

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

# Ambassadors

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

**Pray:** Mia, Danesa's niece is recovering but really needs our prayers as does her family. Thad Douthitt is being deployed pray for his safety. Pray for Peggy that she recovers well from surgery. Duane Cline still needs our prayers as he continues to recover.

**Traveling/Working:** Slope workers. Hans is in Dillingham, pray for his safety, Donovan and Brandon are with Hans in Dillingham. Ben, Carla and their family are traveling outside.

**Family Events:** Joe Murdock will teach a special class on James on Tuesdays July 9 and 16 beginning at 6:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend all three of these special events.

**Radio Program:** Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

**Today's Scripture:** "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." **Ephesians 6:19-20 (KJV)**

**Wisdom for Today:** "A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithful ambassador is health." **Proverbs 13:17 (KJV)**

**Attendance Last Sunday: 73/54 Our Record: 107**

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# Church of Christ AT WASILLA

## God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent.....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess.....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized .....	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life .....	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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### OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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## Ambassadors

An ambassador represents the country that they are from. They are not ashamed of the policies of the administration that they represent, nor are they ashamed of the country that they are from. On the contrary, they are proud to tell the people in the nation that they are assigned to about the natural, economic and military wonders of their country. They encourage travel to and from their country and aid in immigration. In essence, they are the primary spokesperson for their country in the nation to which they are assigned.

We are to be ambassadors for Christ in a world overrun by evil. Paul claimed to be an ambassador for Jesus in his letter to the Ephesians. "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak". Ephesians 6:19-20 (KJV) Just previous to these verses, Paul told the Ephesians to put on the whole armor of God so that they could stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:10-11) letting them know that we are fighting not against flesh and blood but against the rulers of the darkness of this world and against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12). He goes on in this passage to tell them how to arm themselves, and consequently how to arm ourselves today. We need to be clothed in truth, wear a breastplate of righteousness, shoes prepared of the gospel of peace, a shield of faith, a helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

After telling them how to prepare to meet the world and the wickedness that is in it, he tells them "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" Ephesians 6:18 (KJV). It is then that he claims to be an ambassador for the gospel.

While our modern ambassadors are not clothed as a soldier, they have a plethora of defenses to keep them safe in sometimes hostile countries. Today as ambassadors for the gospel of Jesus, we need to have the full armor of God to be effective in our work. As ambassadors we must be quick to defend the gospel. We can only do that through study. In other words, we have to be clothed in the truth. We have to be able to answer questions both when it is convenient and when it is not. This is what Paul told Timothy. "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." 2 Timothy 4:1-2 (ESV). Be ready in season and out of season; when it is convenient for you and when it is not. The only way to do this is through constant study of God's word, studying so regularly that you are "clothed" in the truth.

Our spiritual bodies must be protected by righteousness which Paul referred to as a breastplate. While we are clothed in the truth, the breastplate of right-

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eousness will protect us when Satan and his emissaries attack with temptations to sin. And he will do this and do it regularly. We need to hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matthew 5:6). We need to seek God's righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Paul tells us that "Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." Galatians 3:11 (ESV)

Because the righteous live by faith, that faith becomes our shield. It must be strong enough to deflect the weapons of the enemy. Without it, we will be torn down and defeated. It is like the defensive wall surrounding the ambassadors' homes in hostile countries. As long as it is maintained and strong the ambassador is safe. When it is allowed to be rundown and not maintained it fails to perform its primary function. Our faith, as long as it is maintained by study, active participation and regular assembly with the saints, will protect us from the enemy.

Paul also tells us that we need shoes prepared by the gospel of peace. We need to be ready to walk over the obstacles thrown in our way by Satan and the only way we can continue to move forward toward our home in heaven is to be wearing footwear prepared by the gospel of peace. Without them we will stumble and fall as we walk through the wilderness of life. In addition to shoes prepared by the gospel of peace, we must have our head and minds protected with the helmet of salvation. Paul is telling us here that we need to know that we are saved, and we can know that when we study God's word and obey His commandments. Paul himself was confident of his salvation. "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing". 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (ESV). He was ready to die because he was confident in his destination. Peter tells us how to prevent falling and have an entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord (2 Peter 1:5-11).

But finally, we also need an offensive weapon to be successful ambassadors. We need the "sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God". But just having it is not enough, we need to practice using it regularly. A swordsman will practice with that weapon for hours on end. They have to make their wrist, forearm and shoulder strong enough to effectively use it. An ambassador who is not able to defend his country's policies because of lack of preparation with facts will not be an ambassador long.

Are you ready to be an ambassador for the gospel of Christ? Then prepare! But don't sit back and expect to be successful, go out and spread the word!