



The Messenger

A Missing Piece of Armor?

Have you ever noticed that there was no mention of any covering for the back in the armor of God in Ephesians 6? I find it interesting since the Bible does say that this is the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:13). Including the shield, the whole front of the soldier is covered from the top of the head to the bottom of the foot, but nothing for the back (Eph. 6:13-17). I do not like to read too much into a section of Scripture, but I also do not want to miss anything that might be important. So, I have to ask why?

There are at least two possibilities that must be considered. First, we know that the Bible is the inspired word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17), but at times we see the penman’s environment and circumstances play a part in their writing. If this were not the case, then it seems that God would have just had one man pen the whole thing. However, with Matthew the Jew we see Jewish influences. With Luke the beloved physician (Col. 4:14) we see the influence of his profession. I believe the same is true for Paul. So perhaps the Holy Spirit was allowing Paul to use his surroundings to get across a message. No doubt, Paul had plenty of time to ponder the armor of the Roman soldier.



The second possibility is that Paul never noticed or thought about the armor of the soldier, but the Holy Spirit directed Paul completely on this path. However, it seems that this is less likely because we see that Paul’s writing style is quite a bit different than some other writers. For instance, Paul used a lot of military language in his writing.

In either case, we must still wonder why there is no covering for the back. If we consider the Romans’ expectation of the soldier it seems evident that they did not expect the soldier to be running from the enemy. Notice that in both verses 11 and 13 that Paul is instructing on making preparations to stand. If the soldier runs then his back was left exposed. In religious matters, we often say that we need to run away from sin. I do believe that there are things that need to be avoided regarding sin. However, one of the best ways to deal with sin is to stand firm against it.

Paul made it clear in verses 11, 12, and 16 that the folks at Ephesus were going to be in a war with the forces of evil. The armor that he described is one that is going to prepare them to take a stand. I believe that there is an example there for us as well. We need to avoid sin, but we also need to take a stand. I believe that there is an example there for us as well. We need to avoid sin, but we also need to take a stand against it, especially in terms of false teachers and religious error. If you look at the armor mentioned, the pieces are especially suited for this purpose. There are a lot of view in the world today that do not align with God’s word. We are in a battle, and if we want to turn things around, we must be ready to take a stand when necessary.

Schedule of Services	
Sunday	
Bible Class	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Elders	
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050
Greg Isenburg	270.202.4609
Brian Martin	270.576.2936
Chris Young	270.202.2252
Denver Young	270.799.8559
Deacons	
Perry Cole	270.202.6214
L.W. Jackson	270.996.1451
Michael Runner	270.535.5906
Adam Warren	270.980.2548
Matt Williams	270.779.7733
Mark Young	270.791.0140
Evangelist	
W. Tom Hall	H: 270.777.0861 M: 270.792.2132

We stand ready to assist you with any need you may have.

You may call the church office at 270.777.1828.

We would be honored to help if we can. May God bless you with a wonderful week.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:45

Summer Quarter Classes		Wednesday Evening
Sunday Morning		
Nursery (under 2)	Donna Eubanks	No Classes in the Education Wing During the Month of July
2-3 years old	Claire Young	
4-5 years old	Amanda Barrett	
1 st & 2 nd Grade	Tracy Martin	
3 rd & 4 th Grade	Lenora Isenberg	
5 th – 8 th Grade	Matt Williams	
9 th – 12 th Grade	Joshua Barrett – Books of Wisdom (Conference Room)	
Twenty Somethings	Tom Hall: Apologetics (Room 7)	
Alternate Adult	Greg Isenberg – I, II, III John (Room 8)	
Auditorium Adult	Chris Robison – Matthew (Auditorium)	

Announcements

- July 3-8th** Summer Bible Camp
- July 11th** SOKYSYS Three Forks Church of Christ "Trust Issues" Speaker-Chuck Morrison
- July 18th** SOKYSYS Columbia Church of Christ "Anxiety" Speaker-Elijah Anderson
- July 17th- 20th** Family VBS - S.H.I.N.E. 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.
- July 25th** SOKYSYS Scottsville Church of Christ "Sexual Ethics" Speaker-Carl Pollard



Pulpit Preview

Sunday 10 AM
Freedom Costs!

Sunday – 6 PM
Philippians 2:14-15
Chris Young

See Adam Warren
for more Details
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LOVING THE LOST
Crieve Hall Church of Christ in Nashville, TN

Prayer Requests	• Loretta Yates	• Nancy Stewart - Stage 4 breast cancer (E. Kemp's mother)
	• Pat Johnson	• Mason Miller – Recovering from Kidney Surgery
	• Betty Grimes	• Cora Skaggs – Recovering from Surgery
	• Donnie Goss – Leukemia treatments	• Alexis Ogles - KCIW Alexis Ogles 312280, P.O. Box 337 Ridgeview, Pee Wee Valley, Ky 40056 (White envelopes, with the sender's full name & address)
	• Hilda Jones	• Paula Anderson – Recovering from Wrist Surgery
	• Fred Justis	• Charlene Ford -
	• Jennifer Kelton	• Shakey Goodhue
	• Danny Jones	• Pat Grimes
	• Kurte Butcher	• Alyssa Anderson
	• Brenda Gilbert - Cancer treatments	• Billy Gross
• Aleena Duggan	• J.L. Young – Massey Springs – Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999	
• Larry Johnson	• Lisa Morrison – Recovering from Knee Surgery	
• Emily Young	• Ralph Young – Foot Injury	
• Donna Parker – Recovering from Eye Surgery		
• Tommy Flora – Heart		

Remembering Our Homebound

- Wilma Blankenship
- Charlene Ford
- Johnnie Young

DEEPEST sympathy to Shawn, Danielle, and Ian Hudson on the death of Dustin Hudson Wednesday, June 29th.

God's Plan of Salvation

God's Part	Man's Part
Great love of God for man John 3:16	Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17, John 8:32
Gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior Luke 19:10	Believe the Gospel Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31
Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide John 16:13	Repent of past sins Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30
The Gospel as "the power" unto salvation Romans 1:16	Confess faith in Jesus Christ Rom. 10:10, Matthew 10:32
Provided atonement by the blood of Christ Romans 5:9	Be Baptized Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38
	Be faithful unto death Revelations 2:10

Bible Trivia Challenge

This Week's Question
Who created a bronze serpent and set it up on a pole?
Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

June 26th On which Island was Paul shipwrecked and bitten by a snake? (Answer: Malta Acts 28 1-3)
Jax Runner, Jake Young, Logan Barrett, Fred Heath, Lenora Isenberg, Bobby and Darlene Pruett, Judy McBride, Jessie Wilson and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

Sunday Morning Services	July 3	July 10
Announcements	Adam Warren	Andy Wagoner
Security 1	Gordon Harlow	Zach Martin
Security 2	Grant Cole	Tommy Flora
Security 3	Shawn Hudson	Scott Grimes
Security 4	Willard Raymer	Dillon Rager
Audio Video Controls	Brian Raymer	Chris Robison
Song Leader	Brian Martin	Jason Kelton
Opening Prayer	Reagan Young	Matt Williams
Welcome	Greg Isenberg	Richard Eubanks
Worship Service Prayer	Victor Davis	Brian Martin
Communion Prayer	Fred Heath	Victor Davis
Scripture Reading	Cody Basham	Matthue Harmon
Closing Prayer	Richard Eubanks	Cody Basham
Sunday Evening Services		
Security 1	Daryl Lowe	Mark Young
Security 2	Joshua Barrett	Gary Basham
Security 3	L.W. Jackson	Fred Heath
Song Leader	Zach Martin	Shed Johnson
Opening Prayer	Jeff Morrison	Willard Raymer
Scripture Reading	Keary Simpson	Denver Young
Lord's Table	Perry Cole	Greg Isenberg
Closing Prayer	Denver Young	Stephen Clingenpeel
Wednesday Night Bible Study	July 6	July 13
Security 1	Perry Cole	Cody Basham
Security 2	Jeff Morrison	Richard Eubanks
Security 3	L.W. Jackson	Matthue Harmon
Song Leader	Shed Johnson	Andy Wagoner
Opening Prayer	Kane Barrett	Mark Young
Closing Prayer	Zach Martin	Denver Young
Monthly Assignments	July	
Lock Building	Mark Young	-----
Baptismal Laundry	Rita Runner	-----
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Matt Williams	-----
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Angie Anderson	-----
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
June 3	Dana Depp	Stacy, Mariah, Luke & London Isenberg
July 10	Paula Lowe	Amy Raymer & Tina Hall

**** If unable to serve, contact Michael Runner at 270.535.5906 ****

For The Record
Week of June 26, 2022

Bible Class	126
AM Worship	195
PM Worship	103
Wed. Bible Study	101
Contribution	\$6,587

Watch Search on the following stations

- WBKO DT 33 - Sun 6:30 am
- WNKY TV 40.1 - Sun 7:00 am
- Spectrum Cable Channel 184 Mon 9:30 am/Thurs 6:30 am



If you are visiting with us, please take a moment and fill out a visitors' card and place it in the collection plate located in the foyer. We are delighted that you're here to share in our worship service and hope that you will please visit us again real soon!

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