

SUIT UP

Imagine two knights sitting on horses, overlooking a castle they are about to attempt capturing. The castle is heavily fortified with large walls, moats, and gates. Even more, there are soldiers and archers waiting to attack the pair. The first knight wears a shining suit of armor. He has a heavy helmet to protect his head and a massive iron suit from head to toe. He even has gloves and boots made of metal to protect even his fingers. The second knight wears a simple linen shirt, a wool cap, and some comfortable shoes. The first knight looks to the second and says, "We will attack the castle on my signal, and we will soon have victory!" He then raises his broadsword over his head and charges towards the castle. The second knight simply picks up a small stick he found in the woods and follows behind.

Which knight would you want to be? The first knight is rather confined. It is probably a little hot and stuffy inside the armor. His vision is a little limited with only a small slit to look out of and the faceplate makes it difficult to wipe the sweat off his face. The suit is also hard and limiting to move around in, and if there is an itch on his back good luck scratching that. The second knight has no restrictions at all. His shirt is loose and breezy. His cap is not heavy or cumbersome and he has perfect vision. His pants aren't binding and keep him from being able to run, and his shoes are soft and flexible enough to wiggle his toes if he wants to. The second knight is totally free of any restrictions. He must have it made right? Wrong.

Although the first knight may feel restricted by his armor, he is wearing it for his own good. When archers begin raining arrows at him, they simply bounce off or even break upon hitting him. When someone comes at him with a sword, their strikes and blows glance off him and he is not harmed. The second knight may be more comfortable and more "free" but in reality, he is unprotected.

Paul explains in Ephesians 6, that God's commands work like a suit of armor. He says in **Ephesians 6:11**, "Put on the whole armor of God,

that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." God's spiritual armor is designed to protect you from the fiery darts from Satan (**Ephesians 6:16**), and keep you ready to fight off any spiritual adversary. For example, God's command not to steal protects you from all guilt and fear of punishment from getting caught. It also protects you from shame, or embarrassment from being caught. His command to not lie protects us from being trapped in a chain or web of lies, in which we must keep creating new lies just to cover up old ones. It also ensures continued trust between friends and family. God's command to forgive others who have wronged you keeps you from becoming bitter or resentful. It also protects you from seeking revenge and getting in trouble.

I am sure leading up to the castle, the first knight was thinking of how much nicer it would be to not have to wear all that armor, but in the middle of the fight, those thoughts quickly leave his mind. We must remember that we are in a spiritual battle as well. Paul says in **Ephesians 6:12**, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." We are also warned in **1 Peter 5:8**, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." We do not know when our adversary will attack so, we must continue to take up the whole armor of God: truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the word of God. Keep them close and they will protect you from harm.

(article from January 2022) **Andrew Spivey**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Psalm 30:4-5

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read – Genesis 5 Wednesday Read – Genesis 6

Questions for last week's reading of; **Genesis 3&4**



Questions:

1. What were the 3 reasons that caused Eve to eat of the tree of knowledge of good & evil?
2. What was the prophecy in Genesis 3:15?
3. What was the result for all people when Adam and Eve sinned?
4. Name Adam and Eve's sons.
5. Why was God pleased with Abel's sacrifice and not pleased with Cain's?

UPCOMING EVENTS

*** 4:15 Singing class every Sunday*
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm**

- Jan. 18 – Excels-Bring finger foods
- Jan. 19–Widows/Widowers Luncheon Fellowship Room
- Jan. 21 – TNT 6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class 6:30 PM
- Feb 1 – Dorcas Classes 9:00 – 10:30 AM
- Feb. 4 – TNT 6:00 PM
Ladies Class 6:30 PM
- Feb. 8 – Dorcas Class 9:00 – 10:30 AM

DORCAS CLASS

Dorcas Class will begin **Saturday February 1st** from 9:00 – 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Room and continue for the next 2 Saturdays. Each class will have a lesson and a service project. **All young ladies are invited to attend Dorcas Class.** For more details, please see **Pam Newby**.

CALLING POST

During times of inclement weather which may cause services to be delayed or cancelled, Calling Post is utilized to let everyone know. Calling Post is a service out of Oklahoma. If you are not able to answer, they will continue to call or leave a message.

ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY January 19, 2025 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Siler
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Scripture Reading.....Mike Lyle
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Lord's Supper.....Charlie Seals
Servers.....J. Sever; D. Thompson; M. Ellis
B. Sever; G. Rowlett; C. Nelsen
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

4:15 Singing Class

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Jonathan Senn
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

WEDNESDAY

January 22, 2025

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Ushers for January.....Z. Tooley/E. Stephenson
Communion Care for January.....B/T Brown
Door Greeters – West Door.....J/L Cherry
East Door.....E/D Stephenson
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Linda Cherry

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Tony Perry is home now and will continue with dialysis. **JoNell Vaughn**, mother of Rita Strickland, is now at Greenwood Nursing facility for rehab. **Ethan Huffard** son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has completed his chemo treatments. He returns to the doctor in six months. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has begun chemo.

SHUT-INS

Jean Deaton, Mary Spivey
 (new addresses for both Jean & Mary,
 please call the office)

*We depend on families and friends to help us update
 this list. Please notify us of any changes.*

PRAYER LIST

Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Sara Hosman; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Lena Baggett; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Scott Seals son of Charlie & Wanda Seals; **Ethan Huffard** son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby; **Heather Lemley** daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; **Jean McCurdy** mother of Olivia Nelsen; **Elaine Reynolds**, friend of Christie Coleman; **Alan Greene**, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; **Bethany Shoulders**, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; **Samantha Hager**, friend of June Thompson; **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; **Ty Tyler** son of Ann Tyler; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill; **Aza Topik**, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	116
Morning Worship.....	177
Sunday Evening.....	106
(Winter Series Monday).....	77
(Winter Series Tuesday).....	74
Wednesday Evening.....	70
Contribution.....	\$7,695.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$11,283.00

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