

Weapons Of Warfare

We Christians frequently hear of Spiritual warfare but rarely understand it or even recognize it when in the midst of the battle. Spiritual warfare is defined as “the battle between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of darkness. Or as one person described it, the “inward and outward battle we face against the enemies of God.” The enemies of God are Satan and his crew, as well as sin.

If we recognize when we are entering into spiritual warfare we can use the weapons available to us beginning with scripture. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 tells us to *bind God's law on our foreheads, teach it to our children, talk about it wherever we go, and make it an integral part of our lives*. It is so very important we memorize scripture. We cannot stand on God's word if we don't know it or memorize it. Psalm 119 tells us we are blessed if we walk according to His statutes which means we must know them in order to walk in them.

Jesus fought a major spiritual battle shortly after His baptism while in the wilderness. Satan used scripture out of context to try to tempt Jesus, but Jesus used the scriptures to combat the lies.

Not only do we need to be good students of the word in the midst of spiritual warfare but we must also PRAY! Yes, distractions will come but you have to keep pushing forward and spend time with God.

It may sound a bit strange but spending time in worship helps us in the battle. 1John 4:4 says, *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world*. So turn up the Christian music on the radio and worship! Here's why, when we worship, our focus is on God instead of what is going on in and around us. Worship will remind us Jesus is far bigger than our enemy.

I can recall many times when anxiety and fear were taking over as I found myself in some kind of battle. Every time, I have found not only praying but remembering what scripture says and spending time worshipping Him, has allowed me to move forward and quickly get past the battle. Peace took over and calm set in.

Focus on God amid spiritual warfare, He will get you through.

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“...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” ~Matthew 5:16

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Sunday	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00 AM
	Morning Assembly	10:00 AM

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“You are the light of the world; a city on a hill cannot be hidden”
~Matthew 5:14

Fairlawn Family Focus

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Welcome Visitors!

We're glad you came our way; please let us get to know you better. Please take the time to fill out a Visitor's Card.

There is a carry-in fellowship dinner some Sunday mornings after services—Please stay as our honored guests, and let us get to know you better.

Here, we strive to follow Jesus as he is seen in the New Testament. We pray, study, sing, and take communion together in order to grow closer to God and to each other.

We would love to have you grow with us toward Christ. If we can help you, in any way, please talk to us. The telephone numbers of our elders, deacons, and minister can be found within this bulletin. We hope to see you again soon and often!

FROM THE PULPIT

11-10-24 A.M.
“YOUR GOD REIGNS”
(Isaiah 52:7)

11-10-24 P.M.
NO EVENING SERVICE

11-17-24 A.M.
Mike Barnes preaching

11-17-24 P.M.
NO EVENING SERVICE

*Your name, O Lord,
endures forever, your
renown, O Lord, through
all generations. For the
Lord will vindicate his
people and have compas-
sion on his servants.*
~Psalm 135:13-14



Prayer List



OUR SHUT-INS

Donald Henderson

~Please keep **Terry Whitesel** in your prayers, as he recovers from a stomach surgery he had on October 28th. Please pray for his quick and full recovery.

~**Lois Calvert** is requesting some prayers for several of her family members: Her nephew (Dewey's son) **Bruce Bailey**, has been diagnosed with a rare and serious problem with his bone marrow. He is receiving treatment in South Carolina. Her daughter **Kathy** has been accepted into a clinical trial. She is undergoing extensive testing prior to the start of treatment. Her sister, **Joyce Colvin, Larry & Michelle Lodge**, and several of their family have Covid. **Michelle's** is more severe as she has pneumonia along with Covid and had to be hospitalized at Ball. Also, Lois's niece, **Sandy**, has begun chemo for her colon cancer. Please keep all those mentioned in your prayers.

~Please keep **Dave Salmon** in your prayers, as he recovers from emergency gall bladder surgery that he had on October 10th.

~**Cristie Dickey's mom, Dorothy Anderson**, fell leaving her 80th birthday party on Sept. 29th in Portland, and she was taken by ambulance to Muncie. She had a fractured hip and had to have surgery on Sept. 30th. Cristie, Chuck, and Dorothy request your prayers, as she goes through the stages of this procedure and the healing journey this will entail.

~Prayers are requested for **Jerry & Linda Monroe**. **Linda** is facing dementia, and she is at Alexandria Nursing Care. (Linda was also recently hospitalized with Covid and the flu.) Please keep both Jerry & Linda in your prayers at this time.

~**Duane & Marty Webb** requests continued prayers for Duane's par-

ents, **Harley & Joann Webb** (both age 93). They have both fallen recently and have been in and out of the ER, and their health is failing these days. **Update:** *Duane's dad, Harley, has found out that he has 4 blockages in his carotid artery, and has been told he is not a candidate for the surgery needed to repair it, due to the increased risk because of his age. What they can do, is run some tests to see the percentage of blood flow through the arteries (in order to give him the proper medications).* Your prayers for Harley & Joann would be appreciated.

~**Mike & Judy Monroe** requests prayers for a friend, **Grace Wilson**, who is in a serious health condition and in need of our urgent prayers.

~**Mike & Judy Monroe** asks that you keep their son, **Chris**, in your prayers.

~**Nancy Friedrich's brother-in-law, Rick**, has been placed in hospice. Please pray for comfort for him and his family.

~Continued prayers are requested for **Jimmy Evans (Kim Evan's husband)**, who had a serious accident on May 19th, & suffered severe internal injuries. He had surgery on May 21st, to address multiple internal injuries.

Update: *Jimmy is at home continuing his healing and has physical therapy. He still has quite a way to go, but God is answering your prayers for Jimmy. So keep on lifting him up in prayer!*

~**Nancy Friedrich** requests prayers for her long-time childhood friend, **Cheryl Hubert**, who has leukemia. **Update:** *She has been told she has less than 1 year to live, and she needs a bone marrow transplant. New Update:* *Cheryl is unable to get a bone marrow transplant due to her health and age. She is struggling with her neck and breathing. Please continue to pray for her, & also pray that she*

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will be open to know about God.

~Please keep the **Bright family** in your prayers: **Ralph's nephew** has bone cancer, **Charlotte's stepdad** fell off his mower and broke his wrist. Her brother, **Jay** continues to have issues. *(As you'll recall, back in January, he fell out of his bed and broke his hip and had to have surgery.)* Pray for **Ralph & Charlotte**, as they are trying to help their family deal with all of this.

~Prayers are requested for **Ralph Bright's sister, Sarah Bowling**, (age 86) and niece, **Tonya**, who are both battling stage 4 liver cancer. They live together but can't be treated with chemo or radiation. **Update:** *Ralph's sister, Sarah, is back in the hospital with severe problems with her feet.)*

~Continued prayers are requested for **Tim & Jenny Leach**, as they continue to deal with **Tim's** recent diagnosis of having Pulmonary Fibrosis (a terminal lung issue). Please continue to pray fervently for Tim's healing of this and that it won't be as aggressive.

~Please continue to keep **Tony Parks** in your prayers, as he has been having seizures along with his Parkinson's.

Long-Term Prayer List

CONTINUED PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

~**Anderson Christian School**—Financial support needed.

~**Fran Bailey**, Lois Calvert's sister-in-law—Serious illness.

~**Beau Bell**, Michelle Cook's brother—Parkinson's disease—aggressive.

~**Collette Bright**, Charlotte Bright's daughter-in-law—Many medical issues—liver, heart, etc.

~**Dawn Cook**, Charlotte Bright's niece—3 brain tumors.

~**Courtney (Mathews) Sullivan's mother-in-law**—Cancer.

~**Cristy Abels**—Chemo.

~**Kathy Chanel**, Lois Calvert's daughter—Cancer/Chemo.

~**Cristie Dickey's mom, Dorothy**

Prayer List Cont'd.

Anderson—Ongoing problems from GI perforation & surgeries.

~**Nancy Friedrich, her, bro-in-law Rick Mirecki**—cancer/hospice, **her sister Peggy**, & **her brother Joe**—health struggles, **her sister-in-law, Susan**—bladder cancer, **her great niece, Kylee**—difficult family situation, & **her great niece, Evelyn**—brain issue, and **her great great nephew, Michael Martin**, who is having epilepsy episodes.

~**Dan Huston**, Debbie Huston's husband—Multifocal Motor Neuropathy.

~**Stephnie Huston**—Serious form of autoimmune disease.

~**Judy Monroe**—M.S.

~**Tony Parks**—Parkinson's disease.

~**Angie Reed**—M.S.

~**Sam Schlagel**, Lois Calvert's son—Autoimmune issue.

~**Sally & Gary Sloan**, Jenny Leach's sister & bro.-in-law—Leukemia (both).

~**Clara Smallwood**, Angie Walls' sister—Rare form of cancer/chemo.

~**Bob & Jan Todd**—Both have Parkinson's disease.

~**Jordan Webb**—Ongoing struggles, rehab./recovery.



All ladies are welcome to attend the **Ladies Lunch** at McAllisters on Wed., Nov. 13th, at 1:30pm.

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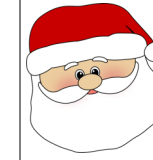
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College Study Survival Bags—Reminder: If you haven't already done so, the deadline is TODAY, (Sun., Nov. 10th) to turn in your cash donations to Diane Stricklin or Cheryl Mathews, for the purchase of snacks, for the College Survival Bags.



The Santa Breakfast will be Sat., Dec. 7th. Please sign up to attend, and if you would like to donate to the cause, see Joy Salmon or Rick Beckman.

Fairlawn Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week in November



Date	Birthday	Anniversary
Nov. 10	Aaron Fox Su Lautzenheiser	
Nov. 11	Rick Beckman	
Nov. 12	Alice Miller	
Nov. 13		Greg & Angie Crump
Nov. 14		Dale & Judy Lawrence
Nov. 16	Dale Lawrence	



For the time being, for those unable to attend worship service at the church building, we are still publishing sermon *audio* to the following link:

<https://FairlawnChurchOfChrist.sermon.net/main>

& also *video* on Facebook: **Fairlawn Church of Christ**

and now...on Fairlawn's website: <http://www.fairlawncc.org> (click on *Media* tab, then click on *Sermons* in list, then click on the highlighted Facebook where it says our Sunday sermons can be viewed on Facebook.)

PANTRY



The pantry is in need of the following item(s):

Canned Fruit

Please note: Fairlawn is continually feeding families, and we need to keep replenishing the pantry as each week goes by. *As always, if you would like to donate money, for the purchase of perishable items, please see an elder.*

This week's pantry volunteer on call:
Linda Beckman



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