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Undaunted Enemy

“They scoff at kings, And princes are scorned by them.” - Habakkuk 1:10

At some point there was a turnabout of honor. Generally speaking, there used to be and expected respect for position. For many people of our time, no such consideration exists.

As odd as it may seem, wars used to be conducted with a certain rules and a kind of honor. Civilians and bystanders were considered to be outside the boundaries of the conflict. Fighting and destruction was pointed to combatants in something like a game, where the lives or deaths of soldiers were much like checkers on a checkerboard. Victories were largely determined by the numbers of fighters remaining when the battle ended, or perhaps by the positions held by remaining troops. Sometimes, councils were even arranged to agree upon the limits of armaments and the lethal actions involved. Of course, there have always been some exceptions, but among civilized nations, there was something of a sense of honor. Breaches of those codes of conduct were met with despise and punitive action from much of the rest of the world.

Today, such honor is often relegated to an antiquated place of uselessness. Armies no longer stand in battlefields and face one another. Cowboys don't call one another to the street for a fast-draw faceoff. Wars are now conducted in a mingling with the non-military citizenry in their ordinary lives. No places are held to be sacred, and no life is reserved. A bomb may be exploded in a market place, church building, or government hall with no regard. Innocent deaths are no longer considered to be collateral damage, but simply the consequence of not being a part of the other side. The history of the day on which these words are being written (9/11) is clear testimony of their accuracy. The enemy does not act with regard or respect.

Even though wars are increasingly conducted through digital espionage, and computer controlled equipment, they will always be measured by the de-

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struction they bring to human lives. They will also be measured by the honor of those who conduct them. Even when there is no clear disposition of right or wrong, there will always be a question regarding the nature of the people who conduct them.

The Old Testament prophet wrote regarding the character of the invading Babylonian nation. There would be no expectation of respect toward the common proprieties. There would be no offer of compliance or offer of consideration. No king or prince would carry any weight. They would be on a path of death and destruction.

Sometimes enemies may appear genuine, normal, to even friendly or caring. I am reminded of the lyrics, "Smiling faces tell lies. They don't tell the truth." As pessimistic as such lines sound, there is a ring of reality within them. It is a call to be aware.

There is an enemy. That enemy doesn't respect you. That enemy doesn't seem like an enemy, and that perception may be the greatest weapon the enemy has. There are no rules. There are no special restrictions or reserves. Promises may be made, but there is no power to see that they are kept, and no reason to keep them. The enemy is like a wily criminal. It lacks in the discipline of personality, and does not think like you or me. Still the enemy knows how we think, and uses it against us. Don't be deceived.

When the enemy has no honor, ours has to be even greater. - Russ

God is Good! -
- All the Time!

September - Daily Bible Reading

- 17. Amos 1-3; John 7
- 18. Amos 4-6
- 19. Amos 7-9
- 20. Ezekiel 1-2; John 8
- 21. Ezekiel 3-4; John 9
- 22. Ezekiel 5-7
- 23. Ezekiel 8-10; John 10
- 24. Ezekiel 11-13

Happy Anniversary

- Dale & Rhonda Crews - 9/19
- Russ & Paula Dyer - - 9/30

Happy Birthday

- Kathy Dodd - - - 9/17
- Jack Gustafson - - - 9/17
- George King - - - 9/19
- Bill Sherman - - - 9/19
- Elizabeth McKeel - - 9/21
- Ciara Houghtaling - - 9/24
- Glyn Baldwin - - - 9/24
- Roger McMasters - - 9/25
- Julie Henderson - - 9/28
- Sutton Lowrance - - 9/28
- Aiden Harrington - - 9/29
- Becky Brink - - - 9/30

Homebound or Limited:

- Aline McDaniel
- Ella McKeel
- Marguriete Shobert

News That Is of Interest to You

Keep In Prayer

- ◆ **Amy Hosch**, Tres Lowrance's sister had surgery for breast cancer on Friday in Tyler, TX.
- ◆ **Wayne Haynes** is now undergoing chemo treatment to combat his leukemia.
- ◆ **Larry Baldwin** is still dealing with pain from his shoulder surgery.
- ◆ **Riley Baldwin** - continuing surgery every few weeks.
- ◆ **Norman Bagger** undergoing treatment for his cancer.

Other Notes:

We offer our deepest sympathy -

To Blue & Linda Suarez in the passing of Blue's mother, Laura Suarez, in Florida, last week. The severe weather in Florida inhibited family plans.

We also offer sympathy to former member, **John Reddish**, in the death of his brother, **Steven Reddish**, last week.

Thank You: Thank you to Fred, Kevin, Darla, and any others who work so hard to make our property look so nice. We are blessed.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

- The Cherokee Hills congregation is coordinating the effort to get school supplies to a Houston school. Dwain Thacker's nephew works there. Lists of needed supplies are in the foyer. See Dwain with any questions.
- Floyd Marshall will be returning to the Houston area again soon.

If there are supplies you would like to send, he may be able to take them at that time.

Directory Notice: If you have any directory changes or updates please advise Randy Vance as soon as possible.

Coming Events

Monthly Fellowship Meal Today: Be sure to stay and enjoy the "pot luck" meal, following morning worship. Come and share this great time of food and fellowship.

Men's Breakfast - Our next breakfast will be this Saturday, September 30, at 8 am. Come and enjoy the food and the fellowship.

The Ladies' Coffee meets on the 1st Friday of every month at the church building at 10 am, and is studying the book of Daniel.

Special Fall Events:

The annual **Trunk or Treat** will take place on Friday evening, **October 27**. It will be followed by the **Pumpkin Carving** on Sunday evening, **October 29**. Then the annual **Holiday Dinner**, with its display of amazing talents, will be on Friday, **December 1**. Mark these on your calendar with all the other activities of the congregation.

Who Said?

- ◆ **Who said:** - *"I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."*
Answer next week
- ◆ **Last Week:** David — 2 Samuel 12:23

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Scheduled to Serve Next Week

(9/24/2017)

Announcements

Darrell MacDonald

Greeters

Blue & Linda Suarez

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George & Pat King

Lord's Table (am)

Prayers: Roger Scott

Blue Suarez Brian Huff

Dewayne Ross Horace Phillips

Joe Downs Mark Hamm

Dale Crews Tres Lowrance

Lord's Table (pm)

Layne Adams Bill Fleming

Prayers (am)

Roy Cowan Walter McFadden

Prayers (pm)

Sam Ruble Sam Greenroyd

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 AM

Worship 10:00 AM

Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Order of Service

Announcements

Scripture:

Ephesians 4:20-24

Prayer

Song - 990

You Are the Song That I Sing

Song - 605

Take My Hand and Lead Me

Song - 542

Purer in Heart, O God

Comments

Lord's Supper

Collection

Song - 438

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Sermon

Put Off

Song — 421

Love Lifted Me

Song — 990 (Vs. 1 & 2)

Glorify Your Name

Prayer

<i>Elders</i>	<i>Deacons</i>		<i>Minister</i>
Kevin Keenan Keith McDougal Horace Phillips Bill Sherman	Joe Downs Brian Jaworsky	Darrell MacDonald Dwain Thacker Randy Vance	Russell Dyer