

*The church of Christ at Luverne*

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*Assembly Assignments for August, 2010*

**The Lord's Supper**

Clinton Laird / Bobby Owens / Francis Hoffman / John Frost

**Announcements**

Bob Williams

**Building Duties**

Dale Sanders

**Greeters**

Rodney McCartha  
J. W. Furr

**Nursing Home Duties**

Ross Sanders  
Russ Kilcrease

**Lord's Supper Preparation**

Ceil Casey

**Scripture Reading**

Bob Williams

*Privileged to Serve on August 8, 2010*

**Morning Prayer**

Steve Sanders (opening)  
Jace Sanders (closing)

**Evening Prayer**

Ronald Hilburn (opening)  
Rodney McCartha (closing)

**Song Leader**

Frankie Sims

**A/V Equipment**

Jonathon Welch

If you are unable to serve, please contact Danny Rolling - 429-0055/335-3030  
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

# *The Messenger*



**Minister  
Keith Dixon**

**Services**

**Every Sunday**

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

**Every Wednesday**

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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## “Power”

When any one considers a word, this word must be considered in the context in which it is used. The word can then be discerned of the meaning, which the author had intended. Words can have different meanings. Let us consider the word “power.”

First when dealing with different languages, it is not always easy to translate from one language into another. The word “love” comes to mind for illustration. In English this word has several different meanings. We have others words that could come under the heading of love. The word, “charity” is an example. In the Greek language there are different words that are translated “love.” There is the word “agapao” and there is the word, “phileo.” (These examples come from Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words.) These words are used to express different feelings that one is to have for others that are lost when translated into English. “Agapao” is the highest form of love, while “phileo” is used of brotherly love.

There are two Greek words that are translated “power” into English. One is the word “dunamis.” According to Vine it means, “ability or might” and is used also figuratively. This word is the word from which we get our word “dynamite.” This is the word that is translated “power” in Romans 1:16. This passage reads, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” The Gospel is given by God to save man. The Gospel has the “ability or might” to save man. (If you do not have a copy of Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words then it would be well worth your time and expense to obtain one. This dictionary is included in many basic Bible programs that one could buy. Just make sure the Bible program you buy has it included in the program).

Another Greek word that is translated into English as “power” is “exousia” (These words are being transliterated. That means that the Greek letters are being transferred into English, letter for letter). This word has to do with “freedom of action, right to act.” Vine’s also tells us to look up the words, “authority” or “principality.” This is the word that is used in Matthew 28:18 where, “Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” The American Standard Version of 1901 has “authority.”

There are other words in the Greek language that are translated into our word “power.” These words are the all nouns. There are also some adjectives that are translated power, but these words are akin to the nouns and would have basically the same meanings as their counterparts.

When we are studying a passage of scripture, and are trying to come to a knowledge of what it means, these meanings and differences must be studied to come to a complete meaning of the verse. Consider this passage, “And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” Now what does the word “power,” mean in this passage? With a little research the student finds that the word “power” in Romans 1:4 comes from “dunamis.” Since we can supply the meaning of the word for the word, the passage still ought to make sense. Let us see, “And declared to be the Son of God with might or ability, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” The resurrection was the crowning note that proved Him to be the Son of God.

This ought to help us when we study the Bible. We are to make sure we are using the right word with the right definition to have the proper understanding of the Bible. Careful and complete study of the Bible is necessary. This is what 2 Timothy 2:15 is all about. We are to study to show ourselves approved unto God. This means that we are never to give up studying our Bibles! We can still grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ no matter what our age!

Love Keith



## In Our Prayers

- Lynn Beasley – continuing treatment
- Ruby Bush – begins chemo 8-9-10
- Sean Coggins – procedure went well
- Ken Helms – health problems
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Lucy Kilpatrick – in Atlanta
- Maggie Marshall – surgery went well; in hospital in Cincinnati
- Tommy Sipper – problem with foot
- Patrick Smith – broken leg
- Ryan Wilkes – broken leg; at home
- Lyndsay Turner - continuing recovery at home

### In Luverne Nursing Facility:

Margaret Hall  
Allene Mount  
Edwina Rolling

- **Pray for all those who have lost loved ones.**

- **Pray for soldiers overseas.**

Tim Dixon  
Edward Lowery (til’ 9-10)

### And at Summer Camp:

David Sanders  
Sam Sanders

- **Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God’s will.**

### August Calendar

**8-8-10** Youth devos begin – **NOTE**

**CHANGE: Elba** church of Christ

**8-15-10** – Mens’ Monthly Business Meeting

**8-22-10** – Bowling Fellowship

**8-29-10** – “Fifth Sunday” Schedule (Lunch following morning worship and final service at 1:00 p.m.)

**CONGRATULATIONS! To John and Samantha Hoffman on the birth of Marli-Anne on 7-25-10. She is the granddaughter of Francis Hoffman.**

## BITING OUR TONGUE?

Excerpt from L. Seckler

A king ordered his servant to buy the best food he could find so he could treat his guests. The servant bought a huge supply of tongues. Dish after dish was served, everyone containing tongues.

The king was very upset and scolded the servant saying: “I gave you direct instructions to buy the best foods and all you bring is tongue? To which the servant replies: “Sir, I have obeyed your orders. Is there anything better than tongue? Is not the tongue the bond of civil society, the organ of truth and reason, and the instrument of praise and adoration to God?”

The next day the king ordered his servant to buy the worst food he could find. The servant comes back with more tongues. “What is this, more tongues?” asks the king with indignation. The servant boldly explains: “Sir, the tongue is also the worst thing there is. It is the cause of strife and war, the inventor of lawsuits, and the source of division. It is the organ of errors, of lies, of slander and blasphemies.”

### James 3: 9-10

With it [*the tongue*] we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.