

Despite my struggle with pronunciation, the ability to sound out words is vital for others to understand what is spoken. The apostle Paul sternly told the Corinthian brothers that they needed to “sound it out” so that they could be understood. In I Corinthians 14:9, Paul states, *“So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.”* He further explains the importance in verse 23, *“Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?”*

When words are sounded out, it is not only vital that people understand the words, but that they hear “sound words!” This is why the apostle Paul declared to Titus, *“But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine”* (Titus 2:1) because it is by *“holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict”* (Titus 1:9). The koine Greek word that is translated “sound” means that which is healthy, pure and uncorrupted. Sadly, Paul warned that some would pervert and corrupt the truth and not endure sound doctrine (II Timothy 4:3), which is why we must be determined to hold fast the pattern of sound words (II Timothy 1:13).

While I may not always sound out certain words with proper pronunciation, especially the koine Greek words, it is vital that I sound out sound words. Because when it comes to the gospel, it is important to “sound it out!!”

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**II Timothy 2:15**

**Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 PM

**Thursday**

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

**Sun. Morning**

**Radio & TV**

**KTXR 101.3 FM**

Lifeline 7:15 AM

**Channel 10**

Search 7:00 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

**Channel 33**

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

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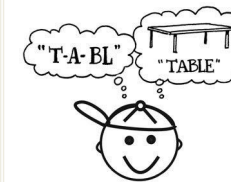
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**BULLETIN**

**SOUND IT OUT**

*2 Timothy 1:13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.*

In the book of Job, Elihu speaks to Job some worthy words of truth: *“Therefore listen to me, you men of understanding: Far be it from God to do wickedness, And from the Almighty to commit iniquity (Job 34:10).* Then he follows in verse 16 with these words, *“If you have understanding, hear this; Listen to the sound of my words.”*



The sound of words can be a monumental challenge. When I was in elementary school, or in other words, many moons ago, like many young students, pronouncing new vocabulary words was not a talent. Often the teacher would say to us less gifted students, “just sound it out”. I would then attempt to “sound it out,” but usually with similar results - incorrectly. I am embarrassed to admit it, but I even struggled to pronounce the word “vocabulary”. I am just glad I could sound out my vocabulary words without ever saying the word vocabulary! While taking Greek at the Northside School of Preaching, Brother Laverne Stewart introduced his koine Greek class by saying it is a dead language and not a spoken language. This gave a bit of relief because it was Greek to me! However, Brother Stewart followed that statement by saying that what his students would do is to “sound it out” by syllables. Talk about a sickening feeling; I felt like it was elementary school all over again.

And if that was not enough, later I went back to school at the University of Arkansas and took another koine Greek class. This two semester class was centered around reading the koine Greek in the classics like *The Odyssey* of Homer. Once again that old sick to the stomach feeling was back because each student was required to read out loud in each class session. And when it was my turn, this professor learned I must have failed miserably with vocabulary words. He would make a stern face and say loudly and distinctly, “sound it out!” This professor was an orthodox Jew and must have known well the words of Deuteronomy 1:34, *“And the Lord heard the sound of your words, and was angry.”* So was this professor! However, Brother Stewart did well teaching the fundamentals and the mechanics of the koine Greek language. Thanks to him, I made a 100% on all the tests to the disdain of this Jewish Greek professor. But I knew I was struggling with pronunciation. Therefore, fearing failure at semester end, I felt it best to beg for mercy from the professor. To my surprise, he said he would give me an A for the class, but he didn't really want to do so because when it came to “sounding it out” I did so poorly.

## Privileged to Serve

### Worship

Coordinator: Bobby Lewis

Announcements: Tim Brashears

## Sunday AM

### Before Service Greeters:

Terry Cruise & Helen Marchand

### After Services Greeters:

Kay Lewis & Ruth McMasters

Songleader: Eddie Watkins

### Lord's Table

\*John Marchand, William Dill, Steve Crews, Robert Comer

Opening Prayer: David Doherty

Closing Prayer: Larry Chafin

Sermon: Bob Lewis

## Sunday PM

### Before & After Services

Greeters: Thad & Patsy Layne

Songleader: Youth Focus

Lord's Table: Ron Peck

Opening Prayer: Youth Focus

Closing Prayer: Youth Focus

Sermon: Rick Bright

## Wed. Night

### Before & After Services

Greeters: Betty Sheppard & Beverly Bram

Devotional: Jerry Cruise

Songleader: Ron Thompson

Prayer: John Hopkins

## News and Announcements:

### Welcome Visitors

Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate.



**The Power of the Gospel in Kenya:** Brother Bob Lewis will be speaking this morning in class and during the worship assembly. He will share with us how the gospel has reached the Maasai people. And tell us how the door for the gospel is open for the work.

**Directory update:** Please verify that your family information is correct on the sheets in the foyer.

### On your Agenda!

**Youth Devotional and Fellowship Day:** Food, fun and crafts will begin at 4 p.m. this afternoon for our young people here at the building. *Devotional: Biblical Love in Action.*

### Youth Focus tonight! Bring a friend!

**Sunday Sundaes!** All the kids 12 and under are invited to McDonalds after worship for free ice cream sundaes tonight.



### 1st Sunday Attendance Goal

**133 Souls**

Invite and re-invite letters available in the foyer

**Luncheon Planning:** Non-widows will meet again at 8:30 Thursday to continue planning the widow/widower luncheon.



March 3—Fellowship Dinner  
 March 10—Sing at Nursing Homes  
 March 10—Men's Business Meeting  
 March 17—Youth Night  
 March 24—Youth Focus  
 April 12—Widow/Widowers Luncheon

### Questions and Answers:

- What did Paul say a good soldier must endure? 2 Timothy 2:3-4
- How many gathered in the valley of decision in Joel 3? Joel 3:14



## Remember in Prayer:

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16

\* indicates members at Marshfield

**Ken Bebee's** surgery went well. Continued prayers are requested.

**Greg Bright** is improving and was able to stand with assistance.

**Ken Cooksey** has stage 4 renal failure and other health issues.

\* **Donna Demshar** will have a heart procedure on March 13.

**Mary Harrison**, Amber Heistand's grandmother, is recuperating from a broken hip.

**Geneva Howe** has been having trouble with her blood levels.

\* **Estelline Jones** has had low blood oxygen levels.

**Marsha Kammerer** had surgery Monday and is recuperating.

**Kenna Kammerer** has cancer and hospice has been called in.

**Calvin Lamb**, Alan's brother, is recovering from surgery for a detached retina.

**JoAnne Lawrence** has bronchitis.

**Doris Letterman**, Connie Isis's sister, has pain in her legs and is having trouble walking.

**Diane McGuire**, friend of the McMasters, had surgery for a twisted hernia and has suffered complications.

**Gayle McGuire** will have knee surgery.

**Keith McHenry** continues to have a multitude of health problems while waiting for a kidney donor.

**Tye McMasters** was able to walk the length of the parallel bars during his therapy.

\* **John Nash** has basal cell carcinoma and severe arthritis pain.



### Birthdays

Easton Hyder  
 Cloah Hampton

### Anniversaries

No Feb. anniversaries

**Curtis Pankey** is being kept sedated because he gets really agitated when he wakes up.

**Donna Plummer's** blood work showed she does not need chemo.

\* **Roy Phillips** will have some testing in order to stabilize his heart rate.

**Micaiah Sedlacek**, JoAnne's nephew, is having severe hip pain.

**Issie Tabor (13)**, whose family used to worship here, has had cancer 2 or 3 times and it is growing again.

**James Taylor**, a friend of the Hyders, is battling cancer.

**Lorella Treadway**, Norma Nash's sister-in-law, will have her kidney transplant soon.

**Trudy Twitty**, Terry McMaster's cousin, had emergency surgery for a blood clot in her foot Tuesday night.

**Dan Wampler**, Nacho's boss, has lung cancer.

**Ron Webb**, Pat Cruise's cousin, whose chemo treatments are no longer working.

### Remember The Homebound

- **Judy Barrow** (Webco)
- **Bonnie Doherty** (Webco East)
- **Ina Gillette** (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- **Estelline Jones** (Home)
- **Pat Lamb** (Marshfield Care Center)
- **Zoe Lawless** of Conway (Webco)
- **Rosalie Rosenberger** (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jacksonville, FL.



### Record for February 17

Sunday AM	69
Sunday PM	cancelled due to weather
Wed. PM	77
Total Contribution:	\$1008
2019 Contribution Budget	\$2416

Together we sharpen one another  
 Proverbs 27:17

