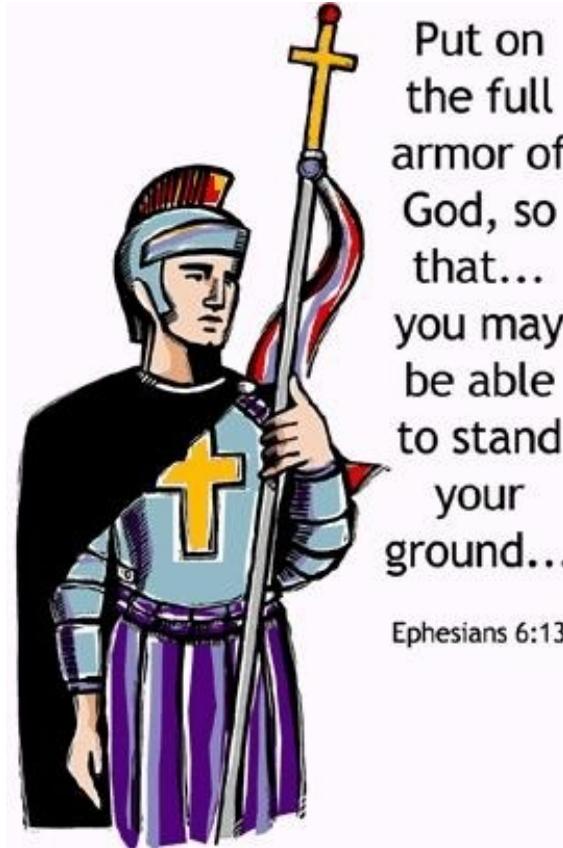


Exeter Church of Christ



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320 East Firebaugh / 592-2909

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"To all God's beloved ... called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7, NRSV). **Welcome!**

GREETINGS!

SENIOR SAINTS' DAY is next Sunday, February 9. After the morning worship service, we will honor our seniors (65 +) with a potluck. Those who do not yet qualify for SENIORity are asked to provide the food for the occasion. Dessert will be furnished to go with your favorite dish.



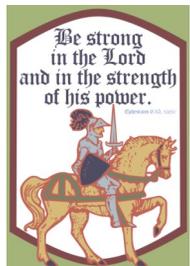
IF YOU ENJOY today's *Souper Bowl* Sunday festivities, you're likely to enjoy Wednesday night's *Spaghetti Bowl*, compliments of **Sally & Rick Wall**. Come for the meal around 6:00 pm and for a study of Hebrews 4 at 7:00.

BLACKSTONE Church of Christ in Tulare will host the February area-wide singing when it resumes after the winter break. Friday, the 28th, at 7:00 pm is the scheduled time for the next singing. Refreshments will be served afterward.



THE NEXT Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, February 15, at 8:30 am. *Church of God of Exeter* (Chestnut & H) will host this event which is a community gathering of men from various Exeter churches.

THE WALLS notified us that "Sunday (today) is the last day to update directory information as new directories will be printed in the next couple of weeks." **The VALENTINE dinner** had just 4 more tickets available, as of yesterday. Better hurry if you want to scoop up these last tickets for the February 15 meal. Check the bulletin board for more details. **Renee Taylor** reports that her dad, **Bill Kuykendall**, is not doing well. **Lois Edwards** took a tumble last week. We were glad to see her last Sunday. See her card and note posted on the bulletin board.



The Commander, The Armor, and The Weapon Are One

When a soldier goes into battle he never knows the outcome. And even if him and his comrades win the battle they don't know who will win the war. As Christians in supernatural war we already know the outcome. We go into battle as victors. Colossians 2:15 says, "He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him." Here Paul is giving the Colossians an

image of a triumphal Roman military procession, where the spoils of war and the defeated foes were paraded through the streets of Rome.

Who is leading this military procession? It is our victorious head, Jesus Christ. Who, as the verse before says in Colossians 2:14, nailed our record of debt to the cross. What does this mean for a soldier of Christ now? It means we go into our everyday battles as victors. He won the war already and now everyday, through the Spirit of God, he gives us the power of his own victorious self to face battle against the world, our flesh, and Satan.

God saw no one on earth who could win this war for his oppressed people, so Christ walked this earth in complete obedience amidst trial and temptation to become a perfect victor. The prophet Isaiah foretells of such a man who would be a shoot coming from the stump of Jesse. In Isaiah 11:5, he says, "Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins." Paul later refers to this prophecy as he encourages the Ephesians to put on the whole armor of God in Ephesians 6 where he mentions the breastplate of righteousness and the belt of truth (vs.14).

When Paul encourages the Ephesians to put on the whole armor of God he is telling them to put on Christ. He is our only righteousness and truth as we walk this earth in his footsteps. This is how we as soldiers can stand against the schemes of the devil (Ephesians 6:11), just as Christ did in the wilderness. At the cross Christ struck a decisive blow to Satan, weakening his power to accuse the elect of God. Faith in our victory in Christ is what will extinguish the flaming darts of the evil one (Ephesians 6:16.) We stand firm in battle, because we know the one who has won the war for us, and he is our greatest weapon.

TODAY'S Word: "Armor"
(Ephesians 6:14-18)



THANKS to **Rick Rossner** and **Zack Ludden** for ordering and installing a new projector bulb for the fellowship hall.... and to the Senior Exercise Group for asking for the bill and paying it! Thanks **ALSO** to **Zack** for running the sound booth and helping to set up for the **Glaze** memorial service on Friday... and to **Ruby Marks** & the kitchen crew for their service at the memorial.



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Sunday

Bible class 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Bible class 7:00 PM

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through His beloved Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in His mighty pow'r,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
But take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God,

That having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,

You may o'ercome through Christ alone,
And stand complete at last.

Leave no unguarded place,
No weakness of the soul,
Take every virtue, every grace,
And fortify the whole.

From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day:

Still let the Spirit cry
In all His soldiers, "Come!"
Till Christ the Lord descend from high,
And take the conquerors home.

- Charles Wesley