



Weekly Booster

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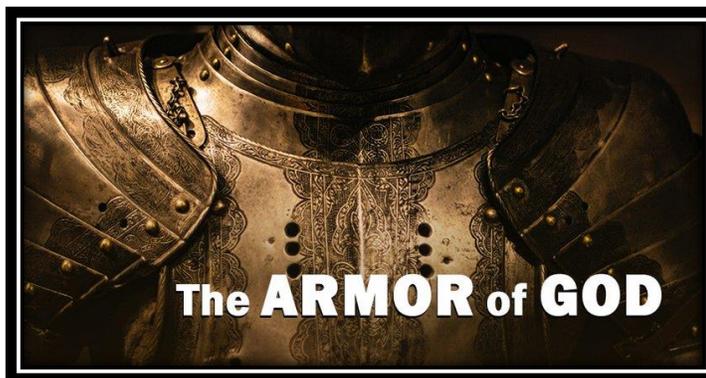
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How to Gear Up for Spiritual Warfare

When we become a child of God, we not only inherit God's blessings but God's enemies as well. The Lord's foremost enemy is Satan, whose purpose is to destroy his work ([John 8:44](#)), but Jesus came in order to "destroy the devil's work" ([1 John 3:8](#)).

Satan is a fallen angel ([Isaiah 14:12-15](#)) and as such, is only a created being. He is in no way equal to God, the Creator. While Satan is superior in intellect and strength to mankind, he is inferior to God in every way. Believers have the power of the indwelling resurrected Christ over them and protecting them ([1 John 4:4](#)).

In addition, believers have been given the whole armor of God "take [their] stand against the devil's schemes" ([Ephesians 6:11](#)). Each piece of the armor is to be "put on" to help believers overcome the temptations and attacks of the evil one.

Seven Parts of the Full Armor of God

1. The belt of truth buckled around your waist ([Ephesians 6:14](#))

The waist or abdomen area was generally thought to be the seat of emotions. To gird this area with truth is to commit your emotions to believing the truth.

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“God doesn’t ask your ability or your inability. He asks only your availability.”

“Life everlasting is free for the asking.”

Reminders

September 23rd

5th Quarter – After the game
Shen vs Clark (Homecoming)
7:00 p.m.

September 24th

Men’s Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

September 25th

Sunday School for all ages

September 26th

Monday Evening Study, 6:30 p.m.
“Who is Jesus” – Fellowship Hall
with Pastor Clark

September 28th

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir – 6:45 p.m.

September 29th

T.O.P.S. – 5:30 p.m.

****Worship Assistants are needed for October**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

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Often a person knowingly allows themselves to believe a lie because of fear or self-pity. Believers must hold a commitment to truth regardless of the repercussions ([John 8:32,36](#)).

The picture of God’s armor is of a Roman soldier’s tunic, pulled up and tucked into his belt so that he could fight or work unhindered. Living a life of honesty and integrity enables the Christian to be one in purpose with Jesus Christ, who is the Truth, and to be unhindered in the battle against Satan, who is a deceiver and liar.

2. The breastplate of righteousness in place ([Ephesians 6:14](#))

The breast is generally thought of as the place of the soul. The heart must be kept pure and righteous because sin gives a foothold to the enemy. Confession and forgiveness based on the blood of Christ cleanses the heart ([1 John 1:9](#)).

The breastplate covered the body from neck to thigh and was usually made of bronze. Believers do not need to seek protection or right standing with God through works of their own; they can confidently stand in what Christ has done on their behalf ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)).

3. Your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace ([Ephesians 6:15](#))

Proper shoes enable the feet to go from place to place. The believer is to be about their Father’s business, which is to spread the gospel of peace and reconciliation. An undaunted sense of this mission keeps the believer headed in the right direction ([Matthew 28:19– 20](#)).

The soldier wore sandals with cleats made of sharp nails designed to give firm footing on even the most rugged terrain. “Readiness” may have the sense of preparation to share the gospel with others at a moment’s notice. “Readiness” may also refer to a prepared foundation that consists of the gospel of peace with God ([Ephesians 2:17](#)).

4. The shield of faith ([Ephesians 6:16](#))

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“It is good to be a Christian and know it, but it is better to be a Christian and show it!”

Volunteers Needed



Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School 10:15**
Questers (Adults) 10:30

****Chancel Choir –**
Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Tuesday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Wednesday
 CLOSED

Thursday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Friday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



According to Obadiah, what shall the house of Joseph be?

- a) wind
- b) stubble
- c) flame
- d) water

Who stole her father's household gods (idols)?

- a) Sarah
- b) Rebekah
- c) Leah
- d) Rachel

What name did the sons of Israel give the bronze serpent that Moses made in the wilderness?

- a) Dagon
- b) Tefnut
- c) Mehit
- d) Nehushtan

Check page 4 for answers in next week's booster

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 25th – Charlotte Weiss
- 29th – Denise Tackett
- 30th – Oliver Lundgren
- 1st – Jacque Lashier, Heather Weiss, Gaylen & Barb Lundgren

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: *Terry Stafford*

Call to Worship

Leader: Those who take refuge in the shelter of God,

People: Will be safe in the shadow of the Almighty.

L: Like a bird protecting its young, God will cover you.

P: With great wings, God will protect us.

L: God instructs you through the Scriptures.

P: We will listen and follow in the way of life.

“A Great Chasm”

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Third Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

Songs

Eye of the Storm (screens)

For The Healing of the Nations #428 (Hymnal)

Together We Serve - #2175d (Black Book)

The Summons - #2130 (Black Book)

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship – 77

Online Worship – 5

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

Answers for Sept. 18th are b) The LORD will provide b) harp d) Peter

Quiz Hints – Q1 Obadiah Q2 1 Genesis Q3 2 Kings

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The wicked one is “the accuser of our brothers and sisters” ([Revelation 12:10](#)) and will send his fiery darts to instill doubt, fear, and guilt. Faith acts as an invisible shield that deflects such false accusations ([Hebrews 11:6](#)).

The long, oblong, or oval shield was crafted from two layers of wood covered with linen or animal hides, bound together with iron. When fighting side by side, soldiers could hold these shields together to form a long wall. Soaked in water, they served as an adequate defense against the enemy’s “flaming arrows”—arrows that had been dipped in pitch and ignited. The shield of faith offers God’s unlimited resources of power and wisdom ([Ephesians 3:16–21](#)) to resist the flaming arrows of distressing circumstances and the temptation to evil ([1 Corinthians 10:13](#)).

5. The helmet of salvation ([Ephesians 6:17](#))

A helmet protects the head, that is, the brain and thoughts. Assurance of salvation is a mighty defense against doubt and insecurity and the kinds of works bred by them ([1 John 5:11–13](#)).

The soldier’s bronze helmet had leather attachments to hold it in place. Christians can experience protection from Satan’s attacks as they rest confidently in their position as members of God’s family ([John 1:12–13](#)), set apart for his purposes ([2 Thessalonians 2:13](#)). Further, they can know God’s present work or sanctification in their lives, experiencing deliverance from sin ([Galatians 5:16](#); [Philippians 2:12–13](#)) and having the guarantee of future, eternal deliverance from every kind of evil ([1 Thessalonians 5:8](#)).

6. The sword of the spirit ([Ephesians 6:17](#))

The Word of God, the only offensive weapon in this armor, was used by the Lord Jesus against Satan ([Luke 4:1–13](#)). The living Word is powerful, effective, and instructive ([Hebrews 4:12](#); [2 Timothy 3:16–17](#)).

The short, two-edged sword enabled the heavily-armed soldier to attack deftly and defeat his enemy at close range. The believer’s sword may be understood to be either supplied by the Spirit or used by the Spirit. Paul further identified this sword as “the word of God” (see [Hebrews 4:12](#)). “Word” (Gk. *rhema*) most probably refers to specific sections of Scripture the Holy Spirit brings to mind to meet a particular need. Jesus’ use of specific sections of Deuteronomy in his encounter with Satan in the wilderness exemplified this ([Matthew 4:4,7,10](#)).

7. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions ([Ephesians 6:18](#))

Prayer opens the channels between us and God. In the midst of battle, we as believers must keep in constant communication with our Leader for directions and encouragement. Our prayers for one another are important and effectual ([James 5:16](#)).

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Prayer is not listed as a separate weapon of warfare but is rather given an all-encompassing status. Prayer is to be constant ([1 Thessalonians 5:17](#)) as the Christian prepares for battle, engages in it, and rests from it. All kinds of prayers are to be offered through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The spiritual realm is very real. God gives Christians the resources to fight and the Holy Spirit within to guide and transform our thoughts and desires as we seek to walk closely with him.

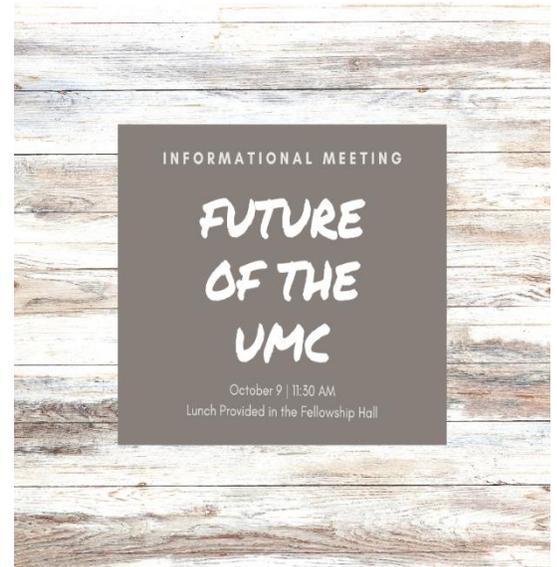
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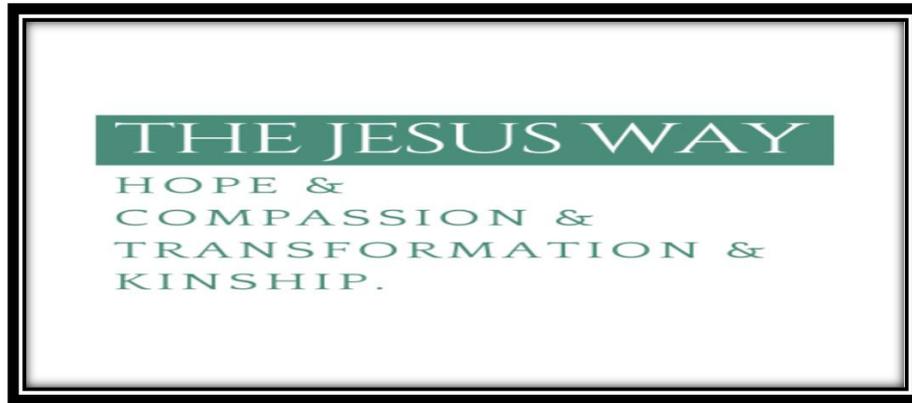
LIVE

Apologies for the streaming of the service last week. Facebook has a time limit when recording and since there was not someone manning the camera the “warning” was not seen so it could be overridden. Cross your fingers that we have better success on Sunday. If you would like or have an interest in helping with sound and video on Sunday contact Jeff.

It has been a while since our church last had a conversation about the future of the UMC and what it means for us in Shenandoah. Our church will be beginning a slow and thoughtful discernment process of how we will express our Methodist tradition in the future in relation to the broader United Methodist Church and in relation to each other. This informational meeting is not for the purpose of deciding anything, but to help us gain the information needed for a discernment process for our church. What is and what is not required of us as a church in light of the Iowa Bishop's Cabinet Leading Now and Into the Future statement? What are the doctrinal issues that are being debated? What may or may not happen at the 2024 UMC General Conference? What are Shenandoah FUMC's values as a church? What options do we have for next steps? I hope you will join us for this important informational meeting.



A reminder that we have Sunday School for all ages. Classes start after fellowship time at 10:30 a.m. Students meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall and your teacher will meet you and walk with you to Wesley Hall. Questor's classroom is located at the bottom of the stairs, in our church building, and then to your left. We hope you can join us Sunday morning.



The Jesus Way is an invitation to a lifelong journey of discovering who Jesus is anew, putting hope into action, developing a compassionate faith, letting a process of spiritual transformation work in and around you, and participating in an emerging community of kinship and belonging.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?", and this question is still asked of us today. In the Fall, we will explore words such as prophet, messiah, rabbi, healer, and more to discover anew who Jesus is.

Content

Week 1: Jesus as Rabbi

Week 2: Jesus as Prophet

Week 3: Jesus as Son of Man

Week 4: Jesus as Son of God

Week 5: Jesus as Lord

Week 6: Jesus as Crucified Messiah

The Jesus Way:: Weekly Gathering

Monday Nights, September 19 - October 24 (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

This in-person gathering will include a time for teaching and sharing.

The Jesus Way:: Online Videos

Released each Tuesday, September 20 - October 25

The videos will be posted each week on the church's Facebook page.

The Jesus Way: Outside

Saturday, October 29 (10:00am - 1:00pm)

Location to be determined

This outdoor retreat will be family-friendly and accessible to all physical abilities. We will explore spiritual practices in the Jesus Way that will help you reconnect with yourself, others, the natural world, and God.

The Jesus Way: Sacred Readings

A reading plan to engage in a rhythm of sacred reading each week as we work through the four Gospels and the book of Acts.

The Jesus Way: Spiritual Practices

Practices that can be integrated into your life at home. These can be done with children, grandchildren, teenagers, or by yourself as an adult.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David B. Clark

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This Friday, September 23th the Mustangs play Clark (Homecoming). The church will host the 5th Quarter (9th-12th grade) after the game in Fellowship Hall until 11:00 p.m. If you attend you must sign in when you arrive and once you leave you may not return the rest of the evening. Come and enjoy food, games, and hanging out with your friends.

