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I Timothy 6:12, “*Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*”

Today is Veteran’s day. It’s a day set aside to honor those who have served in the military of this nation. Many have given their lives in service to protect the way of life we have. We have many members at Munfordville who have served in the military. We give to them the honor they deserve.

Many have never served in the military, but any Christian is in a spiritual army. The war we fight is against sin. Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:11-12, “¹¹*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.* ¹²*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*”

We are fighting against the devil and spiritual wickedness. Just as a military of any nation needs to have the proper tools to fight in a war, the LORD has given us the tools to fight and to be victorious.

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Paul wrote to take on the whole armor of God. We cannot be without any of the armor available to us. What armor do we have?

Ephesians 6:14a, “*Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth.*” We have to be standing and ready. We cannot leisurely sit and fight the battle against evil. We must have the truth. We cannot defeat the devil with false doctrine. False teaching is actually a tool of the devil that he uses to defeat us.

Ephesians 6:14b, “*and having on the breastplate of righteousness.*” We must be righteous and live right before the LORD to be victorious. A breastplate protects the heart of the one wearing it. Likewise the breastplate of righteousness makes our spiritual hearts pure and right before the LORD.

Ephesians 6:15, “*And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.*” Good footwear is vital to a marching army. Our footwear is the gospel of peace. It’s interesting that even though we are fighting a war, we use the gospel of peace. The gospel is the footwear that takes us to the world. Teaching and preaching will bring peace to others. Peace comes when war is over. The gospel will bring everlasting peace to those who obey the gospel.

Ephesians 6:16, “*Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*” A shield is used for defense. You hold it up and it protects you from objects and weapons coming to hit you. Our faith is our shield. The wicked throws at us not only darts, but they are fiery. They pierce and they burn.

Note that with the shield of faith, we’ll be able to quench all the darts the wicked throw at us. We don’t just protect ourselves from some of the fiery darts. We can quench them all.

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—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve**



Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, Erin Davis and Leon Seaton.

—We extend our sympathies to the family of **Frances Kidd** who passed away November 5, 2018. Funeral services were this past Wednesday in Elizabethtown. She is the mother of Vicki McDaniel.

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Think of how valuable a physical shield would be in war that could protect you from anything that comes toward you. No such physical shield could exist, but there is such a shield for a vastly more important war. The shield of faith will protect us from all the fiery darts.

How do we obtain this shield of faith? Romans 10:17, “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” The only way to obtain this faith is hearing the word of God. This shield is very obtainable, yet many will never have it because they are not reading the word of God and studying it. The more time we spend reading the word of God the stronger our shield of faith will become.

Ephesians 6:17a, “*And take the helmet of salvation.*” A helmet protects our head which is the center of our thought and consciousness. In the same way, to have salvation protects our very being—our soul. If we are in a saved state, then we need never worry about anything that happens to us. We certainly know how very fragile and brief life is. If we suddenly depart this life while wearing the helmet of salvation, we know that we’ll immediately go to be with the LORD.

Ephesians 6:17b, “*and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*” Thus far all our spiritual equipment for this war is for defense. We have one weapon—the word of God. With our constant study of
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Sunday, November 4, 2018		
Classes	18	Hebrews 6:13-7:3
Preaching	30	II Kings 20:1-21
Contribution	\$730.00	
Evening	16	Singing - Psalm 111:1-10
Wednesday, November 7, 2018		
Classes	18	I Chronicles 18:1-17

Nov 4 (AM) Patsy Waddle (Lexington, TN);
Deborah Barger (Cedar Grove, TN);
Visitors— John & Kim Willoughby (Dickson, TN);
Beverly Gossett & James Lang (Cave
City, KY)

Bible Quiz

What type of shields did David bring to Jerusalem?

Last Week’s Answer— Melita (Acts 28:1)

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the LORD’s word, our skills with the sword of the Spirit will grow. The word is a powerful weapon. We need to learn how to use it.

We have all the protection and weaponry we need to defeat evil and save our souls in Heaven. Let’s use them and become a true veteran in the LORD’s army.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—	
1.	Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2.	Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3.	Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4.	Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5.	Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6.	Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)