

Whose Battle Is This?

MARCHING AROUND WALLS and shouting is not a strategy but that was the Lord's plan to take Jericho. God gave the Promised Land but Israel had to fight for it. He was changing 40-year fugitives into fighters. Yet these battles were won in the most ridiculous way. How can a group of tent-dwellers defeat the combined forces of kings with standing armies in cities protected by fortified walls? They can't... unless the LORD was fighting for them. That's the point. Joshua affirmed in his farewell speech, *"You yourselves have seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord your God who fought for you"* (Joshua 23:3).

We are in a spiritual battle, every week, every season. You feel outnumbered and outmatched. The world has the advantage. Even if you are devoted to what is right you may be working with someone who is not. It's still right to do what is right. What you must not forget is that the LORD is in the battle with you. God's words to Joshua call to us today...

"No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people.... Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:5-9).

The Lord will fight for his people, but you still have to show up at the battle. You must live as the Lord has told you and leave the

consequences to him. Your actions will be met with God's blessing. You must overcome your fear through deciding to trust him. You are no longer a fugitive; he has made you a fighter. The battle is big, but God is bigger.

Mark

TODAY

- **Christian COUNSELORS Will Teach the Men's and Ladies Bible Classes This Morning!** Don't miss this special Bible Class featuring local Christian Counselors. Dr. Steven Silverstein, & Jeannie Kelly M.A.C.
We also plan a "Q&A Time" after Worship for anyone who wants to stick around for questions.
- **Guest Speaker Jordan Smoak TODAY**
Jordan is one of the ministers at Gateway Church of Christ in north Jersey.
- **Fellowship Meal TODAY** We will be feasting on a delicious *Pasta Meal*. **TEAM 5** is in charge of Set-up and Clean-up.

EDP Meeting, Tomorrow, 6:30 PM: Our Elders, Deacons, and Preacher are meeting for dinner, prayer and making plans for 2017.

Our Ladies' Spring Retreat: April 7-9 in Cape May at the La Mer. See costs, sign-up, choose a room, and more information at the table in the foyer.

Youth Group: Saturday, Feb 25, meet at the church 7-9PM (Chill night). Have snacks and food and talk about Winterfest experiences & what impacted you the most. Drinks and snacks to share would be appreciated.

Cathedral Kitchen: will be on Tuesday, February 28th. See Vivian if you can help serve.

"Stephen Ministry" Workshop, NEXT

Saturday, Feb. 25th: Stephen Ministry is a half-day of powerful training in how to HELP others spiritually. It goes from 9AM-1PM (Check-in begins at 8AM) at Haddonfield United Methodist Church, 29 Warwick Road, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. We are paying for anyone wanting to go to learn how to care for and minister to others in a distinctively Christian way. This is a powerful national program that is coming to our area. It's local, it is brief, and WE are paying your way! **See the bulletin board for more details and to Sign-up! All who sign-up will be called in and registered.**

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Carl Smith

Welcome & Scripture: Tate Perazzelli (Psalm 36:5-10)

Opening Prayer: Josh Henderson

Lord's Supper: Chet, John Derricott, Henry Duncan, John Corbett

Scripture Before Message: Joel Lewis (Rom.11:33-36)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Greeters: Scott Schoener, Nelson Nuñez, Chris Schoener, Sue Gill

Nursery: Debbie & Nawana Next Week: Lillian & Thaleena

Green Cleaning Team Feb. 22-25, Hardee Coordinates

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Worship Total 118

Bible Class..... 76

Wed. PM 40

Contribution **\$3,124**

Budget Goal**\$4,260**

15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 32

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



When you are down to nothing,

God is up to something.

