancer
- Betty Decker—cancer
- Gary Gore—Home from hospital on IV drip
- Mitzi and Roger Hembree—health (cancer of tongue)
- Wayne Hendricks—strength
- Floyd & Twila Howard—health
- Julia Huntley (health—home—still recuperating)
- Toni Huntley—recuperation
- Littleton family—*unspoken*
- Chris McEver
- Ron Meek's neighbor
- Chris, brother of Ginger Montgomery—*health*
- Billye Murrell—*recuperation*
- Pam Sherrod—home on oxygen, thanksgiving
- Del Wilburn (Kathy Rattan's father)—*declining health*

### Ongoing Prayer Needs

- Glenda Anderson—health
- Beverly & Mike Beardain—health/memory; Chad
- Bette Fehrle—health
- Mark Handley's son & his brother, Tracy
- Brady Hurd—nephew of Julia Huntley, *stage 4 cancer*
- Danny Imhoff—*health*
- Margaret Keillor, wife of pastor's friend—*radiation*
- David Smith—friend of Mark Handley, heart issues
- Sawyer Vincent—Danny and Tina's grandson—health
- Becca Rocco's sister-in-law, Kathy Ketter
- New leaders and representatives

### PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM Military

Heather Riggins; Floyd Howard's grandson

### Our Homebound

- Sam Castleberry
- Lloyd and Joan Dickerson (Burlson, TX)
- Billye Murrell (assisted living, Texas)
- Donna Shick, Carol Kimberlin's mother (Grace, Bethany)
- Justine Hoel (Bellevue, Room 446A)

### Our College Students

- Hallie Benedict—Southwest Baptist
- Madi Montgomery—Wichita State University
- Donavon Pietzsch—North Texas State University
- Mieka Pietzsch—University of Oklahoma
- Makenna Vess—OCCC

For addresses and phone numbers call the office.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:13)

## March Birthdays

- 5 Dawn Kuykendall-Reed
- 9 Cole Hixon
- 14 Quilla Lovely
- Sara Rattan
- 18 Alan Kimberlin
- 19 Olivia Thompson Maiuro
- 20 Robert Macias
- 21 Michael Macias
- Takota Macias
- 31 Carole-Marie Nix



**This Sunday  
March 9!**

## Week of Prayer for North American Missions

March 2—9

Our Goal: \$2000

STEP INTO THE  
**STORY**



Stewardship for Morning	3/02/2025
Budget Receipts:	\$3,743.00
Weekly Budget Required:	\$3,894.57
Over/Under:	\$151.57
T.A.B.:	\$20.00
Verda Holland OBHC:	\$30.00
Edna McMillan State Missions:	\$20.00
Lottie Moon Missions:	\$20.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:	\$260.00



**GAME DAY**  
Thursday, March 6  
J H Johnson Center  
1213 NW 122nd  
2 PM—4 PM



**April 13, Morning  
Service**

## Guess Who!

This photo, which Claudia Montgomery provided, is from Children's Camp at Falls Creek in 1984. Claudia and Billie Long are on the back row. The man is Robert Huckleberry, former Youth Director.



## Pre-Vacation Ponderings—Part 1

**Why do I preach verse-by-verse** through a passage or book of the Bible? First, I believe the Bible *is* God's Word. Second, I believe that Word is *inspired by God* and in the original manuscripts consists of the actual words God intended for us to read. Third, God gave His Word verse-by-verse, though, of course, there were no verses in the originals. (The argument that "No one has seen the original manuscripts" is something for later.) Why do I believe these things? The Bible teaches them. We could quote proof-texts all day to establish that the Bible teaches it is God's Word, but it's simpler to look at how King David understood God's Word, how Jesus saw God's Word, and how Paul saw God's Word.

**In Psalm 19, after examining God's witness** in Creation (His unspoken Word), David turned to "the law of the Lord" (vs. 7). "Law" is the Hebrew word *Torah*, a word Jews applied first to the Pentateuch—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy—later to the whole Hebrew Bible, thirty-nine books divided into the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings. David believed and wrote that God's Law is "perfect," complete, having integrity, "*entirely in accord with truth and fact*" (Brown, Driver, and Briggs, *The New Brown-Driver-Briggs-Gesenius Hebrew Aramaic Lexicon*, p. 1071). David used several terms for God's Word—"testimony," "statutes," and "commandment." Each conveys a different perspective, like a jeweler turning a precious stone and examining it with his loupe. "Testimony" implies a reminder or warning. "Statutes" portrays "active intervention to help" (Hamilton, *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, Vol. II, p. 732). "Commandment" is *mitsvah*, a word used for terms of a contract in a land purchase agreement or the instruction of a son by his father. David went on in other places to exalt God's Word. Psalm 138:2 says, "Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." Thirty-six times, he referred to "thy word" in the Psalms—thirty-five of those are in that great acrostic, Psalm 119. Psalm 119:140 proclaims, "Thy word is very pure," picturing purging of impurities by the refiner's fire.

**Jesus' use of Scripture reflects the same perspective.** We need look only to the temptation narratives in Matthew and Luke to see He believed the Bible is God's very Word. There are two more instances, however, in which Jesus showed His trust in the *written* Scriptures. When He confronted the Pharisees in Matthew 22, he asked, "What think ye of Christ [Messiah] whose son is he?" (vs. 41). Their answer was, "The Son of David." He then reminded them of what David had written in Psalm 110 (affirming His own belief in its Davidic authorship): "How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, the LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If then David called him Lord, how is he his son?" The rabbis considered that a Messianic passage. Jesus pointed out that David wrote, Jehovah said to my Master (the Hebrew words are different—*Jehovah* and *Adonai*; thus

the different capitalization in the King James). The actual words matter.

**A second instance took place** in the same chapter when the Sadducees (who did not believe resurrection) posed their trick question about which of seven brothers would have a wife who had married each in succession by the marriage laws of Deuteronomy 25. Jesus addressed their underlying disbelief in resurrection by quoting Exodus 3:6: "I am the God of thy father Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." That hinges on "I am." God did not say, "I was." Matthew used the full Greek expression, εγω ειμι. (Jesus quoted the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament. That might hold implications as to whether translations are inspired.) God still *is* the God of departed believers.

**Finally, how did Paul use the Scriptures?** He believed in the inspiration of the actual words. In Galatians 3 he explained God's covenant promises, given prior to the Law, taking precedent to the Ten Commandments, were "to Abraham and his seed" (vs. 16), "not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." His argument depended on whether a single word was plural or singular.

**I believe the Bible is "inspired" by God.** Why? Because it claims that for itself. Second Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." The Bible does not say the *authors* were inspired but *what they wrote*, "scripture," literally "writing," is. God breathed out the Scriptures. They are the breath of God. Paul was talking about the Old Testament as verse 15 indicates: "From a child thou has known the holy scriptures, which are able to make the wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." "Scriptures" is the Greek word for writings. Peter explained the *process* of revelation—the act by which God reveals His truth: "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Pet. 1:21). God revealed truth and the Bible writers were carried along by God's Spirit and using their own grammar and vocabulary, they wrote exactly what God wanted.

**If the very words of the Bible are God's breath**, it means we should see exactly what He revealed. That's why I preach verse-by-verse. If we take words out of context in a letter or document, we risk twisting the meaning and intent. Peter warned about those who "wrest" (2 Pet. 3:16) "scriptures, unto their own destruction."

**Read the Book.** The Bereans were "more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Believe the Book. Jesus told His Jewish listeners, "[You] Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). They did not believe the very Word of God which they poured over constantly. Yet as Jesus said, the scriptures witnessed He is God, the Savior.



Brother Gary