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How Goes The Battle?

A casual acquaintance said these words to me recently, "How goes the battle?" After making sure I heard him correctly (as this is not a phraseology you hear every day), I thought to myself, "How do I answer that one?" There are so many battles I wage on a daily basis; selfishness, pride and attitude, health, stress and physical battles, and all out spiritual warfare. What exactly was he asking me? I guess it depends on the context. So I answered with an equally, vague, yet loaded reply, "The battle rages."

As I thought on these words I was reminded of a battle in the Bible. It takes place in Exodus 17:8-13. Moses and the Israelites are warring with Amalek. Moses appoints Joshua as his general and then goes to a nearby hill with a purpose in mind. As long as Moses held up his rod in his hand Israel prevailed, however when he lowered it, the battle went the other way. After a period of time Moses gave out. At this point he could have given up and accepted defeat, but two things happened. Moses found a place to sit, and he accepted help from his friends. Aaron and Hur supported his hands for him.

Here are the keys to this battle. **1. It was already won--**God fought on the side the Israelites as long as Moses followed God's instructions. **2. It is OK to accept help in your battle--**Moses needed to recognize and admit his weakness and let his friends help him. **3. Moses honored the true victor of the battle--**And Moses built an altar and called its name, *The-LORD-Is-My-Banner (Exodus 17:15)*. These are important things to keep in mind in our daily combats.

"How Goes the Battle?" While I may not be sure of what this man was asking me, I do know the question was a great one because it reminded me that no matter what the battle is, I need to make sure I fight it by God's side. Notice, I did not say with, "God by my side," that gives me too much credit. I know if God is in guiding me, then the outcome of that battle is already set. I forget that too often. Still, when I do, I can always trust in David to give me a reminder.

He ransoms me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me (Psalms 55:18).

We can have the same peace that David had as he wrote these words. When God goes before us the battle is a forgone conclusion. David knew what we all need to remember-- God fights for His children!

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For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.
For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.
For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.
For the “people in the box” the lost in our families and community.
For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time
For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.
For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri
For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel
Rick Richmond a continuing request for his healing.
Emerson Coriell as he is going through chemotherapy.
Sarah Gilliland is scheduled for an MRI in Columbus this week.
Kristine Coriell had to change medicines last week due to unwanted side-effects of the first medicine. She wears a heart monitor for 30 days and goes back for a check up.
The Cram Family—an ongoing request for Matt, Kendra, Alex and Emily.
Cathy Ramey had her back surgery on Wednesday. She is home now but is still in much pain.
Willis Shumway still confined at home with severe back pain.
Ellen Lemon has been diagnosed with endometrial cancer. She has an appointment in Columbus on 3/25 to schedule a surgery. Initial assessment is that this is treatable.
Becky Jarvis asks for prayer for the son of a co-worker with drug problems causing serious family problems.
Elwood Turner (Leslie Turner’s grandfather) going through testing associated with prostate cancer.
Heather (Rine) Brooks has been diagnosed with advanced cancer and is in need of our prayers.

March Is MRDD Awareness Month

March is MRDD Awareness Month in Scioto County. An insert has been included with the bulletin today to emphasize the presence of many in our community who deal with various kinds of disabilities and what we can do to help them. Note that the poem on the back of the flyer was written by the man pictured above it. He writes by using a rod attached to his helmet with which he hits the keyboard.

A Reminder to All

Mark Gampp has been given responsibility for the upkeep and repair of the building. Please do not spend any of his budget without first checking with him.

Spirit Club Verse of the Month

I Jn 3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.....

Room Changes

The elders are relocating two important rooms. The new Quiet Room is where the children’s library used to be. This room is open to both mothers and fathers. The Cradle Roll room is reserved for a private place for nursing mothers. Therefore, women only should be using that room.

Shepherd’s Prayer Session

This Thursday, at 7:30 pm, the overseers of our congregation will be meeting for a time of prayer for the needs and concerns of the congregation. If you have requests that you want included in that prayer session, be sure to get with one of the shepherds before Thursday evening. Our shepherds are Tom Kelley, Jon Coriell, Wayne Gampp and Don Coriell.

Easter Reminders

Next Sunday our nation celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will have many visitors in our midst. Please do the following things to help us welcome our visitors.

- 1. Give them priority for parking spaces and seats.** If you can park somewhere besides our lot, please do. Also, be ready to scoot to the middle of the pew to make room.
- 2. Pray about the service,** the message and the receptivity of those who come.
- 3. Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you.** Many people who don’t ordinarily come to church will come on Easter. Why not have them come here to Sunshine?
- 4. Make a point to greet those you know to be visitors.**



Easter Egg Hunt

It’s that time of year again! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 22 @ 11 am. Donations fo candy are appreciated, please put them on the coat rack in the foyer. Candy should be individually wrapped and something that doesn’t melt. We saved eggs from last year. After the hunt we are planning a little picnic. Bring a blanket,a sack lunch for your kids, maybe some outside toys, etc. If the weather is really bad, we will move things inside.



Great News

On Tuesday evening, **Jeff and Kayla McGraw** confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized into the body of Christ. Be sure to greet them this morning in the Lord and to pray for them as they begin their walk with the Lord. Kelly, Jeff’s husband and Kayla’s mother, was baptized years ago as a teen. This family is now united in Christ. PTL. Please add the following information to your directories:

McGraw, Jeff, Kelly and Kayla; 901 Frederick Rd; Wheelersburg, 45694, 820-8476.

Local Mission Opportunity

In light of the recent mission trips, another mission field has been identified that requires immediate attention—our own community. There are many in our community who have both spiritual and physical needs. We feel that we should begin addressing the spiritual needs of our community by taking care of their physical needs first. The Angel Food ministry has been a successful way to do just this, and has given Sunshine a better presence in our community. However we would like to take another step in this direction by providing free food to those in need.

Each summer many of us who raise gardens bring in our extra vegetables and fruits to share. We would like to redirect this practice and begin a “Farmers Market” to provide those in need with free produce.

We are tentatively planning to have the Farmers Market on Monday evenings, and on Angel Food pick up days. We ask that anyone wishing to participate bring their produce with them to church on Sundays. We are also considering doing some canning and freezing to set food back for the winter months.

The farmers market will not be advertised. We will target people/families identified through Angel Food ministry, those brought to our attention by the membership, through the benevolence program and walk-ins. While we will not turn anyone away, this ministry is meant to benefit those who truly need help.

Please plan to plant a little extra in your gardens. There are also going to be opportunities for those who don't raise gardens to help as well. More details will come later. Please see Gabe or Mandi Coriell for details.

Girl Scout Project Deadline

Troop 1097 is currently involved in a project to send girl scout cookies to Iraq for our troops. Today is the last day to help. If you would like to help them in this project, give your contribution to Melissa Lauder and she will see that the cookies are purchased and shipped. Each box is \$3.00.

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

3/16 Acts 26
3/23 Acts 27-28
3/30 Romans 1-2

Wednesday

3/19 Jonah 1-4
3/26 Micah 1-6



3/22 **Easter Egg Hunt**, 11 a.m.
4/25-27 **Sunshine Youth Rally @ Fort Hill Youth Camp**
5/26 **Memorial Day Parade** in Minford
6/23-27 **Vacation Bible School @ Sunshine**
7/13-19 **Sunshine Week @ Fort Hill Youth Camp**

VBS Leaders Needed

We had a great VBS last year, but I think we may have a better one this year. We're working on the theme of **LOST CITIES OF THE BIBLE**. We are going to take our VBS students to 12 different Biblical cities over the course of VBS, three each night. They'll learn something about the city itself, but they will also become part of a reenactment of some Biblical event that happened in that city.

We need at least TWELVE dedicated people to take on the planning and building of a lost city and then to figure out how to portray the event that happened in the city. There are already some ideas in place but the leaders are free to work with the city in the way that they see fit. We have \$100.00 budgeted for each city. Some of our locations will be under tents outside. (Yes, we have run out of room in the building.) At this point, we may be setting up as many as five large open-wall tents for VBS. We're planning a VBS for 200 students and about 80-90 adults and helpers. This will be a huge challenge for us, but I can “see” it happening and it will be a VBS to remember.

THE SHEETS WHICH DESCRIBE EACH CITY ARE ON THE SOUTH WALL OF THE AUDITORIUM. MORE THAN ONE PERSON CAN SIGN UP TO CREATE A CITY, BUT WE DEFINITELY NEED AT LEAST ONE DEPENDABLE PERSON FOR EACH CITY. THERE ARE OTHER JOBS LISTED TOO: Auditorium Decoration, Refreshments for VBS, Picnic Meal for Friday's program. We are eliminating the craft/activity period and incorporating more activity and craft

type things in the “city visits.” I would like to have these spots filled by Sunday, April 13. VBS will be held June 23-27 this year, from 6:30-8:45 pm. Pray hard, work hard and God will bless this VBS. Steve.

Update on Future Expansion and Budget

The elders announced last Sunday evening that the budget goal for 2008 for Future Expansion has been increased from \$50,000 to \$250,000. The congregation's response as seen in the contribution over the last two weeks has been overwhelming. The numbers on the board do not reflect an additional \$5000 plus that has been given each week either for chairs or for the new building. The need for more room has also become more and more pressing. We are adding people to the congregation on a weekly basis. The elders believe we need to move forward in faith as quickly as possible. It is the goal of elders to have the new building site selected and the money to pay for it in hand (estimating \$250,000) before the end of 2008. The elders are creating a building fund to receive any special contributions that are made toward the new building. There will be a graph tracking the build up of the funds as they come in.

In the meantime, steps will be taken to increase the space available for auditorium seating, classroom space and parking. But the church needs to remember that all of these are only temporary fixes. The permanent solution will involve moving to a new site and facility.

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning
 Welcome & Prayer
 Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Prayer
 Lord's Supper –Bread
 Wine
 Server 1
 Server 2
 Server 3
 Server 4
 Server 5
 Server 6
 Message
 Closing Prayer

March 16
 Jon Coriell
 Shaun McCray
 Mike Gamp
 Jason Coriell
 Don Ramey
 Bill Gammon
 Gregg Ferrell
 John Gamp
 Dewey Cordle
 Tim Coriell
 Aaron Franke
 Michael Dixon
 Steve Miller
 Mark Risner

March 23
 Wayne Gamp
 Nick Davis
 Steve Williams
 Gabe Coriell
 Rich Book
 Spike Ferrell
 Chuck Allison
 Troy Gahm
 Dale Gamp
 Barry Gamp
 David Gamp
 Josh Coriell
 Jamie Riley
 Greg Coriell

Regular Service Times

Sunday
 Worship - 10:00 am
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday
 Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Evening

Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Lord's Supper
 Assist
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Zach Coriell
 Jeff Hayward
 Ira Coriell
 Eric Copas
 Zack Sims
 Acts 26

Aaron McCray
 Gary Glispie
 Matt Hoskins
 Jacob Miller
 Eric McLaughlin
 Acts 27-28

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Shawn Gragg
 John Berry
 Jonah 1-4

Mark Gamp
 Caleb Miller
 Micah 1-6

Children's Bible Time

March 3/5: Kim McCray, Aaron McCray
 March 6/8: Kendra Cram, Derria Kelley, Meaghan Miller
 April 3/5: Kim McCray, Aaron McCray, Renee Higbee
 April 6/8: Christy Veach, Laryssa Grashel, Cindy Coriell

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.



WORD SEARCH

The words below are from Luke 23. Find them hidden in the grid. Solution will be posted on the bulletin board and on page 5 of the online bulletin.

WORD LIST

ACCUSE	BARABBAS	CALVARY
CENTURION	CHASTISE	CONDEMNATION
CROSS	CRUCIFY	GALILEE
GLORIFIED	HEROD	JERUSALEM
JESUS	KING	ONTIMENTS
PARADISE	PILATE	RIGHTEOUS
SABBATH	SEPULCHRE	TEMPLE

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Word Search Solution

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