

# JUNE 2024

## MONTHLY BULLETIN

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**“WHERE IS THE FRONT?  
IT!”**

**YOU ARE STANDING ON**

***2 Corinthians 10:3-6*** <sup>3</sup>  
***flesh, we do not war according  
of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,*** <sup>5</sup>  
***arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought  
into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*** <sup>6</sup>  
***and being ready to punish all disobedience when your  
obedience is fulfilled.***

***For though we walk in the  
to the flesh.*** <sup>4</sup> ***For the weapons***

The title of this article comes from a line from the TV series MASH which I saw recently. The 4077 had to “bug out” due to some enemy soldiers coming their way. To “bug out” was to pack up everything they could and move the MASH unit to a safer position away from the direct fighting. MASHs were medical units that were usually very close to the front lines in order to get the wounded soldiers to them as soon as possible. They had learned that the sooner a wounded soldier could be transported to a MASH unit following their injury, the greater the chance they had to save the life of that soldier. That was why they wanted them to be positioned as close as possible without actually being in the battle itself.

Therefore, the MASH unit had to move to a safer location, well, most of it. A doctor, nurse and clerk had to stay behind due to the very sensitive nature of a particular soldier's injury. They were unable to move this soldier without risking his life. After the MASH had moved out, several American soldiers drove up in a jeep. Hawkeye, the doctor, asked him, “Where is the front?” To which the soldier said, “You are standing on it!”

This quote brought to mind the idea that we, as the Lord's people, are on the front lines of the spiritual battle we are involved in. We, indeed, are all in a spiritual battle for our souls. We are battling Satan and his spiritual hosts of wickedness. No matter what role we may fill in the Lord's kingdom, whether we are a mother, father, elder, teacher, evangelist, brother or sister, we are fighting the most important fight of our lives.

Our battle is against temptations. Sometimes we also fight for our brothers and sisters as we are called upon to assist them in their own personal battle. Sometimes we are raising children to reach a point in their lives when they begin to fight against their own fleshly lusts, which will come eventually to them. We may help our spouse and they may help us as we wage this war for our souls. Sometimes we are in a position to teach the congregation we are part of to help those individual christians in their own battle. Sometimes we find ourselves in a position to help those who are not christians to see the urgency for them to appreciate the need for them to become part of Christ's army and take up their spiritual “arms” as they fight their own battle.

Fortunately, we have a Commander, who has fought this battle successfully. For this reason, among others, we can have confidence, He knows how to lead each of us to fight successfully. We have an ultimate offensive weapon to wage this war, the Divine Word of God, as our Sword. We have armor to help defend our spiritual lives in this battle. (ie. Eph 6:10-20) We have our fellow christians, who make up the body of Christ, to fight beside us and for us. We do indeed, have all we need as we stand on the “front lines”.

Yes, to be sure, our enemy is the Devil, and we must fend off his attacks. However, there is an aspect to this war that makes it a bit different than any others. This aspect makes it a bit harder than others. We have our own flesh to deal with. Yes, our flesh is against us. Therefore, we must constantly fight against it. It desires to win this war by ruling over us, for this reason we must constantly be wary and watchful. Our flesh could be argued to be the most difficult enemy to overcome.

We are truly standing on the “front”. We all are fighting on the “front”. We have no need to look elsewhere, for we only need to look to and in ourselves. Our own flesh can be very powerful and Satan, who desires to be its commander, knows us and our weaknesses better than we know ourselves.

However, our greatest hope is that we have the more powerful Commander AND the more powerful tools at our disposal. Let us fight this “good fight”. Let us win the war. Our reward will be to the salvation of our souls! May God grant us all the strength to overcome!

*Jay Graham*

**PROGRAM FOR JUNE 2024**

Elder: Mark M

SUNDAY 9:30 AM	2	9	16	23	**30**
<i>Song Director</i>	Gordon C	John M	Tyler S	Steve P	Glen W
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Jess B	Jim B	Glen W	Joe B	Bill F
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Jared G	Gordon C	Bill F	Marty E	Fred M
<i>Prayer</i>	Gerry A	Philip C	Tim M	Fred M	Josh A
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Boom B	Joseph J	Jared G	Jerry B	Thomas A
<i>Attendants</i>	Thomas A	Marty E	Jess B	Josh A	Jerry B
	Philip C	Joe B	Joseph J	Travis S	Mark M
	Tyler S	Tom A	Noah J	Jared G	Gordon C
	Glen W	Steve P	Jeremy M	Gordon C	Jess B
<i>Sermon</i>	Mark M	Thomas A	Philip C	Open Mut Ed.	Travis S

\*\*Sunday afternoon service 1:15 p.m.

SUNDAY 6:00 PM	2	9	16	23	**30**
<i>Song Director</i>	Gordon C	John M	Tyler S	Steve P	Glen W
<i>Bible Drill</i>	Mt 6:9-13,7:7-11 Lk 11:1-13	Lk 11:14-23	Mt 12:38-42 Lk 11:29-32	Mt5:15;6:22,23 Mk 11:33-36	Lk 11:37-54
<i>Leader</i>	Tyler S	Steve P	Gordon C	1 Week Study Update	Jeremy M

WEDS 7:00 PM	5	12	19	26
<i>Song Director</i>	Joe B	Dylan R	Brad R	Dylan R
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Mark M	Peter M	Jordan R	Josh A
<i>Prayer</i>	Boom B	Tom A	Gerry A	Joseph J

Announcements: Jess B  
Business Meeting: Jess B

Upstairs: Travis & Jenika S  
Downstairs: Jared & Bethany G

CLASSES	SUNDAY TEACHER	WEDNESDAY TEACHER
Pre-school	Pat A	Pat A
K-6	Brenda C	Brenda C
*7 <sup>th</sup> & Up	Various *	Lisa S
Adult	Gordon C	Jess B
Bible Drill	Travis S	

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\*7th & up teachers - Sunday  
6/2/2024      Jeremy M  
6/9/2024      Steve P  
6/16/2024     Joseph J  
6/23/2024     Jeremy M  
6/30/2024     Mark M