



## Iron Sharpening Iron

In my last several articles we have been looking at Paul's encouragement to the church at Ephesus about something they would need in order to walk inside their personal calling from God. Knowing the struggles ahead God has provided for each of His children the ability to equip themselves completely for everything that Satan will send their way. Paul refers to this equipment as the *Armour of God*. In *Ephesians 6:10-13*, Paul lays down the responsibility that every child of God will have in preparing himself for the battles ahead.

*"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."*

We have now come to that piece of the armor that Paul refers to in *Ephesians 6:17* *And take the helmet of salvation...*

Often times as we think of the issue of salvation, we think of God's purchase of a place for us in Heaven in the presence of God where I will live someday in the future. Looking at salvation from God just in this aspect, it's hard to translate that concept to this piece of armor. That's because although it is a wonderful thing, there is so much more wrapped up in our salvation than *just* a future in Heaven. Salvation is not just an insurance policy that has been provided for us to "cash-in" one day. This salvation is something that every born-again believer in Christ is draped in from the moment they received it, for eternity.

To better see and understand this I want to take you to Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. *1 Corinthians 2:9-11*

*"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."*

Here Paul is referring back to the words of *Isaiah 64:4*, where Isaiah tells Israel of God's love, preparation and care for them. Paul now having knowledge of Christ shows the church that God has provided for each of us. Things that we as mere men could never even comprehend. He talks about how God sent His Spirit to live and abide in and with us, how He knows all things and moves in all things. Applying the Helmet of Salvation is referring to gaining and holding fast to this knowledge of what God has already done to help and supply us for our entire lives.

It's a great thing to learn, remember and apply the things that God has put inside of the life of those that will walk with Him. One of the main things I see in this Helmet of Salvation, is understanding God's provision for every step of my every-day path. I love the way Christ said it, so I'll end with His words: *Matthew 11:27-30*

*"All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

Because God is good--all the time,

Pastor Ron Mandeville



Faith. *Hebrews 11:1* tells us, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Does our definition of faith align with the Biblical understanding of what faith is? Our world uses the word a lot, but do they have a proper understanding of its implications? Do we as Christians have a proper understanding of its implications? I would submit to you if we were honest with ourselves often, we do not.

Our world throws the word out in any number of instances to say, “I just have faith it’ll happen.” Faith in whom? What do they mean by faith – what can they mean by faith? Our world likes to imply they have faith in something, but when you get down to it that faith is nothing more than misplaced confidence in themselves. Can we as Christians also unintentionally imply this as well? Of course, we can; herein lies the danger of flippantly claiming faith without an intention of placing that faith in anyone. When the Bible speaks of faith it is talking about a faith IN Someone. *Hebrews 11* known as the “Hall of Faith” continues:

*“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. “ Hebrews 11:3*

This passage speaks directly to this fact of understanding true faith is trusting in God whom we cannot see. True faith is trusting a God we cannot see with the things we cannot see; yet understanding he has proven himself time and again to be reliable (faithful) to do it (*1 Thess. 5:24*).

Another phrase often thrown around is “walking by faith” as opposed to walking by sight. We get pretty good at walking by sight - physically (though there are those who we might call “gravitationally challenged” ). Walking by faith is much more difficult and the reason being evident. If you take away your physical sight how apt are you to want to simply take a walk? When God at times allows our spiritual sight to be taken away what should we do to compensate? Trust the One who gives both physical and spiritual sight to begin with. Faith is not blindly following something, but patiently following some ONE. When Moses spoke to God regarding what God asked him to do Moses’ response was “[...] *I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue*” (*Ex. 4:10*). God’s response: “[...] *who hath made man’s mouth? Or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I the LORD?*” (*Ex. 4:11*). When we find ourselves walking by faith regardless of the circumstance, make sure we’re trusting in the One who made the physical things as well as the spiritual things – aren’t you glad it was our Sovereign God?

*“Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.”-Exodus 4:12*

Because He is Worthy,  
Pastor Ethan

### **Baptism Sunday January 14th**

The following people obeyed the Lord in baptism:

Matt and Lindy Brooks, Bella Lisco, Leanne Lisco and  
Richard Parsons

**Praise The Lord!**

# New Baby!

Greyson James was born January 17th to Corey and Makele.  
His brothers and sister are loving him.



## Children's Christmas Program "Jesus is Christmas"



A group of young people sang the closing song of the program. 154 people attended the program.



Thank you, Thank you to all for the part you played in this program. No matter how big or little it was. You are a blessing.

**Big Christian Word**

**Apostles:** The disciples that saw and heard Jesus. Jesus was called an apostle and the 12 that he specifically called to follow him after his resurrection. (Mark 6:7) (Mark 16:15) (Hebrews 3:1)

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Come,  
follow me...



Matthew 4:19

2024  
**Dodgeball**  
4TH ANNUAL  
TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>  
2-6PM

*Valentine's  
Banquet*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6 PM

*Medora Activity Center*

CHILDCARE  
PROVIDED



\$10  
SUGGESTED  
TICKET PRICE

**Board Members:**

Pastor Ron Mandeville (Elder);  
Pastor Ethan Mandeville (Elder);  
Mike Julian (Elder);  
Dave Hawthorn (Elder);  
Mike Orpin (Deacon);  
Shaun Julian (Deacon);  
Jeff Newboles (Deacon);  
Derek Hodgson (Deacon)

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If you do request in person PLEASE write it down and hand it to one of the secretaries after services.

## Nursery Schedule

<b>February</b>	Erin / Laura	Jennifer / Khloe
<b>4</b>		
<b>11</b>	Erin / Judy	Sabrina / Leah / Macey
<b>18</b>	Erin / Susanna	Leslie / Margaret / Stacy
<b>25</b>	Erin / Mary	Jenny / Sammie
<b>March</b>		
<b>3</b>	Erin / Laura	Jeanie J. / Jill
<b>10</b>	Erin / Judy	Leslie / Margaret
<b>17</b>	Erin / Suzanna	Lindy / Jennifer
<b>24</b>	Erin / Makele	Sabrina / Sammie
<b>31</b>	No Nursery	Jenny / Khloe /Macy

### Wednesdays Nursery Schedule

<b>Feb. 7</b>	Jill / Tina
14	Mary / Laren
21	Mary / Jill
28	Mary / Tina
<b>March 6</b>	Mary / Laren
13	Mary / Jill
20	Mary / Tina
27	Mary / Jill

Be sure to check your calendars for what is going on these two months. We don't want you to miss anything!

# Medora's Munchies



### Creamy Burrito Casserole

- 1 lb. ground beef (or turkey - I used beef)
- 1/2 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 1 pkg of taco seasoning
- 6 large flour tortillas
- 1 (16 oz) can refried beans
- 1 (16 oz) can diced tomatoes (These are optional. I put tomatoes in mine. You can also put black olives in it if you like them.)
- 2-3 cups shredded cheese (I used a combination of cheeses, cheddar, Monterey jack but taco/Mexican cheese is good too)
- 1 (10.75 oz) can cream of mushroom soup (I didn't have mushroom, so substituted cream of chicken.)
- 4 oz sour cream
- Jarred hot sauce, if desired, to spice it up (I used some medium Pace picante sauce in the middle layer.)

*By Judy Parsons*

1. Brown ground beef and onion. Drain.
2. Add taco seasoning and stir in refried beans and tomatoes.
3. Mix soup and sour cream in a separate bowl.
4. Spread 1/2 of the sour cream mixture in the bottom of a casserole dish.
5. Tear up 3 tortillas and spread over sour cream mixture.
6. Put 1/2 of the meat mixture over that.
7. Add a layer of cheese. (This is where I also added some picante sauce.)
8. Repeat the layers with cheese being the top layer.
9. Bake at 350 degrees for app. 30 minutes till bubbly and cheese melted.

(I doubled this recipe and used a deep 9 x 13 glass pan for the dinner the other night. It was just a little too much for that doubled. Overflowed and had a small bowl full that wouldn't fit. ?? )

## February 2024

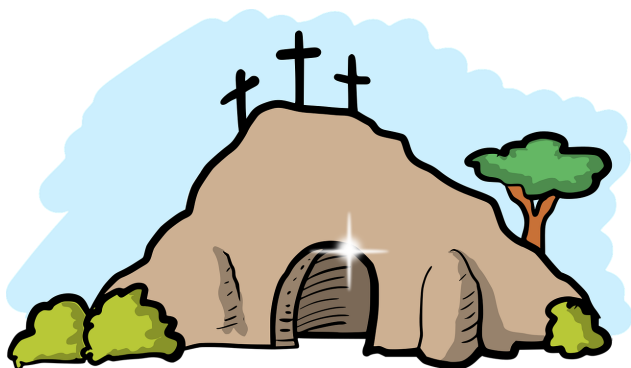
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Karen Colbert & Carlene Schmidt Birthdays	<b>2</b> Laren Newboles Birthday	<b>3</b> Cliffé Reynolds Birthday
<b>4</b> Charlie Thompson Birthday	<b>5</b> Makele Goering Birthday Dr. Christian & Judy Wei Anniversary	<b>6</b> Shaun Julian, JJ Swenson & Emilie Bontrager Birthdays L.E.T. Group 6 pm.	<b>7</b> Evelyn Julian & Robert Kerns Birthdays K4T 6:45 pm.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Work Day @ The Medora House
<b>11</b> Levi Boisse Birthday	<b>12</b> Wylie & Mary Summerlin Anniversary	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day  Gary & Jennifer Schroeder Anniversary K4T 6:45 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Raymond Peterson the 4 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Valentine's Banquet 6pm.	<b>19</b> President's Day Jackie Ribordy Birthday	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Missions Committee Meeting 5:30pm. K4T 6:45 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Don & Carlene Schmidt Anniversary	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Fellowship Groups 6pm.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Torie Reynolds Birthday	<b>28</b> K4T 6:45 pm	<b>29</b>		

## March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Gloria Seachris & Jocelyn (Jo) Queen Birthdays	<b>2</b> Doug & Cynthia Peterson Anniversary Teen Dodgeball
<b>3</b> VBS meeting 6pm.	<b>4</b> Matt Newman Birthday	<b>5</b> Clyde Goering Birthday L.E.T. Group 6pm.	<b>6</b> K4T 6:45 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Gianna Garcia Birthday	<b>9</b> Jeff Newboles Birthday
<b>10</b> Daylight Saving Begins Fellowship Groups 6pm.	<b>11</b> Levi Gay, Tony Wonsetler & Laura Rhoden Birthdays	<b>12</b> Cindy Burke Birthday	<b>13</b> LaDonna Ratzlaff Birthday K4T 6:45 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> John & Jeannie Werner Anniversary	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Lucy Brooks Birthday	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Start of Spring Boaz Tolbert Birthday	<b>20</b> Forrest Boisse Birthday K4T 6:45 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Sammie Brooks Birthday	<b>23</b> Sharing God's Word 9am.
<b>24</b> Fellowship Groups 6pm.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Seth Gay Birthday K4T 6:45 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Good Friday	<b>30</b> Sharing God's Word 9am.
<b>31</b> <i>Easter</i> Early Service and Breakfast 8am. Regular Service 10:15am.	The Monday after Easter the office will be closed					

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*"...and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."  
Mark 14:62*