

Empowered Against the Enemy

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Be strong! Admittedly, strength has never been my strong suit. Whenever a heavy object needs to be moved, I'm eager help, but my noodle arms can only do so much.

More often than I admit, I am spiritually weak. Whenever I have a heavy spiritual burden or face a strong temptation, I feel like I can only do so much.

Paul reminds us that Christians must be strong in Ephesians 6:10–13. (ESV)

[10] Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [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. [13] 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 firm.

Be strong! When Paul writes to the Ephesians, he's not telling them to toughen up with their own strength. Rather, "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might." Paul tells Christians to be strong in God! The strength of Christians is not our own strength; it's the strength of the stron-

gest entity in eternity! God proved his strength and power as he created the world, as he defended his people in scripture, and as conquered death through his son. When we take responsibility to don the armor of God, we are empowered with the greatest strength imaginable.

Be strong in the Lord! Why? Remember who our true enemies are! Cosmic powers and spiritual forces... Satan and his army. When we are tempted to sin, we've met Satan in warfare. How do we defeat the devil? We can't. God can. When Jesus rose from the dead, he secured spiritual victory over the forces of Satan. Colossians 2:15 (ESV) says, "He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him."

Are you strong? Why? If you are strong because your strength comes from the Lord, you are equipped to join Jesus in victory. (Philippians 4:13)

Next Sunday night at Hillcrest will be the first Tri-State Youth Series of the year. We'll introduce the armor of God, studying the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, and the sandals of peace. Join us then, and invite others!

Caleb Boggs

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, John Ball, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Betty Fogarty, Joe and Teresa Freund, Gael Jackson, Cheryl Ball Langley, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahon, Monwell Magee, Sherry Merrill, Mebyl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Baelyn Rasbury, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney. Cheryl Williamson.

Glen Honeycutt is in the hospital with pneumonia. He hopes to go home today or tomorrow.

Please pray for Virginia Casey's son-in-law, Ryan Wall. He is in the hospital with complications from COVID.

 **Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts will meet Tuesday at 7:00 in the activities center. Start your day with food, fellowship, prayer and song. 

If you are not able to be at church, continue to visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

All **worship leaders** (song leader, prayer leaders, communion leader) will meet together in room 7 for a prayer meeting before morning worship services begin.



Today's Sermons

A.M. : *Don't Take the Bypass!*
(Danny Boggs)

P.M. : *The Chosen Lady and Her Children*
(2 John 1:3, Danny Boggs)

If you are **graduating** from college this year, please give your information to the office.

Congratulations to Amanda Flint who has been named the new superintendent of **Neosho Christian School**. She will begin in the Fall. We are grateful for the job that Lowell McInturff has done for last several years. Please pray for the school during this time of transition.

TriState Youth Series will meet here next Sunday at 4:00. The lesson is from Ephesians 6:10-15, Armor Up!

Please bring **cookies** and leave them in the activities center Sunday morning. We hope to have several young people from the area churches here for TriState.

Registration is open for our week at **Green Valley Bible Camp**. It is only 8 weeks away. Visit greenvalleybiblecamp.com today.



Just wanted to let your church know how much we appreciated watching the choir outside recently. I watched from my window and thought "how nice to see so many youngsters among them". Thanking you,

Judy England

Looking ahead:

- May 6: Men's Breakfast
- May 23: Singing in the Park
- June 6: Tri-State Youth Series at Carthage
- June- August: Special Wednesday Night Series
- July 1-10: Horizons
- July 18-21: Vacation Bible School
- July 31-August 5: Mankato Mission Trip
- October 8-10: Gospel Meeting with Marvin Otey



WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

This Wednesday

AM Opening Prayer: Charles Phillips
AM Closing Prayer: Eli Giebler
Communion Prayers: Karson Thomas

Announcements: Sam Collinworth
Singing: Caleb Boggs
Invitation: Pete Babb

PM Opening Prayer: Joe McLain
PM Closing Prayer: Harold Speir

Opening Prayer: Morgan Bryan
Closing Prayer: Stuart Anderson

RECORDS

4-18-21

4-19-20

Bible Study	121	
AM Worship	170	
PM Worship	110	
Wednesday	139	
Contribution	\$9,093.56	\$7,778.00
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,864.15