

## Ready For the Fight

Our books, movies, and other entertainment is filled with struggle and the fight. We fight over many things. We fight for respect, for land, for money, and for progress. We fight an enemy across a valley or sometimes within ourselves. A lot of the struggle we see between people is about selfishness. We want something and another person has it. We struggle with these feelings while another person is jealous of us. The cycle keeps going and fights break out.

We look at the fights that occur in the Bible, and many of them are about what is righteous. God may be blessing his people and so he helps them win the battle. It could also be that his people have abandoned God, and he is raising up someone else to teach them a lesson. When they realize their mistake, it takes another fight to bring them back to the place God gave them. God is always involved in the struggle for his people to be righteous.

Our fight against evil may take many forms. It is not so clear as finding the person dressed in black wearing a black hat. Most of the time the enemy is not so obvious. The place where the fight occurs may be in the world or it may have come inside us. The fight is with our passion and desire. Ephesians 2 describes it as with the prince of the power of the air who is at work in disobedient people. That makes a huge enemy. There was a time we didn't have God. Jesus has given us opportunity to be his children.

We fight to keep our own nature like the nature of Jesus. It is so easy to look out for ourselves and for what we want. When we surrender to God, we give up the desire for selfish things. We look for the things God wants. We fight for his righteousness and his kingdom. The battle takes place in the hearts of people as they turn from darkness to light. It is a battle worth fighting, but we must be careful to fight like Jesus. He is the one who has won the victory.

--Terry

Seek Jesus,  
Find Jesus,  
Share Jesus-

*Our Mission: Equip the family of God to be Jesus in the home, the community and the world.*

The Spirit of the Lord has filled me with power...  
He makes me  
**Brave**  
→ Micah 3:8

### Giving During the Quarantine

There have been a number of inquiries on the best way to make contributions during the quarantine period. Fortunately, there are a number of avenues available--choose the one that works best for you!

- Go to **www.mesachurch.org** (our web page) and look for the **Give Online** link at the top of the page. Click on this and complete the information requested. *There is a small fee for checks and auto withdrawals from bank and a % fee if a debit card is used.*
- Use **Bill Pay** through your regular bank--these checks are delivered by mail from your bank. *There is no charge for this service.*
- Mail a check to the church office.
- Drop off your contribution at the office window. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

### Thank You, Mesa

Evan Todachine, the young man that Mesa sponsors in his Navajo Nation work, picked up masks and some water bottles on Tuesday that were donated by Mesa members. He is very concerned with the spread of the virus on the reservation. Please continue to pray for this!

### World Bible School

Now is the time to be adopting WBS students! We are getting a lot more students and now we want to ADOPT ALL STUDENTS IN OUR AREA!! Texas has offered to help financially, if we need it, and they asked us to adopt all students in our target area! So, teachers, please adopt as many as you can, with this crisis the time is ripe! The board is full of students! If you have some spare time and are interested in becoming a teacher, contact Sandy Yeats at 480-710-4150.



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SCHOOL**

### Greeting from Elders

If you are not able to view our services on-line or if you joined a little late last week (April 12th), you may have missed the greeting from Ken Fox and Jackie Hinkle! Both had encouraging words for the Mesa family and let us know that they and their families are doing well! Praise God for this, and continue to pray that we are able to meet together again soon!

### Order of Worship--April 19, 2020

Song: "Step by Step"

Prayer: Jackie Hinkle

Song: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

Song: "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Song: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Communion & Contribution: Anthony Bryant

Song: "Soldiers of Christ Arise"

Lesson: "In the Face of Danger We Fight" (Terry)

Song: "Stronger"

Song: "How Great is our God"

Prayer: Kevin Hubby

## Praise and Prayers

### new and critical

Mike Corder.....Recovering from Pneumonia  
 Dot Reners (J. Bonebrake's Sister).....Pneumonia  
 Chris Erno..... Medication adjustments  
 Jerra Bonebrake ..... Shoulder Surgery recovery  
 Osvaldo (Missionary in El Salvador).....Health  
 Stephanie Hasper..... Biopsy 4/21

### on-going health problems

Debbie McMorries (Steve Young's mom), Martha Carroll, Lisa Fenwick, Bob Klosterboer, Joyce Rutledge (B. Kerley's Mom), Dot Reners, Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Jacquelyn Gatica, Joan Piercy, Debbie Suazo, Tewana Carter, Samuel DuBoise, Merlene Hanzuk, Stacey Cummings, Lynda Campbell, Lynnitia Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Shirley Mathis, Jon Hardin

### military prayers

Andrew Jones (C. Burd's G'son), Anthony Galvan (Millers G'son), Jake Hinkle (Hinkle's G'son), Briana Aston (S. Yeats' Niece), Michael Ford, Jake Teague (Grandson-in-law of Sue Johnson), Jared Cannon, Kyle Sharp, John Dunwoody, Zack Ubrig, Chris Kingsbury

### Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: On-line service

Wednesday: On-line service

Budget: \$13,027

Giving: \$10,335

YTD Average: \$11,457