

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday morning worship (Bible study)	9:30 AM
Sunday morning worship (Preaching)	10:30 AM
Sunday afternoon worship (Preaching).....	4:00 PM
Wednesday evening worship (Bible Study).....	7:00 PM

NEWS AND NOTES

SCHEDULE: The schedule for December is posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for the month.

SERVICE TIMES: We are meeting at our normal schedule of assemblies.

SICK AND SHUT-INS The members here who had Covid-19 are better now, but some are still a little weak. Brenda Elliott was not feeling well Wednesday evening. Jack Elliott's nephew, Tim Mauldin, is very seriously ill with covid-19 and he has been air lifted to Pensacola, Fla to be treated in an ECMO machine for seriously ill covid-19 patients.

STAYING IN: As a result of the of the Corona Virus some members may quarantine themselves at home because of contact with an infectious person or underling health issues or just precautionary. We respect their decisions.

SYMPATHY: Peggy Tiffin's brother-in-law, Charles Dexter Ezzell, died Friday. His funeral will be today at 3 pm. We extend to Peggy and her family our deepest sympathy.

TEACHING EFFORTS: Our teaching bulletin, the **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, was inserted in the **Red Bay News** in October. Copies of the new issue are on the table in the foyer for those who do not receive a paper. These may also be used to give to a friend or neighbor. When these are depleted, more can be printed. There is also an ad in the local paper once a month offering a free Bible correspondence course. There are DVD copies of past TV programs available. The radio program on 95.5 FM at 10 AM each Sunday continues. Please pray that these efforts will reach people interested in studying God's word.

GOSPEL MEETINGS / SINGINGS: I know of no meetings in the area. If you know of meetings or singings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

POINTS TO PONDER

- The Main Thing is to keep The Main Thing, The Main Thing (see Matt 6:33)
- Sincerity gives a simplicity and power to both word and deed.
- Religion at its best is a lift and not a load.

THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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I CAN BEAT A CHARGE GLORIOUSLY

By Kent E. Heaton Sr.

Napoleon was a man that left his mark upon the pages of history. On one occasion, apparently defeated after one of his great battles, he called a drummer boy to him and commanded him to beat a retreat. The boy looking for a moment at the retreating army, answered, "Sire, marshal never taught me to do a retreat, but I can beat a charge gloriously." "Beat a charge, then," was Napoleon's stern command. When the battle was over, defeat had been turned into victory all because the drummer boy did not know how to beat a retreat.

The Bible describes our lives as soldiers in a great battle. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled ... For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (2Corinthians 10:3-6; Ephesians 6:12,13)

As soldiers in the Army of God, we fight a battle against a great host of wickedness. We are able to fight a good fight because the weapons we use are mighty in God. The armor God has given us (Ephesians 6:14-18) will quench all the fiery darts of Satan and give us the victory every time. As David of old went to strike down the giant, Goliath, we too with the same faith and assurance can strike down the giants in our lives to gain the victory.

The action in this battle is only forward and fighting. We must beat a charge gloriously each time we face temptation. There is no retreat in this war for our Savior has been to the grave and risen victorious that He may lead His armies each time to victory. Defeat or retreat is not to be in the mind of the child of God. Jesus did not die that we may sound the beat of retreat but rather sounded forth the trumpet of overcoming sin.

Our minds must be upon Him who died for us that we may have courage in the face of battle to go forward. Fulton Sheen wrote, "There are only war veterans in Heaven, who have fought the good fight for the Kingdom of God." Children of God are those "who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." (Hebrews 11:33,34)

Our hearts and our minds know only the charge of victory and will never hesitate in the face of battle. At the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, a sign reads: "On the plains of hesitation lie the blackened bones of countless millions who at the dawn of victory sat down to rest and resting died." Our warfare is one that has the assurance of victory. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1Corinthians 15:57)

John writes about the faith we have in Christ and how we beat the charge against Satan gloriously: "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (1John 4:4) We fight because we have greater weapons if we but use them. When the knee is bent in prayer, Satan falls. When the sword of the Spirit is raised, Satan flees. When the beat of the charge to victory is heard, Satan's army is destroyed.

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OUR SURVIVAL KIT - AT HAND

On June 2, 1960, an 8-year-old boy, Walter Sedor, was found sitting on a rock 3/4 of a mile from Tarton Lake, 12 miles north of Flin Flon, Manitoba. He and his father had been fishing.

For 15 days he had waited beside the wrecked and burned plane in which his father, Steve Sedor, was instantly killed in the crash. Hungry and afraid, the boy waited alone for his mother to come for him.

Royal Canadian Air Force and civilian planes had scanned 70,000 square miles of land for days, but no trace had been found until on the 15th day after the crash. A commercial airline pilot sighted the boy standing on a rock and waving feebly for help. For 15 days the boy had been without food and his emaciated and weakened condition showed that starvation would shortly have overtaken him.

One of the tragic aspects of this accident was that there was no need for the boy to be hungry, for near the plane was a survival kit containing 24 day's rations. It had been thrown clear when the plane crashed but the lad was unaware of what it contained.

Many people today are like Walter Sedor. They are lost in the wilderness, not of the North Country, but of doubt and fear and their starved souls suffer from malnutrition, hunger, and starvation while right beside them is a survival kit with abundance of the bread of life to nourish their starving souls. The Bible contains the daily rations we need but so often it lies unopened and unused and we remain unaware that it contains the Bread of Life for which our souls hunger.

How unfortunate it was that little Walter Sedor hadn't opened that survival kit and satisfied his hunger. But it is even more tragic when mature adults fail to avail themselves of the Bread of Life which is theirs - simply by opening their Bibles and feasting on the Word of God.

God has provided us with the greatest survival kit - the Bible. It contains the daily rations for a Christian and the Bread of Life to satisfy the hunger of our souls.

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