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SUNDAYS:

9:30 AM
Sunday School, Study
Groups

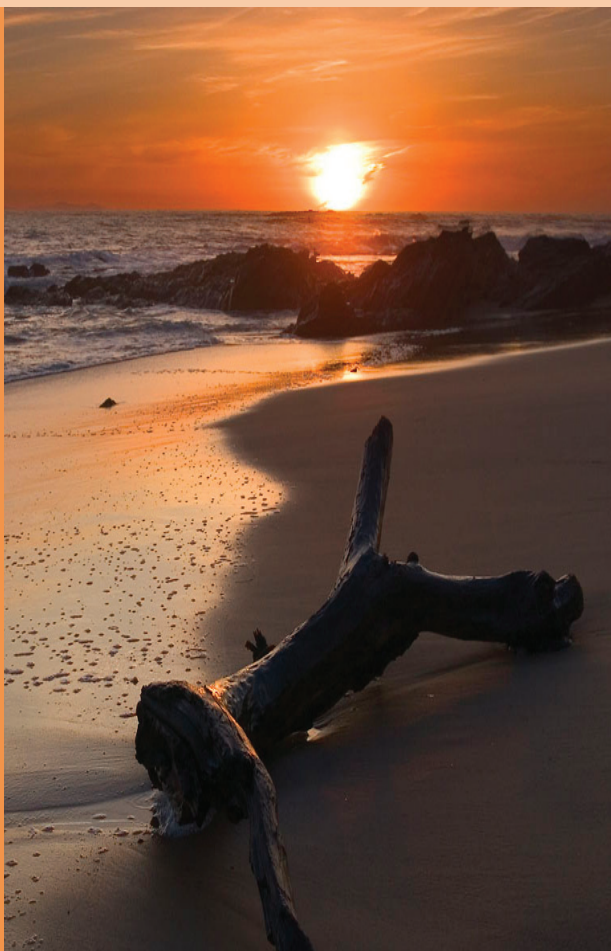
10:40 AM
Worship Service

6:00 PM
Sr. High Youth

WEDNESDAYS:

6:30 PM
Bible Study, Life Issues
Support Group,
Children & Middle School
Youth Ministries

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Week of July 25, 2010

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What's Happening at Perrow

- **BLUESTONE** — It's getting close to that time of the year! Perrow's annual retreat to the mountains is August 12-15. The cost of the weekend is \$115 per adult and \$57.50 per child ages 5-11. Registration forms are available outside the office. Turn in the forms, along with a deposit of \$25 per family or \$15 per single, to Harvey Wegert.
- **WORK PARTY** — Next Saturday July 31 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM there is an outside work party scheduled to spread mulch, painting and do general cleanup. The rain date is Saturday August 7. On Sunday August 1, immediately following the service, there will be an inside work party to change AC filters and light bulbs. Lunch will be provided both days. Contact Ruth LaMachia if you would like to help.
- **YOUTH MISSION TRIP** — A team of 14 youth and adults is in Medellin, Colombia. They will be returning on July 31. Please pray for the team. Members of the team are:
 - Rusty, Bonita, & little Michael Bonasso
 - Kami Graves
 - Jeremiah Stevens
 - Keith, Micah, & Sarah Crewdson
 - Linda & Kathleen Bonasso
 - Ethan Davis
 - Kelly & Isaac Shamblin
 - Cody White
- **BIKE RODEO** — The Kanawha County Sheriff Department and Perrow Church are having a Bike Rodeo next Thursday evening, August 5 at 6:30 PM. There will be safety instruction and an obstacle course. Bring your own bicycle and helmet if possible. If you can't get your bike here, there will be some available to use. Training wheels are permitted.
- **5 DAY CLUB** — Child Evangelism Fellowship is holding 5 Day Club this week. It is open to all children from ages 5-12 and will be from 4:30 - 6:00 PM each day.
- **PERROW FAMILY ARCHERY** — Be sure you attend this Wednesday, July 28 - the scoring that evening will be used to determine trophy placings. On Wednesday, August 4, there will be a cook-out at 5:30 PM and award ceremony at 6:30 PM. Registered shooters will receive a t-shirt, certificate, and a trophy or medal (based on scores from 7/28).
- **LEAD LIKE JESUS** — Next Saturday, July 31 at Teays Valley Christian School there will be a Lead Like Jesus Encounter from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. The workshop introduces principles to help you become a servant leader, just as Jesus was. For more information, contact Steve Davis at 304.989.1730.

■ AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 02 – Mark Addesa
- 02 – Beau Sizemore
- 04 – Tate Russell
- 06 – Stella Young
- 07 – Lisa Holstein
- 08 – Christy Knight
- 08 – Eleanor Marshall
- 09 – Brian Knight
- 09 – Greg Stonestreet
- 11 – Elias Cardenas
- 12 – Steve Casebolt
- 14 – Katie Addesa
- 18 – Matt Young
- 19 – Kelly Shamblin
- 20 – Jeff Thompson
- 21 – Missy Smith
- 26 – Tara Godbey
- 27 – Lindsay Adkins
- 27 – John Miller
- 27 – Jonathan Young
- 28 – Jennifer Byus
- 28 – Allison Smith
- 29 – Barbara Chase
- 29 – Glen VanBibber
- 31 – Barry Holstein

■ TODAY

- 8:55 AM Prayer (prayer room)
10:40 AM Worship Service
Children's Church (children will be dismissed)
5:00 PM Officers Lay Training
6:00 PM Senior High Youth
6:30 PM Prayer in sanctuary

■ M/W/F

- 8:00 AM Seniors' Exercise Group

■ MONDAY-FRIDAY

- 8:30 AM Prayer (prayer room)
4:30 PM 5 Day Club - VBS

■ MONDAY, 7/26

Zumba cancelled - instructor vacation

■ WEDNESDAY, 7/28

- 9:00 AM Intercessors Prayer
5:30 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Family Archery, Support Group, Old Testament
Zumba cancelled - instructor vacation

■ SATURDAY, 7/31

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer
9:00 AM Work Party

■ AUGUST

- 1 Communion/Work Party
4 Family Archery Awards/Cookout
5 Bicycle Rodeo
6 Family Game Night
12-15 Bluestone Retreat
21 Cross Lanes Car Show
29 Fellowship Brunch

■ SEPTEMBER

- 1 Fall Kick Off

■ JULY SCHEDULES

Elders On-Call

Lyle Helmick, Bill LaMachia

Deacons

Deacon in Charge: Duane West
Counters: Jeff Knight, Curt Dean
Wednesdays: Jeff Knight

Greeters/Ushers

George Alder, Jeff Carter, Rusty Bonasso, Barry Holstein

If unable to serve, please find a replacement and notify Bobi Bryant of the change.

Nursery, 0-4 year-olds

Today

Marshall & Jackie Adkins, Laura Hill

August 1

Dawn & Mia Addesa, Jeanne Helmick

If unable to serve, please find a replacement and notify Teresa of the change.

■ PRAYER NEEDS

- Wayne Brumbach (Ginny Haver's father)
- Bret Chevalier & family
- Trina Crewdson
- Ann Ewen (Bobi Bryant's mother)
- Josh Hawley
- Fred Marshall
- Opal Monin
- Rina Osten
- Isabell Schuman
- Denzil Stonestreet
- Marilyn Stonestreet
- Don Whitmire



Pastor's Note

In this week's Prayer Guide, we continue a look at spiritual warfare praying by first completing our survey of the believer's armor (from Ephesians 6:10-18), and concluding with a look at our chief adversary, the head of the kingdom of darkness, the devil. As we move to that end, we should re-emphasize that there are two pitfalls to avoid when delving into this topic: the first is to make too much of the devil, the second is to know too little of him (to paraphrase C. S. Lewis). In making too much of him we could begin to exalt or magnify him, unconsciously and unintentionally, and he is surely not to be thus honored; in the second, we may be naively unaware of his presence and the power of his temptations and the subtlety of his beguiling ways, and consequently be ensnared (to use the Biblical term). We wish to avoid both errors. However, despite the possibility of slipping into either pitfall, we MUST press on to learn the Bible's teaching about our archenemy, and why we are to be dressed in battle array, and how we can remain on guard at all times, alert, and well-prepared.

As we've been going over the individual pieces of equipment, it should have struck you – in a good way – that God has provided our covering, our instructions (rules of engagement), and most importantly, the reassurance of victory under His leadership. I love Romans 16:20: "And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under YOUR feet." What encouragement! He accompanies us right up to the day of victory! It is in with the view of assured victory that He cautions us to the dangers of spiritual warfare, and He counsels us regarding our duties as soldiers, and He commands us to advance toward Hell's fortified gates to undo the kingdom of darkness. We will look to HIM; HE trains our hands for war (Psalm 18:34; 144:1). We look AT His enemy. In so doing, we honor Jesus Christ, not His soon-to-be-destroyed opponent.

Let us remember as we go through each day's devotional readings that this is a PRAYER GUIDE. Use the readings, then, to deepen your prayer life, to expand your prayer language, and to launch prayers FOR blessing – and AGAINST curses. I continue to remind our small group of intercessors (we meet Wednesdays at 9:15 AM in the Next Chapter Prayer Room) that we are praying for COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION, and that we can visualize what that looks like by remembering the opposite of it – by thinking of communities that have been invaded by spirits of addiction, prostitution, poverty, violence, and thievery. We all know of places like that; what we do NOT know of is what we are asking to see: a community where there is joy, freedom from addictions, and favor, and generosity, and servant-hearted cooperation taking place; where Christians care for the community, and bring the kingdom of light to it – where healing takes place, where people help one another – really help! Where there is health, and fitness, and hunger for God instead of gluttonous desire for junk. You get the idea. Don't forget that the reason we are doing this devotional study is to motivate us to PRAY bold prayers for a visitation from God in this region so there will be a transformation of families, churches, businesses, schools, and the medical community. Pray. Wage war against spiritual passivity.

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■ MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010

Roman soldiers used differing shields, but two were the most common. The first was small and round, two feet in diameter, and was secured to the arm by two leather straps. It was lightweight and used to ward off the sword blows of one's opponent. The second was the *thureos* and is the one Paul refers to in Eph 6:17. This shield was about two and half feet wide and four and a half feet high. It protected the entire body of a soldier with minimal effort. It was made of a solid piece of wood and was covered with metal or heavy oiled leather. The soldiers who carried them were on the front lines, and stood side by side with their shields together, forming a huge barricade extending as long as a mile. Archers stood behind this protective wall and shot their arrows as they advanced against the enemy. Anyone who stood or crouched behind such shields was protected from the enemy arrows and spears. The tips of arrows often were wrapped in pieces of cloth soaked in pitch. Just before the arrow was shot, the tip would be lighted and the flaming arrow would be fired toward enemy lines. The pitch burned fiercely, and on impact it would spatter burning bits for several feet. The best protection against these flaming 'darts' was the *thureos* shield whose covering of metal or water-soaked leather would deflect or extinguish them (MacArthur).

Don't overlook this: these flaming arrows are from the evil one (Eph 6:16). But the faith God provides us to trust Jesus, and the faith that appropriates His strength effectively extinguishes them, and protects us.

■ TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010

The purpose of Satan's fiery darts is to pierce our hearts with doubt and to eventually get us to abandon our trust in God. Remember Satan even tempted God's Son to distrust the Father in the wilderness—first to distrust the Father's provision, then to distrust His protection and His plan (Matt. 4:3–9). Sin ultimately results from failure believe God. Faith is the shield against those temptations and attacks that which would otherwise get to us; faith extinguishes Satan's flaming missiles. Hallelujah! Believe God. Remember 1 John 5:4: "This is the victory that overcomes the world—our faith" (1 John 5:4).

Get this picture: once these flaming arrows have come our way but have been effectively extinguished by our God-given faith (from Him, through Him, and to Him

Scripture: MONDAY

2 Chron 17:1-18:34; Rom 9:25-10:13; Ps 20:1-9; Prov 20:2-3

Staff: Harvey Wegert, Treasurer

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Military: Mike Smith

Missionaries: Von & Sue Golder, Albania

Teacher: Rusty & Bonita Bonasso

Scripture: TUESDAY

2 Chron 19:1-20:37; Rom 10:14-11:12; Ps 21:1-13; Prov 20:4-6

Staff: Teresa Dean, Children's Ministry Director

Deacon: Duane West

Member: Bill Shelton

Military: David Greene

Missionaries: Akil & Lindita Pano, Albania

Teacher: Keith Cobb

are all things), we lift up the rhema word of God, the sword of the Spirit, and thrust it at charging demonic spirits. Having thus resisted the devil (and his demons), we rest in the assurance that they will flee from us (James 4:9). Get this: WE can put to flight God's enemies by, first, standing, then, with shields of faith extinguishing the enemy's darts, we flash the sword of God's Word, and charge forward toward Hell's gates, knowing they will not stand. All that is not to say that we can rest, rejoice, and relax. No, we just won a battle; the war continues. Indeed, we often encounter immediate after-battle surprise attacks. This goes on until one day, God says 'Enough!' Our Savior will part the heavens and come down, and His word will bring it all to an end, and "He shall reign forever and ever!"

■ WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010

Great conquerors have been chronicled for victories and extension of their kingdoms; Satan is beyond them all. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands; but Satan his millions. He that fights with an enemy, whom nothing but blood can pacify, will give him no advantage – so said Thomas Adams. William Jenkyn noted that "he shapes himself to the fashions of all men. If he meet with a proud man, or a prodigal man, then he makes himself a flatterer; if a covetous man, then he comes with a reward in his hand. He hath an apple for Eve, a grape for Noah, a change of raiment for Gehazi, a bag for Judas. He can dish out his meat for all palates; he hath a last to fit every shoe; he hath something to please all conditions."

Scripture: WEDNESDAY
2 Chron 21:1-23:21; Rom 11:13-36;
Ps 22:1-18; Prov 20:7

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Khan, Afghanistan

Teacher: Dave Witherell

But "certain it is, and we are to believe it by faith, that the power of Satan is not equal to the power of God. It is not so strong, so large, and so wide. It is every way infinitely less. There is no comparison between that which is infinite and that which is finite. If we compare it with good angels, it will be less than some and greater than other some.... But if we compare it with the power of man, it is far greater every way, but yet, we must know, that is a finite and natural power, not supernatural, for then none could be saved. It is mighty, but yet not almighty. So it is, as (Martin) Luther hath said: 'Surely he is the devil, but he is God's devil.'" (Arthur Dent).

■ THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2010

Satan – and his minions (demons), are always looking for ways to get at God, and we are the means to his diabolical ends. Since he cannot create (he is a created being), he must use what exists. Now this is important. Put plainly, he USES people. Among the many ways he does this, we note a few: he uses people's brains to create ideas and philosophies (e.g., Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, and Nietzsche's philosophies along with Darwin's evolutionary theories directly led to Nazism and WWII); he uses their bodies to incite lust, and their desires to draw people into temptation, etc. Satan is limited in the scope of his power for he can only use what he has access to. (Important.) He is limited, secondly, by his nature, for he is not able to do anything other than that which

his natural disposition will permit. He CANNOT change. The good news about this limitation is that since he is limited this way, while he is indeed a master deceiver, there is predictability about him, and students of Scripture can learn his modus operandi (normal operating procedures) and avoid (at least) some of his intended ambushes. Third, he is limited by the will of God, for he can do nothing against the will of God. God is in charge of all things, and part of Satan's humiliation is in this ironic punishment consequent to his rebellion against God: in failing to overthrow God, He now must humbly get permission from God to do ANYTHING; in trying to overcome Him, He now can do only what God – as God, determines will achieve His own ultimate glory and good.

Scripture: THURSDAY

2 Chron 24:1-25:28; Rom 12:1-21;
Ps 22:19-31; Prov 20:8-10

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India

Teacher: Mark Addesa

■ FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2010

Again, Satan can work only through what he has available to him. That being said, let's never forget: he particularly works through his "children." Yes, according to John 8.44, Satan has children. This is affirmed in Matthew 13.38 where the tares are called "the children of the wicked one" (KJV) or "the sons of the evil one" (NASB 95). The implications of this are important. The devil works on us through unbelievers who –sometimes *unknowingly* tempt us and hinder us and distract us and influence us. (I use the word *unknowingly* because of 2 Tim 2:25, 26.

Scripture: FRIDAY

2 Chron 26:1-28:27; Rom 13:1-14;
Ps 23:1-6; Prov 20:11

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Ministry Director

Elder: Keith Crewdson

Member: Melody Sizemore

Military: Mike Stevens

Missionaries: Blair & Jane Cook,
Russia

Teacher: John Young

Of course, many INTENTIONALLY deceive and entice and seduce believers.) How does Satan do his work through his 'children'? He plants them in places where they can give believers trouble (Matthew 13.39). In doing this, they have opportunity to do Satan's bidding (cf. 2 Tim 2:26). He typically employs INFLUENCE AND RESPONSE instead of DIRECT CONTROL, but he is after control. Thus, he controls SOME in order to control more. Next, he speaks through them (almost) at will –since they are his slaves. He employs them to propagandize the world's message in order to "tone down" believers or sway their convictions (Matthew 13.22). He sometimes stirs persecution (Matthew 13.21) in order to intimidate believers – 'the roaring lion' aspect of his character. And again, Satan empowers some with 'deceitful spirits' and provides them with 'demonic doctrines' (1 Tim 4:1) that he might lead more away from the truth.

Add to these claims the well established fact that "our corrupted hearts are the factories of the devil, which may be at work without Satan's presence" (Tom Browne), and you see diabolical strategy at work.

■ SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2010

Today, let's delve deeper into Satan's modus operandi. The first and most obvious distinguishing characteristic of his work is deception - Satan is a deceiver (John 8.44).

This deception is sometimes blatant; he lies, and sometimes it is smoke and mirrors; he tricks. But he is always deceiving. We see him deceiving Herod into believing the Baby Jesus was a threat to his throne (Matthew 2.16), the religious leaders into thinking they were righteous because they had some outward successes in conquering their fleshly desires and observing certain rituals. We see his deception at work THROUGH the Sanhedrin when they chose to conjure up false accusations of Jesus and found two willing participants to bear false witness against Him (Matthew 26.59-61). We see him even attempting to deceive the Lord Jesus Himself in His temptation by twisting Scripture so the Lord would test God (Matthew 4:5-7). He never stops deceiving; it's his nature. Even after Jesus' resurrection, he stirred the Jewish leaders up to agree upon the lie that the disciples stole Jesus' corpse.

The interesting thing about deception is that the people who are deceived do not know they are deceived, and even when someone tells them they've been deceived, they have a hard time admitting it. Oh how many are the victims of scams, and how many more are those who refuse to admit it! This is one reason we need each other – to warn each other of Satan's scams. Satan has his own message (Gal 1:6), he does his own miracles (Matt 24:24), and he even has his own ministers (2 Cor 11:13). Alas! How many are deceived by him?!

■ SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2010

A second distinguishing characteristic of Satan's modus operandi is defamation – Satan is a slanderer, and an accuser. *I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night' (Rev 12.10).* No doubt about it, accusation, slander, and defamation of character are all signature indicators of his handiwork.

Not long ago, I took time to study the word 'accuse' and 'accusation.' What I found was interesting. Jesus used the word (or its forms) only once (John 5: 8) and alluded to it only one other time (John 8: 10); in both cases, distinction was being made: HE is not an accuser; He is the Advocate for His people. But over and over we find people accusing Jesus, accusing others. Conclusion? Behind accusation and defamation we find the evil one. Paul asked, "Who will bring a charge against God's elect?" That charge can come from only three possible sources: from others, from ourselves, and from Satan. Satan is the main one to charge or accuse us (Zech. 3:1–3; Rev. 12:10). He not only does so before God but before our own damaged emotions and conscience, and he uses others to accuse us as well. (Murphy, Handbook of Spiritual Warfare). Satan accuses God to us, and us to God; it's his modus operandi.

Scripture: SATURDAY
 2 Chron 29:1-36; Rom 14:1-23;
 Ps 24:1-10; Prov 20:12
Staff: Alan Smith, Media Ministry
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Missionaries: Danny Margaret
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Scripture: SUNDAY
 2 Chron 30:1-31:21; Rom 15:1-22;
 Ps 25:1-15; Prov 20:13-15
Staff: Bobi Bryant, Lasting
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Member: Alan Smith
Military: Adam Belcher
Missionaries: David & Sue Imbrock,
 France
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