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THE MESSENGER



ENGAGE IN THE BATTLE

The Bible paints for us a very clear picture of an invisible war that not only surrounds us, but directly affects our lives. Throughout this month of February, the Sunday morning sermon series, Engage In The Battle will pivot toward the armor God has provided each believer in Jesus Christ so we might withstand the attacks of the devil.

The apostle Paul, when writing the New Testament book of Ephesians was under house-arrest in Rome and was literally chained to a Roman soldier. Paul uses the armor those Roman soldiers were wearing to illustrate to the Ephesians and to us the benefits God's armor can provide - if only we suit-up for battle. I encourage you to join us at 11 o'clock each Sunday morning throughout the month to learn how to defend yourself from an evil enemy!



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Youth News

Greetings and Salutations;

I don't know much about Tina Turner. Well, other than she has some crazy hair and an even crazier ex-husband. But besides those two things I don't know much at all about the pop songstress. In fact, her career really took off before I was even born (see, I'm still young). I tell you this to explain how weird it is that Ms. Turner has had a song stuck in my head off and on for a couple of months now. Perhaps you've heard of a little ditty called, "What's love got to do with it."

Some background would probably be helpful. Back in November I set out to prayerfully seek where God wanted PULSE to go. It was important to me that everything we do in our worship service be God lead. I had wanted to do a message on purity during the month of February, since it is such a great tie in with Valentine's Day and was wondering what angle I could take that would be impactful for our students. That's where Tina comes in.

What's love got to do with it? That's a great question. It's the same question confronting a generation of young people when it comes to sex. What's love got to do with it? Societal thoughts about sex have shifted from a biblical view of a marriage partnership full of love into a physical act of lust and frivolity. Somewhere along the lines our young people have been taught that sex and love really aren't connected and that can't be farther from the truth.

So this February we will be discovering what God has to say about love. What it is, what it isn't and how sex fits into the picture. We're calling the series Truly Loved because that perfectly describes our relationship to God and how we should strive to make our relationship with our spouse. If you have any questions about PULSE, or our upcoming series, please don't hesitate to contact me at Jaultman@westsidebc.info. God Bless you all and we'll see you on Wednesday nights for PULSE: Truly Loved!

In Love and Praise,

Justin Aultman
Student and Children's Pastor

P.S. We are now accepting donations for our 6th annual Youth Yard Sale. We will take any gently used clothes, toys, house wares, appliances, electronics, furniture, bedding, tools or really anything else in order to help our students go to camp. You can drop off donations after services on Sunday or Wednesday or for larger items you can schedule delivery by calling or emailing Pastor Justin.

Weekly Service Schedule

Sundays

9:45am - Sunday School for all ages

11:00am - Morning Worship

Wednesdays

7:00pm - Mid-Week Bible Study for Youth, Adults & Children

Prayer Requests

Pastor Mark & Family
Pastor Justin & Amanda Aultman
Howard & Joan Morales
Jim & Yvonne Allegood
Allen & Laurie Aultman
Al & Linda Chao
David & Magen Schlechter
Tony & Shelly Wilson & Family
Neil & Jodi Barden
Betty Bryant
Lois Carlson
MaryAnn Ely & Family
Muriel Jackson & Family
Betty Summerall & Family

Our Shut Ins

Audrey Adams
Alice Bradish
Vernie Chao
Wyonna Lambert
Ruth Rebar
Woodrow & Mary Maples
Lilly Stanley

Our Troops

Darren Cooksey

Our Youth

Our Nation's Leaders

President Obama
Vice President Biden

To add a prayer request to the prayer chain please contact
BETTY BRYANT 782-6875

Woman to Woman

Slam! The foundation of the house shook as I spent my frustration on the hapless door in my path. My brows knitted together, and I sank in the chair by my bed. I had got precious little sleep, and I felt ill and tired... And quite unable to keep all the balls in the air without dropping one, two, or all. I wanted to quit. I didn't have the wherewithal to keep moving forward. The house was silent- apparently the kids didn't care to remind me they were around. Emotionally, I was spent. Spiritually drained, all I could do was whisper, "Lord!" But it was enough.

Proverbs 18:10 tells us that the name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run to it and are saved. I felt like the waves were pounding me, and the storm was just getting started. In the thick of this current battle, I just wanted to crawl home to my Heavenly Father, and hide. Not very courageous, but honest.

A decade later, I still smell the acrid scent of gunpowder, and the awful noise and heat of an intense military training exercise. I struggled to lift a fully laden stretcher into a CH-47 helicopter as the rotors whipped up dust, and a siren sounded for us to don our chemical suits. In the heat and misery of summer in Louisiana, sleep reduced by endless shifts in the medical tent, or worse hours on guard duty, I felt like I had been cast into the midst of hell itself. And it wasn't even real!

Weeks later, I reveled in my first shower. I savored every bite of my first meal that did not come from a bag, ready to eat. I snuggled in my bed, wiggling toes that had grown so used to being stuffed into boots, and I marveled at the freedom of shoulders not taut with the weight of weapon, protective vest, and a battle dress uniform so dirty they could almost stand up on their own.

That summer I earned an award for my performance in the field. Like many others that day, I stood tall and proud to have done my best. To have persevered rather than quit. Perspective. This battle may still be raging, but my part isn't over yet. The day hasn't yet come for me to stand before my Lord as He tells me, "well done, thou good and faithful servant! Enter now into the joy of your Lord." Sisters, there's still much to be accomplished. Don't give up, victory is at hand!



FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7:00-9:00am Coffee Connection 7:00pm- Bible Study for all ages 7:00 pm- Pie & Coffee Social	2	3 Silver Ring Thing 7:00-9:00pm	4 NO Regrets Conference 7:45am-4:30pm \$5.00/person lunch provided
5 Pre-School Caregivers Meeting 12:00pm	6 SAHM 10 - 11:15am Tiffany Kuykendall's	7 WOW Bible Study 10:00am or 6:30pm/Men's Fraternity 6:00am	8 7:00-9:00am Coffee Connection 7:00pm- Bible Study for all ages	9 11:30am Senior Luncheon	10	11
12 PLACE Workshop 2:00-7:00pm	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY Bible studies cancelled for this eve-	15 7:00-9:00am Coffee Connection 7:00pm- Business Meeting/Bible Study for all Ages	16	17	18
19	20	21 WOW Bible Study 10:00am or 6:30pm/Men's Fraternity 6:00am or 6:30pm	22 7:00-9:00am Coffee Connection 7:00pm- Bible Study for all Ages	23	24	25
26	27	28 WOW Bible Study 10:00am or 6:30pm/Men's Fraternity 6:00am or 6:30pm	29 PULSE Wednesday Night X 7:00pm			

February Birthdays

Tiffany Kuykendall	1st
Forrest Klinger	4th
Rosie Mckell	16th
Danielle Warren	19th
Pricilla Mae Porter	20th
Jim Allegood	21st
Mark Warren	23rd
Yvonne Allegood	20th
G'nique Stokes	27th

February Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Grannis
17th



PULSE WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY 7:00PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 3rd Silver Ring Thing 7-9:00pm
Feb 29th Wednesday Night X