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Be a Good Soldier

Pastor Eddie Honeycutt

Often in the writings of the Apostle Paul we encounter terms referring to fighting, warfare and being a good soldier. Paul places a great deal of emphasis on this in his two letters to Timothy. We don't always think of the Christian life in terms of warfare. However, our culture reminds us quite often that we are engaged in battle with the enemy. Just this morning the front page headline on the paper was, "Court Action Backs Prayer Ban". The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal by Forsyth County against a lower court ruling that it was unconstitutional to pray in the name of Jesus before their county commissioners meetings. We are engaged in warfare with the enemy and our next battle is the amendment on marriage that is to be voted on in the May 8th primary. It is imperative that we be good soldiers. Paul reminded Timothy of this.

This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you that by them you may wage a good warfare. I Timothy 1:18

This past Sunday Jeff Miller asked me about a poem I had read some time back entitled "A Good Soldier". I looked it up and was reminded that Paul's admonition to Timothy to be a good soldier also applies to us. Read this poem and be challenged to be a good soldier.

I Am a Soldier

Author unknown

I am a soldier in the army of my God. The Lord Jesus Christ is my commanding officer. The Holy Bible is my Code of Conduct. Faith, Prayer, and the Word are my weapons of warfare.

I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity and tested by fire.

I am a volunteer in this army and I am enlisted for eternity. I will either retire in this army at the rapture or die in this army; but I will not get out, sell out, be talked out or pushed out.

I am faithful, reliable, capable, and dependable. If my God needs me, I am there. If He needs me in the Sunday School, to teach the children, work with the youth, help adults, or just sit and learn, He can use me, because I am there.

I am a soldier! I am not a baby. I do not need to be pampered, petted, primed up, pumped up, picked up, or pepped up.

I am a soldier! No one has to call me, remind me, write me, visit me, entice me or lure me.

I am a soldier! I am not a wimp. I am in place saluting my King, obeying His orders, praising His name, and building His kingdom! No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy, or give me handouts.

I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for, or catered to.

I am committed! I cannot have my feelings hurt bad enough to turn me around. I can-

not be discouraged enough to turn me aside. I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit.

When Jesus called me into this army, I had nothing. If I end up with nothing, I will still come out ahead. I will win! My God has and will continue to supply all of my needs.

I am more than a conqueror. I will always triumph. I can do all things through Christ! The devil cannot defeat me. People cannot disillusion me. Weather cannot weary me. Sickness cannot stop me. Battle cannot beat me. Money cannot buy me. Governments cannot silence me, and hell cannot handle me.

I am a soldier! Even death cannot destroy me. For when my commander calls me from this battlefield, He will promote me to Captain, and then allow me to rule with Him.

I am a soldier in the army, and I'm marching heaven bound.

Here I stand! Will you stand with me? Guess what? If you've accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, you're already enlisted! The question is, which part of the service are you in:

1. Active Duty: serving the Lord faithfully, daily, and on duty 24/7?

2. Reserve Status: Serving only when called upon or twice a year; Christmas and Easter?

3. Guard Status: backing up the Active Duty group?

Or

AWOL: Absent With Out the Lord?

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Be Courageous!

Some of you reading this article may have already seen the latest movie released by Sherwood Pictures entitled *Courageous*. It is the story of "four men, one calling: to serve and protect. As law enforcement officers they are confident and focused, standing up to the worst the streets have to offer. Yet at the end of the day they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. When tragedy strikes home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God... and to their children? Protecting the streets is second nature. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That takes courage."

It may sound like this movie is for a select group of people; parents with kids or dads trying to be better fathers. However, I believe we will find that this movie and further study into its theme will reveal truths that will benefit everyone! In the month of March we will begin a church-wide campaign to call all Christians to be Courageous! The first weekend in March will be the presentation of the movie in its entirety. Then on Sundays we begin to dive deeper into what Courageous Living looks like in the life of the believer. This is going to be an optimal opportunity for each member to reach their family and neighbors by inviting them to a movie night where they will be introduced to a chance to see their lives impacted by the Word of God!

All month long we will focus on Courageous Living as Christians. But, like any effort we make to impact people with the message of Jesus, we desperately need to depend on the Lord's leadership through prayer! So I'm asking you to commit today to begin to pray for this Courageous Campaign. Prayer guides are available for those who will commit to pray, just ask me for one. Here is a simple outline so that everyone can begin to pray for the impact that this movie and study will have on our church and community: Pray for Vision – Philippians 3:13-14, Pray for Wisdom – James 1:5, Pray for Possibilities & Protection – Ephesians 3:20, Pray for Our Pastor – 1 Timothy 3:1-2, Pray for Fathers – Joshua 24:14-15, Pray for Families – Deuteronomy 6:6-9,

Pray for the Lost – Matthew 24:14, Pray for Children – Philippians 2:14-15, Pray for Men's Ministry – 1 Corinthians 11:1, Pray for Continued Faithfulness – 2 Chronicles 15:12-15, Pray for Father's Resolve – Proverbs 3:11 -12, and Pray for the Future of Families – Psalm 78:4.

It is too often too easy to settle in and blend with the crowd. The Church has made attempts to reach the world, but has in many ways compromised and become just like the world, with nothing to offer. Here are some quotes from the book *Courageous Living* by Michael Catt: "We are among a dysfunctional society desperately in need of heroes who refuse to limit what God can do." "Instead of cowering to the pressures of this culture, Christians need to become a force for positive peer pressure." These are reasons why a study like this is needed and why we are offering it to our church and community next month. Won't you join me and others as we pray for God to use this resource to bring people to Christ, heal families, and unite Christians in the work of the Gospel?! "God's call to courageous living is not a hundred-yard dash; it's a marathon."

In His Grace,

Pastor Terry

Easter Drama

Preparations are now underway for an Easter drama, *My Name is Jesus*, to be presented Palm Sunday Weekend. There will be two presentations, Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1.

It is our prayer that this will be a church-wide evangelistic opportunity to share the wonderful life story of Jesus and His love for us. Please plan to come and bring your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

We invite the entire Church body to be a part of this project. If you are willing to share your talents in any way, please contact Linda Ross or Tammy Cockerham as soon as possible.

The Music Ministry

It is so wonderful to sense an excitement in the moving of the spirit of the Lord in our midst. It really became real to me as we were experiencing 2012 Baptist Men's Day on Sunday, January 22, and seeing God work in this year's Upward Basketball. God is truly working in the lives of His people... you can see it, you can sense it, and you can feel it! God is up to something great, and I don't want any of us to miss any detail. The Lord really wants to bless us because His hand is upon us.

"Do not earnestly remember the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it, and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen,"

Isaiah 43:18-19
(the Amplified Bible)

Sanctuary Choir... we exist to worship God and lead the church to worship! PLEASE! We really need more men to come and join the choir. Yes, Men and Women both are all welcome to come and join us! We meet every Sunday at 5:00 P.M. Our Easter Musical is **REDEEMING LOVE by Marty Hamby**. We will present it on Sunday morning, April 1st : Palm Sunday @ 11:00.

Plans are in the making for my friend Jim Alley, Minister of Music and Worship at **FBC Rocky Mount** to come to our church with his choir and orchestra to lead in the **11:00 service on Sunday, April 29**. This will be a huge opportunity for us and for the Rocky Mount folks! *More information later as plans develop.*

The Worship Team is busy getting music ready for the 2012 Easter Drama...Jot the dates down to get your tickets to give out early: March 31 and April 1.

The Happy Harmonizers meeting times in February: On Tuesdays—the **7th and 21st @ 7 P.M. in the Sanctuary**.

Now is a great time to join any choir! Let's just see what God is going to do through each of us! To God be the Glory!

Joyfully Yours,

Ed Locke

Nursery Schedule

Sunday 8:30 AM Service

February 5 Lori Wade/Gabe Fresch
February 12 Rhonda Mendenhall, Anita Davis
February 19 Mendy Moore, Linda Jackson
February 26 Wanda Tuttle, Frances Gunter

Sunday 11:00 AM & Evening Worship Service

February 5 Billy & Kim Rhue
February 12 Donna Norman, Paula Norman
February 19 Margaret Lankford, Kendra Lankford
February 26 Tammy Cooper, Linda Shumate

Wednesday Nursery Schedule

February 1 Sherry Slate
February 8 Frances Gunter
February 15 Michelle Rausch
February 22 Julie Greene
February 29 Lynn Moore

Mission Friends

February 3 Bonnie Taylor
February 8 Margaret Lankford, Kendra Lankford
February 15 Wanda Tuttle
February 22 Patty Honeycutt, Donna Locke
February 29 Bonnie Taylor

Deacon of the Week

February 5 Mike Cockerham
February 12 Warren Bailey
February 19 Don Bush
February 26 Todd Mendenhall
January 29 Sammy Parrish

Van Drivers

February 5 & 8	Jimmy Patterson	969-6156
February 12 & 15	Clifton Barber	983-9800
February 19 & 22	Jimmy Patterson	969-6156
February 26 & 29	Clifton Barber	983-9800

Happy Birthday

2 - 1 David Chandler Timothy Kimel Amanda Morris	2 - 17 Brandon Agee David Bowden Arnold Myers
2 - 2 Ann Niten	Marsha Wilmoth
2 - 3 Bryan Allen Woody Parton	2 - 18 Shirley Horton Eddie McBride
2 - 4 C.J. Burford Kenny Mitchell Denise Parton Grace Taylor	Dustin Tuttle William Wright
2 - 7 Emily Cox Jason Gardner Frances Gunter Bill Wood	2 - 19 Linda Bush Charles Childress
2 - 8 Judi Griffin Lauren Higgins	2 - 20 Donnie Berrier Patsy Cockerham Kevin Tucker
2 - 9 Dilma Rae Adams Cory Snyder	2 - 21 Lisa Bailey Luke Gray Brenda McKnight
2 - 10 Kenneth Ashburn John Williams	Lucas Mickey Kathy Trivette
2 - 11 Dean Howard Abigail Lankford Sherry Reid Stacie Reid Felicia Youngblood	2 - 22 Josh Blackburn Kaylin Morris Colby Niten Thelma Stevens
2 - 12 Faye Bullin Howard Rutledge Beverly Whitsett	2 - 23 Ann Scott
2 - 14 Ed Evans Tom Haymore Jason Hill Heather Roope	2 - 24 Orice Cole Jane Dodson James Jessup Ada Lee Jester Stephanie Presnell Lucy Tilley
2 - 15 Susan Baker Brandon Brendle Nolan Crews Alice Hodges Dorothy Wagoner	2 - 25 Austin Parker
2 - 16 Drew Southern Patty Agee Jeff Beck	2 - 26 Gay Barker Vernon Long Kristy Macemore Kevin Presnell
	2 - 27 Patricia Joyce
	2 - 28 Norma Jessup Charlotte Overcash James Ward III

Happy Anniversary

2 - 14 Wendell & Pat Edwards

2 - 16 Ivan & Mary Blevins

2 - 19 Clifton & Dora Barber

2 - 27 Dick & Mary Alice Webster

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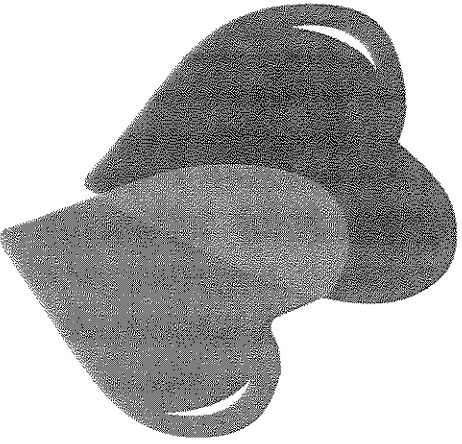
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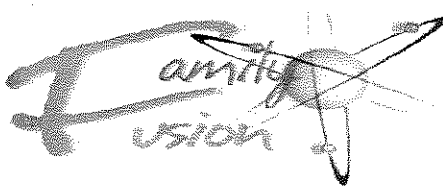
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<i>Sunday's Regular Schedule</i>		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:30 AM	Early Worship				1 7:00 PM See Wednesday's Schedule	2 9:45 AM Joy Bible Study 6:00 PM Upward Practice	3	4 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Upward Games
9:30 AM	Library Open							
9:45 AM	Sunday School							
11:00 AM	Morning Worship							
5:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice							
6:30 PM	Evening Worship							

<i>Wednesday's Regular Schedule</i>		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study Children's & Youth Programs Men of the Outdoors Victorious Women	5 See Sunday Schedule 4:00 PM Deacon's Meeting	6 6:00 PM C.A.R.E. (C Team) Upward Practice	7 6:00 PM Upward Practice 7:00 PM Happy Harmonizers	8 7:00 PM Church Conference See Wednesday's Schedule	9 9:45 AM Joy Bible Study 6:00 PM Upward Practice	10 6:00 PM Children's Lock-In	11 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Upward Games
7:15 PM	Band Practice							
8:00 PM	Worship Team & Band Practice							

12 See Sunday Schedule	13 6:00 PM C.A.R.E. (A Team) Upward Practice 6:30 PM NC Baptist Men Rally Greensboro	14 10:00 AM WMU 6:00 PM Upward Practice	15 7:00 PM See Wednesday's Schedule	16 9:45 AM Joy Bible Study 6:00 PM Upward Practice	17	18 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Upward Games
19 See Sunday Schedule	20 6:00 PM C.A.R.E. (R Team) Upward Practice	21 6:00 PM Upward Practice 7:00 PM Happy Harmonizers	22 7:00 PM See Wednesday's Schedule	23 9:45 AM Joy Bible Study 6:00 PM Upward Practice 7:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting	24	25 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Upward Games
26 See Sunday's Schedule 3:00 PM Easter Drama Practice	27 12:00 PM C.A.R.E. (E Team) 6:00 PM Upward Practice	28 6:00 PM Upward Practice. 7:00 PM Property & Maintenance Com.	29 7:00 PM See Wednesday's Schedule			





Student Ministry Update

Winter Jam 2012!

Sign up today for Winter Jam on February 4th at the Greensboro Coliseum. Featuring artists: Skillet, Sanctus Real, Peter Furler, Kari Jobe, Building 429, Group 1 Crew, Dara McLean, For King and Country, We As Human and hosted by New Song! Nick Hall will be the speaker and Brock Gill will impress with his illusion! 10 Concerts for only \$10 at the door! Sign up TODAY in the Upper Room – Adult Chaperons will be needed, thanks!

Big Game Party!

Everyone (not just Youth and their families) is invited to the Upper Room on Sunday, February 5th immediately following the evening service to enjoy the Super Bowl on two big screens! We'll have snacks and sodas and lots of football fun! Invite some friends to church and then stay for the game!

Parents: The weekly gatherings for your students are invaluable to the success of Student Ministry here at Stanleyville. Please help them make it a priority to attend!

Wednesday Night The STORY

We have embarked on a journey through the Word of God with the 31 chapter chronological study of the Bible called The STORY! Each Wednesday night we will explore a new chapter of The STORY of God's design and plan for mankind. Every teen gets involved in this interactive experience as we discover how we all fit into His Story. Make plans to join us each week in the Upper Room!

Sunday Morning KNOWN

KNOWN is a comprehensive strategy for the spiritual development of students. The goal is that each teen will come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord, own their faith, and make that faith Known! Every Sunday morning, Youth from 7th to 12th grade dive into a Biblically based study on topics that affect their lives. In February our study will be about Media Mania. With Facebook, YouTube, MTV, iTunes, Tumblr, TV, movies, and radio, the messages received from media are mixed, confusing, and often completely contrary to Biblical teaching. This month's study will help students take what they know about God and, from a Biblical worldview perspective, evaluate the messages they receive from the various media sources.

True Love Waits

Starting February 15th, the day after Valentine's Day, we will begin a 6 week True Love Waits Study called *Pure Joy – God's Formula for Passionate Living*. This study will take students beyond just learning why it is important to maintain sexual purity; it will help them understand that God calls and equips us to purity in relationships, passions, thoughts, habits, and every area in our lives. In light of the continual bombardment of sexually charged media being hurled at our teens, this is an extremely vital study to be part of! *Pure Joy* meets every Wednesday night February 15 through March 28.

In conjunction with the student's study of *Pure Joy*, we will be offering a parent's study called *Pure Parenting* during the Sunday School hour beginning March 4th. *Pure Parenting* will be a great resource for parents to be equipped with ideas on how to teach their teens why true love waits. It will be a time to learn that you are not alone and be encour-

aged in the adventure of parenting! This class is for parents of teens, pre-teens, or even children who are rapidly approaching adolescence! Sign-up sheets will be available throughout the church facility!

Upcoming Events

Save the Dates

March 23-24

Acquire the Fire:

Normal is Not Enough!

Wonderful weekend of worship and discipleship for the whole family! Music from Thousand Foot Crutch, Flame, School of Worship, and John Gray with Speaker Mike Guzzardo. This event is hosted at the Greensboro Coliseum and is \$75 per person. For more details visit www.acquirethefire.com

Sign up today in the Upper Room!

July 2-7

Camp Caswell Sign Ups

Yes, we need to begin plans for Summer Camp already! Camp Caswell's theme this year is *Ethics: Choosing the right thing to do when no one is around*. We will be going the week of July 2nd through 7th. Please make sure you sign up for camp in the Upper Room. We have a cottage reserved, the Seashell, with room for 22 people to attend. Cost and requirements will be similar to last year. More details will be available soon!

Children's Ministry

There will be Easter Baskets placed in different locations of the Church. If you have any Easter eggs laying around the house, that you would like to donate, please bring and put them in the Easter Baskets. The Children's Ministry is planning a Huge Easter Celebration this year. We are hoping to have thousands of Eggs. Look for more info about this in a few weeks.

Ms. Debby

Offering and Attendance

	Offering	S.S. Attendance	8:30 AM Worship	11:00 AM Worship
December 4	\$14,124.44	219	155	128
December 11	\$10,471.57	225	129	169
December 18	\$ 5,261.70	243	184	125
December 25	\$10,448.30	No Sunday School	No First Service	194

Year To Date Financial Report

2011	Undesignated Offering	Designated Offerings	Total Offerings	Expenses	Differences
January	52,912.21	5,443.90	58,356.11	-60,510.56	-2,154.45
February	32,903.45	6,610.62	38,514.07	-50,505.09	-10,991.02
March	35,837.67	12,877.65	48,715.32	-62,281.33	-13,566.01
April	33,836.72	8,412.00	42,248.72	-51,460.51	-9,211.79
May	49,007.73	7,681.83	56,689.56	-52,151.47	4,538.09
June	46,351.24	2,386.28	48,737.52	-36,853.38	11,884.14
July	46,087.17	3,171.81	49,258.98	-39,280.10	9,978.88
August	38,888.22	527.21	44,145.43	-42,489.26	1,656.17
September	36,326.19	3,101.93	39,428.12	-40,612.68	-1,184.56
October	47,331.58	8,377.63	55,709.21	-49,908.09	5,891.12
November	33,159.93	17,476.42	50,996.35	-42,609.40	8,386.95
December	41,307.01	37,709.23	79,016.24	-63,622.89	15,393.35
TOTAL	494,309.12	118,506.51	612,815.63	-592,284.76	20,530.87

Military Update

We just received a note from Aaron Grubbs letting us know that he and his family are doing well. They have a new address:

21 Helm Court SW
Bolling AFB, DC 20032

He is now a tour guide at the Pentagon and getting to meet people from all over the world.

We have had a lot of service men and women that have returned from overseas duty at Christmas and after the new year began. If you could check our prayer list and give us any information on the current situation of those listed we would greatly appreciate it.

Baptist Men

Wow, what a great Baptist Men's Day we had! This year was the 78th observance of Baptist Men's Day for NC Baptists. Many churches have small, or worse, no Men's Ministry program(s). The Men's Ministries are very active here at FBCS. These ministries are lead by committed men in areas ranging from Disaster Relief Missions, to Men Of The Outdoors, and the RA program for boys. All these Ministries are anchored in strong Bible teaching, and support of our Pastoral Staff. This year we had over 50 gather for our Saturday breakfast. We enjoyed great fellowship, and a challenge from Coach Mike Muse to resolve to be stronger fathers, and mentors to a young generation desperate for guidance in life.

At our Sunday services we heard powerful testimonies of God's hand at work in the

lives of 4 men. God's sovereign will in the life of every man, as we are lead through His Spirit, allows us to head confidently down the road by faith, when we cannot even see around the next "bend in the road". As we have had many new men come into our church family in 2011, I encourage you guys to become involved in ministry areas, as you feel the Lord directing you. Take note of the verse below; let the Lord speak to you, as you seek him in prayer.

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God, And I will declare what He has done for my soul. ¹⁷ I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue. ¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear. ¹⁹ But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰ Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His mercy from me!" Ps. 66: 16-20 (KJV)

Jeff Miller, For Baptist Men