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WE WILL NEVER FORGET -





***WE WILL NEVER FORGET WHO DID THIS
TO US.....OR WHY.***



Your War Zone

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Today is a date that has been etched into our memories and hearts never to be forgotten. On September 11, 2001, we experienced a devastating attack in the United States. In the days following the 9/11 attack, we who are a peaceful people went to war, and we are still in a war. In fact, we are living in a war zone knowing the enemy may very well attack inside our country once again. Many people, however, are living in a state of denial, pretending that we are at peace and that life should go on as it did before 9/11.

Just because, someone wants to deny the reality of the state of war in which we live, does not change the fact that we are still at war. We may not have a suicide bomber blow up the convenience store down at the corner or the local bar; and there may not be a car bomb explode outside of our school, but we are still at war. Why? Because when the terrorists attacked our country, they attacked us who are a part of this country. We will continue to be at war until all Americans are again safe from terrorist attacks.

There is another war that is also going on at the same time. It is the war that is the underlying cause of the terror attacks and the war in Iraq. What you may ask is this war? Why haven't we heard anything about this? The war I speak of is a spiritual war between the forces of good, and the forces of evil. This war rages all around you wherever you live. Life may seem peaceful, but the reality is that we are living in a spiritual war zone, and the enemy is constantly looking for an opening through which to attack us.

Just as many would like to deny the terror war in which we live, and go on living as they did before 9/11; there are many who want to deny the existence of a spiritual war, and go on living as they always have. However, just because you do not want to

believe there is a war, does not mean that it does not exist and that it will affect your life. Just because, you want to hide your head in the sand, does not mean that the war is not raging all around you, and casualties are being taken.

From the time I wake up in the morning, until my head hits the pillow late at night, I am engaged in combat; in a war hard fought, and not easily won. It is a war, in which the casualty count can include every person I come in contact with day in, day out. And it is the same for you. You live in a war zone. Your life is a battlefield. Every moment throughout the day, there are things happening around you that cannot be seen with the natural eye, but are, still, all too real. I'm not talking about a make believe world. No, I am talking about what the apostle Paul describes, which is spiritual warfare.

To the extent that we are faithful in waging our own little spiritual war, it impacts the physical reality around us positively, and across the world. We may not be able to fight in Afghanistan or Iraq, or in some other war the enemy is waging across this world. But we will hinder the enemy, whenever we wage spiritual war where we live.

It is time for the army of God to put on the armor of God, and make a stand. Are you in God's army? Are you a child of God? Then, it is time to raise the Sword of the Spirit, and fight the enemy of our souls. How you fight your battle, will make a difference in the lives of all of us. How I fight my battle, will make a difference as well. Let us rise up, resist, and overcome our enemy. "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (I John 4:4)."

- Ed Wrather, Pastor
First Baptist Church - Sweetwater, Oklahoma



“The foundation of God standeth sure”—Timothy 2:19

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Charity Crawford
 Cradle Roll 2: Brian Crawford
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Janet Bridges
 Cradle Roll 2: Bertha Segebarrt
 Wed. Evening Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: Volunteer Needed
 Cradle Roll 2: Volunteer Needed

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of September 4, 2011

Sunday School ----- 13
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 24
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 21
 Wed. Eve., 09/07/11 Service ----- 30

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of September 4, 2010

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 870.75
 Insurance Fund ----- \$ 3.00
Total Received for Week of 09/04/11: \$ 873.75

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00

INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR AUGUST:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 273.08
 Amount Received during August, 2011 ----- \$ 99.00
Amount Short For August, 2011: -\$ 174.08



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*

Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!



As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
 Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
 Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
 Larry Mathews, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
 Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,
 Dwayne English, Lou & Vicki Martin, Don Diehl ----- Outreach
 Flowers ----- Hannah and Shirley White