

Ephesians 1:10
 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:

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Be Strong in the Lord!

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might”.
 ~Ephesians 6:10

These words ring ever so true in the world in which we live today. In this passage of scripture, the Apostle Paul was giving the church at Ephesus some much needed spiritual instruction. Such instruction is much needed in our day. The church is under constant attack from those who would seek to destroy the it. The apostle further wrote to the Ephesians that “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”. This scripture is very dear to me and often I must be reminded of the truth that it proclaims – “be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might”. I feel now more than ever before, that we as the body of Christ need to be strong in the Lord. It seems that one cannot escape the ever present “bad news” that confronts our nation on a daily basis. You need not look far to hear about terrorism, pandemics, recession, murder, war, nuclear weapons, foreclosure, bailouts, bankruptcy and the list could go on and on. Certainly many people have been hurt by the financial recession that has crippled our economy. Maybe a glimmer of light in all of this turmoil is that our nation will once again remember that not all things can be bought with money and prosperity. Certainly the church should know that our strength is in the Lord. Taking a stand for the Lord is what we must do! We must not become complacent and comfortable in our walk with the Lord. I realize that Bible prophecy is coming to pass and the world is becoming more wicked all of the time, but I do not read anywhere in my Bible that we are to lay down and rest just because our redemption draweth nigh. It is ever more important that we stand and be strong in the Lord! The Lord is soon coming to receive His bride and the day is at hand when we need to be working even harder for the cause of Christ. We need to be about the Father’s business! We must humble ourselves, pray, seek God’s face and get back to the old paths! Why should we not want to work for God in these perilous times?! Paul said in Romans 5:8, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”. Even when we were all blaspheming the Sovereign God of the Universe, He had mercy and sent His only begotten Son to die for us. It is the very least that we can do to live for Him every day and take a

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stand for Him! The Bible also tells us that we shall be saved from wrath through Him. We know that God's wrath will come on this earth, but we as born again Christians will be saved from this wrath! The day of Grace is soon coming to a close and there are many people that remain lost and in sin. There is no place to retire or take a break, just gird up our loins and get ready for the fight! I know that there are many people who might say, "Well, I've been in this fight for a long time and it's time for some of these younger folks to do their jobs". Respectfully, my dear elders of the church, now it is of utmost importance that you not lay down your armor just yet. We as the younger generation of the church need you!

Younger generation, be not discouraged! I realize that the world is full of temptation and that it seems as though trouble is on every hand. Laws are being passed to try to harness the preaching of the gospel. But I say to you that the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God unto salvation!!!

I like to look at that word Paul started Ephesians 6:10, FINALLY! There is coming a time for the church when FINALLY will come! The Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, the blessed and only Potentate is coming very soon for His promised Bride! So, as children of the day let us work while it is day, for the night soon cometh when no man can work! The time will come when we can lay down our armor and rest from our labors, but that time is not here yet.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might". ~Ephesians 6:10

Chris Sewell

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THE HELP MATE

By Linda Black



Find your tree. A few weeks ago our Pastor preached a sermon about “the most hated man in the scriptures”, his name was Zacchaeus. Not only was he a rich tax collector, but he was chief of the publicans and a thief. We can sympathize with the people of that day because these same problems still exist. I’m sure no one looks forward to tax-time and especially if an audit is involved. The one big difference that sets Zacchaeus apart from other publicans of that day was his curiosity in seeing the Lord.

First he was desirous. Luke 19:3

And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

Obviously Zacchaeus had heard about the Lord’s work, miracles or sermons because he was searching for him if only to see who he was. Whether he believed the report or not, something in him awakened his interest.

Millions of people all over the world have heard the name Jesus and the work that was recorded during his time on earth. Although so many will dismiss the report of his life to the point of doubting his existence altogether, others have had their conscience enlightened to find out a little bit more about this man and his mission. To desire a closer look is a promising sign. Does having a desire save you?

No...but it’s a good start.

Next he was determined. Luke 19:4

And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way.

Determination can be one of the most important factors in the salvation experience. Notice Zacchaeus didn’t leisurely walk or stroll down to where he thought the Lord might pass, but he ran. Determination moved him quickly and put him up in a tree so nothing could hinder his view. Research on the sycamore tree revealed that the bark is very scaly and not smooth. Also, the limbs tend to be higher up in the tree and not low to the ground. From the description of this particular type of tree one can only imagine the difficulty he had climbing it. Overcoming obstacles...another good sign. The Lord knew what he was doing when he allowed that tree to grow in that particular place for that particular day. We hear all the time, “well I would go to church but...” and you can fill in the rest. My family won’t go, I have too much to do, my children are busy and take up all my time, my job is too demanding, etc. Forget the excuses and find your tree. The place where you can get close to the Lord. Find a church where you will hear his name exalted above all others. Attend services where the Holy Spirit can still call and draw. If you will do this, then the result may be as powerful as the Zacchaeus experience because his desire and determination led to deliverance that day. He went up the tree as a thieving publican, but he came down a new man with a changed heart and humble giving spirit for the Lord said “This day is salvation come to this house...”.

Let nothing or no one hinder your way, because the Savior may be passing by.

So, “**find your tree**”.

It's Camp Meetin' Time

At Memorial United Baptist Church

2911 S. Phillip Drive
Muncie IN

Andy Phipps Jr. - Pastor

July 26, 27, 28 and 29th

Camp Fire Lineup...

James York- Allardt TN
 Marcus Williams- Byrdstown TN
 Lawrence Blevins- Allardt TN
 Donald McGill- Albany, KY
 Andrew Phipps Sr.- Muncie IN
 Delmar Savage- Allardt TN
 Mark Sewell- Whitley City, KY
 Dillard Cole- Lapel IN
 Rodney Meece- Muncie IN
 Ron Black- Muncie IN
 Chris Black- Muncie IN
 Mike Cassada- Whitley City KY
 Chris Sewell- Muncie IN
 And other guest preachers...

Service Schedule...

Sunday...

10:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Lunch Served 12:00-2:00 PM

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Mon-Tue-Wed Services

1:00 – 3:00 PM (1st service)

**Dinner Break 3-5 provided
by Memorial Church**

5:00 – 7:00 PM (2nd service)

And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army:
for his camp is very great: ...

Joel 2:11
KJV 1611



Sunday July 12

Special Guest Preachers



James York
Jamestown TN

Morning Service



Curtis Cravens
Jamestown TN

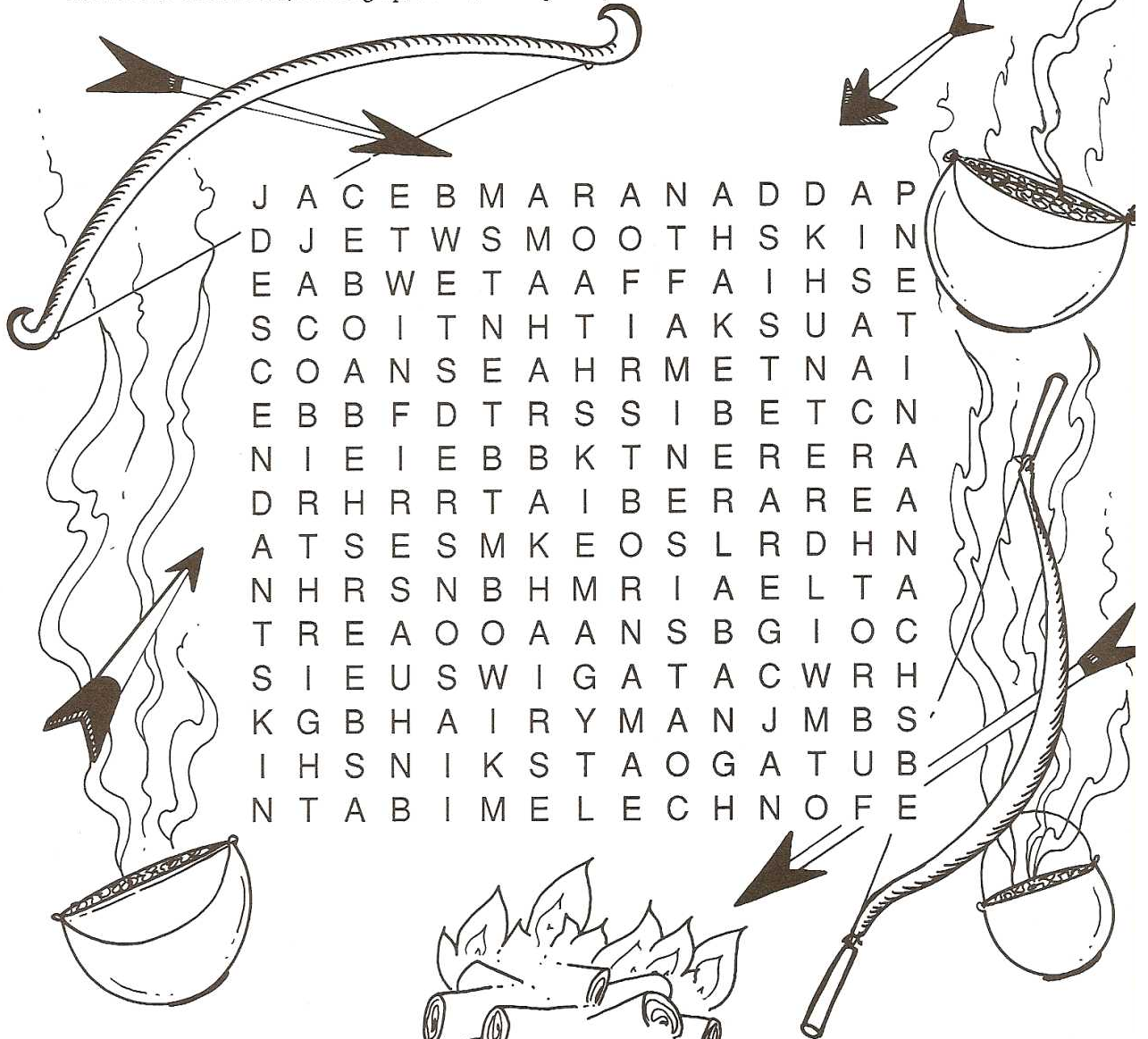
Evening Service

“Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty”

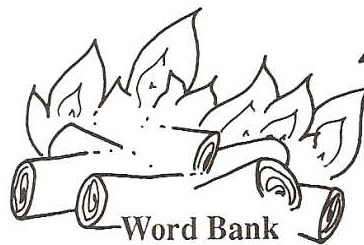
Jacob and Esau

Genesis 25-28

Read the Scripture, then circle each word from the word bank hidden in the puzzle. Words may appear forward or backwards, moving up, down, or diagonally.



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 D J E T W S M O O T H S K I N
 E A B W E T A A F F A I H S E
 S C O I T N H T I A K S U A T
 C O A N S E A H R M E T N A I
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Word Bank

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| Paddan Aram | skin | tents | son | firstborn | sister | to |
| game | brother | smooth skin | bow | man | Gerar | oath |
| red stew | Beersheba | Abraham | hair | famine | Jacob | Esau |
| Canaanite | Abimelech | hairy man | twin | Rebekah | hunter | Isaac |
| descendants | goatskins | birthright | of (4) | Laban | wild | |

Bonus: To find out the special relationship between Jacob and Esau, shade in the uncircled letters.

Church Directory

Memorial United Baptist Church

2911 S Philip Dr.
Muncie, IN 47302
Pastor Andy Phipps
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm

Riverview United Baptist Church

6601 E Black Mill Rd
Albany, IN 47320
Pastor Tony Bilbrey
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Tuesday Evening 7:00 pm

First Southern United Baptist Church

1009 E. 20th St.
Muncie, IN 47302
Pastor Chris Sewell
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:00

Community Missionary Baptist Church

1005 E. 6th St.
Alexandria, IN 46001
Pastor Raymond Garret
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Lower Hickory Grove United Baptist Church

Highway 741 (Blue Heron Mine Rd)
Revelo, KY 42638
Pastor Mark Sewell
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

Second Baptist Church

P.O. Box 1188
Whitley City, KY 42653
Pastor Michael Casada
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

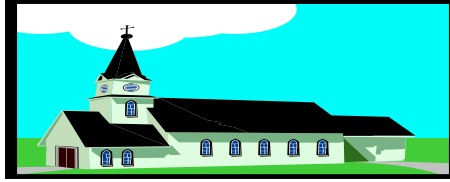
Faith United Baptist Church

Brick Church Rd.
Hagerstown, IN 47346
Pastor Eldon Denney
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

New Salem United Baptist Church

2311 E. Washington St.
New Castle, IN 47362
Pastor Brett Rains
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 6:30

Church Directory



Old Fashion United Baptist Church
 9211 W. Arch Street
 Yorktown IN 47396
 Pastor Terry Dobbs
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Gloryland United Baptist Church
 2001 E. 8th St.
 Muncie, IN 47302
 Pastor Alvis Sewell
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am

Westside United Baptist Church
 3021 W. Cornbread Road
 Muncie IN 47302
 Pastor Larry Waters
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Thursday Evening 6:30 pm

Eastside Missionary Baptist Church
 100 Holland Ave
 Muncie, IN 47303
 Pastor Eric Lambert
 Sunday Morning 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Caney Branch United Baptist Church
 1457 Travis Groce Road
 Albany, KY 42602
 Pastor Donald McGill
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm

