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Sunday School: 9:00am
Worship Service: 10:30am
February 23, 2018



To **CONNECT** with God, each other & the world
as we experience **PURPOSE, BELONGING &**
LIFE-CHANGING discipleship.



Open War

One of my favorite stories is J.R.R. Tolkien's, *The Lord of the Rings*. There is one particular scene which has been running through my mind that prompts my writing today. In the story, Théoden, King of Rohan, has been set free from a mind held captive by the lies of his enemy, Saruman. Upon waking, he realizes his people are under attack by a force with overwhelming numbers. His instinct is to retreat to the presumed safety of a walled fortress that has provided sanctuary in the past.

However, King Théoden is urged by his compatriot, Aragorn, to fight rather than retreat. In anger, laden with both fear and pride, the king says, "I will not risk open war!" Aragorn speaks the word that everyone else knows to be true when he says, **"Open war is upon you whether you would risk it or not!"**

As I have turned that phrase in my head, a truth from the Bible comes to mind. The Apostle Peter said, "Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls

around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith.” (1 Peter 5:8-9)

Satan has declared open war on God and his children. His intent is to steal, kill, and destroy. He tempts us to believe the lie that we are forsaken, damaged goods, unloved and unredeemable. Just like how King Théoden who was abducted by his enemy’s lies; when we believe Satan’s lies we will be held captive to fear and resignation.

If we think we can simply retreat and avoid the risk of open war with the devil, we are dangerously mistaken. Our earthly reality is that “open war is upon us whether we would risk it or not.” So what are we to do? The scriptures give us strategy if we will listen and heed.

“God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.”

Ephesians 6:10-18 (The Message)

Stay the course brothers and sisters, and fight the good fight. Our victory is in the Lord!

Your brother, friend, and fellow warrior!
shaun

PS- you can follow this link for a clip of the story I wrote about:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RaBdoLVJQag>

Church Opener

Feb 25

Merle Royer



Mar 4
Ron Huxtable
Head Usher
Church Lock-Up

Feb 25
Steve Kennedy

Mar 4
Ron Huxtable

Nursery

Feb 25
9:00am
Cassi Calloway

10:30am
Kelli & Hayden

Guehrn

Mar 4
9:00am
Phyllis Bierlink

10:30am
Betsy & Jane
Kennedy



Due to a staff retreat, the QFMC Office will be closed Mon, Feb 26–Tues, Feb 27.

In case of an emergency contact Shaun, 723-8294 or Andrew, 289-0911. You may also leave

The next meeting will be
Tues, March 20
6pm
Murray Van Dyke's (13238 Martin Rd NW).
Call or text Alan Baerlocher for more details,
509-823-8901.



Moppet Workers are needed!

If you are available to help with the children while their moms attend the MOPS sessions, please contact Phyllis Bierlink, 398-2356 or bierlinkp@gmail.com.
MOPS Spring Session
March 6–April 17 (No MOPS on April 3–Spring Break)
9–11:15am
Questions? Contact Alyssa Van Dyke, 431-5038

The Quincy Food Bank is in need of

Mar 2—16 years
Amos & Cami
Kukes
Mar 3—45 years
Jim & Nanette
Hemberry
Mar 5—24 years
Mark & Michelle
Faw

Mar 11—23 years
Kent & Kim Bacon

Mar 12—50 years
Nick & Judy Todd

Mar 18—40 years
Dale & Carol Faw

Mar 18—17 years
Arturo & Anne
Guerrero

Mar 22—59 years
Lorin & Roberta
Grigg



- 2/1 Jace Arnall
- 2/1 Cody Kennedy
- 2/2 Hunter Clark
- 2/2 Ron Huxtable
- 2/3 Baylie Bushy
- 2/3 Michele Wurl
- 2/4 Jamie Bushy
- 2/4 Ruth MacKenzie
- 2/4 Scott Ramsey
- 2/5 Mark Pannek
- 2/6 Glenda Bishop
- 2/7 Gail Huntley
- 2/8 Misao Hirai
- 2/8 Steven Hobson
- 2/11 Ruth Atwood

a voicemail on the church office phone, 787-4491. This will go to Vonna's email which she will be monitoring.

plastic grocery bags. If you have some that you could donate you may take them to Donna Osborn's house (131 K St SW), leave them at the church office during the week, or church building on Sunday, or take them to the Food Bank (210 1st Ave SE).

2/11 Brian Bews
2/12 Pat Young
2/12 Abigail Castillo
2/13 Dasher Christensen
2/16 Kelsey Ramsey
2/20 Les Patton
2/20 Andrew Royer
2/23 Roberta Grigg
2/25 Don Mead
2/26 Ila Belle Fenn
2/26 Julie Schaapman
2/27 Savanna Allen
2/27 Gabriel Lopez
2/28 Nash Bierlink
2/28 Lori Van Dyke
2/28 Heath Wilson

Baby Shower



**Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00pm
at the home of Kit Field (612 N St SW)
Celebrating Abby Miller's new baby girl, Aaliyah
Juliette, born January 18.**



Abby is registered at Target. The nursery colors are pink and grey with theme of Giraffes and Owls. Specific Needs: Clothes (3-6 months and older), baby supplies (powder, diaper cream, etc., but doesn't need baby shampoo), Boppy, crib sheets, Diaper Genie, Pack 'n Play (pink & grey or neutral color), front pack, baby toys.

Beautifully Rooted

Ladies Night Out at QFMC
Thursday, March 8 6:30-8pm

Join us as we gather together to enjoy snacks, scriptures, music, and much more. Building a firm foundation in an ever-shifting culture can be a challenge. We will share resources that are available to help you in your walk with the Lord. There will be something for everyone. Questions? Contact Ann Van Dyke-787-5613, Diane McNay-503-459-2668, or the QFMC office—787-4491.

Psalm 1:3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.



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