

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Brian Horner

Song Leader: Brian Horner

Opening Prayer: Mel Hebert

Scripture Reading: Howell Todd

Lord's Supper:

Presiding: Kyle Richardson

Serving: Aaron Hebert

Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Dan Higgins

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Mel Hebert

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Dan Higgins

Devotional: Mel Hebert

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Serving Next Sunday:

Pres. Lord's Supper: Mel Hebert

Preaching:

Opening Prayer: Dan Higgins

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Gospel meeting is Sep 20-23. Ask how you can help!

Our VBS is on Sep 19. Start inviting now!

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests that need to be in the Bulletin:
Kyle Richardson - 495-7106
Dorthy Jean Smith - 444-5437

GROW TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings after worship *see Kyle Richardson.*

Visitation/Bible Study - For assignments see *Brian Horner.*

Member Care - Regarding Member needs contact *Mel Hebert: 443-7779.*

Flower Request - Please call *Danise Fisher: 237-3239*

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Know the Enemy

In order to be successful in battle, it is imperative that one knows his enemy. He must know the way the enemy thinks and acts. The more one understands the maneuvers of his foe, the better equipped he will be to counter them. Consider the following:

General George Patton of World War II fame was seldom at a loss for words. What he said during the battle in North Africa may be legend, but it typifies the man. Patton's troops and tanks were engaged in a successful counterattack of German forces under General Erwin Rommel. Patton is reported to have shouted in the thick of the battle, "I read your book, Rommel! I read your book!" And that he did. In Rommel's book *Infantry Attacks*, the famed "Desert Fox" carefully detailed his military strategy, and Patton, having read it and knowing what to expect, planned his moves accordingly. (D.J.D., Our Daily Bread, November 11)

The adversary of every child of God is Satan. The Bible speaks of his wiles or schemes. Ephesians 6:11. He sets snares or traps for men. 1 Timothy 3:16. He hurls fiery darts with great fury and consistency. Ephesians 6:16. He hasn't written a book but the Lord, in His Book, has detailed his strategies. Therefore, we have no reason to be ignorant of His devices. As one reads through the Scriptures we learn the following about the Devil.

1. He Tempts. After our Lord was baptized to fulfill at righteousness (Matthew 3:15), the Bible says, "Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." Matthew 4:1. Two verses later he is referred to as "the tempter". Matthew 4:3.

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The Devil, through the lust of the flesh, the eyes and the pride of life, seeks to convince us that sinning is the better choice. 1 John 2:15. We must know how he works and refuse to give in. James 1:12-15.

2. He Destroys. Jesus, in describing the devil, said, “*He was a murderer from the beginning.*” John 8:44. In tempting the first pair he was able to bring sin and death into the world. John 8:44. Therefore, we must understand that he only wants to divide men from God, destroy their hope of heaven and devour their souls. 1 Peter 5:8.

3. He Lies. In the same context just mentioned, Jesus went on to say that Satan “*is a liar and the father of it.*” John 8:44. Satan seeks to make truth seem as if it were error, right as if it were wrong and good as if it were bad. Isaiah 5:30. He parades himself as an “angel of light.” 2 Corinthians 11:13. We must be careful, putting everything to the test. 1 Thessalonians 5:21.

4. He Looses. Satan is spoken of as a “*strong man.*” Matthew 12:29. He is a formidable foe. Yet, the Bible teaches that Jesus has defeated him. “*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*” 1 John 3:8. Everlasting fire is his final destination. Matthew 25:41.

However, through Jesus, those who fight the good fight will receive the crown of life, triumph and victory. 1 Corinthians 15:57, 2 Corinthians 2:14, and 2 Timothy 4:8.

Do you know the enemy? Let's diligently study the Book, lest we be ignorant of his devices. 2 Corinthians 2:11.

--Bill Burk

Conscience is that small, still voice that makes you feel smaller.



Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington

Others:

Bradley & Betty Glover
Hollis Cluck
The Pfaffs - Missionaries
Diane Chopay
Vickie Wade
Craig Cook
Judy Higgins
Muril Todd
Karen Hudson - cancer
Diane G.'s mother - asthma
Charles Grisham
Christy Garrett
Bonnie Richardson - cancer
The Entire Bryan Family
Mrs. Litchford
Annie Smith
JW Smith
Elisha Garrett

August Anniversaries

31 - Bob & Danise Fisher

September Birthdays

18 - Sophia Hudson

September Anniversaries

22 - Josh & Heather Hebert

Daily Bible Reading

DAY	MORN.	EVE.
Sunday	Ecc 9-10	Romans 9
Monday	Ecc 11-12	Romans 10
Tuesday	Song 1-4	Romans 11
Wednesday	Song 5-8	Romans 12
Thursday	Issiah 1-2	Rom 13-14
Friday	Issiah 3-5	Romans 15
Saturday	Issiah 6-8	Romans 16

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - What king's knees knocked together for fright?
Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - Who cut his hair once a year?
A - Absalom. (2 Sam. 14:26)