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First Baptist Church Newsletter

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*April 7, 2021*

## Special Forces

Our 2021 Sunday celebration of Christ's resurrection is now in the history books. But God is still forming a band of loyal soldiers who increasingly walk in resurrection power. Their motto is, "Be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might" (Ephesians 6:10).

One writer observed that before the war in Afghanistan, Osama bin Laden stated that American soldiers were weak, cowardly, and not trained for mountain warfare. With pride he predicted the Taliban would send U.S. troops home in shame. His eventual death came from underestimating our Special Forces. This fearless unit invaded Afghanistan with only two-thousand soldiers. Within days, it had located all the enemy's strongholds.

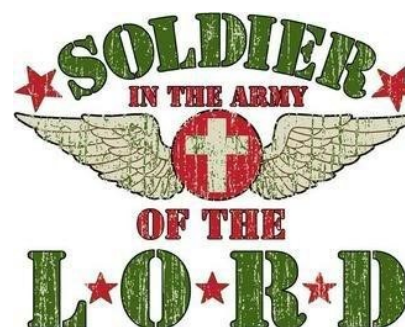
In the Bible we get a glimpse of God's Special Forces. Fierce warriors who choose winning over whining. Samuel described King Saul's ferocious volunteer militia: "There went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched" (1 Samuel 10:26).

All over the earth God is forming a mighty group that is "all in" with Jesus; they have been training in their secret closets of prayer. Their intimacy with Christ has taught them how to fight. Now they know how to do battle on any spiritual plane, whether in the mountains or in valleys.

These unwavering soldiers make the words of Daniel ring true in our generation. "The people that know their God shall be strong, and do great exploits" (Daniel 11:32).

Together with you,

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## Thursday Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, you washed your disciples' dirty feet:  
You led the way to greatness,  
And showed us how to love.

Lord, You call us to love those whom you would love,  
and give us the words to say.  
You call us to bring wholeness to lives that are broken,  
And give us the words to say.

You call us to bring comfort to those who are grieving,  
and give us the words to say.  
You call us to bring good news to those who are seeking,  
And give us the words to say.

Your word, living water in desert sands.  
Your word, blossoming in parched earth.  
Your word, bearing fruit wherever it is sown.

When we walk with you,  
In the light of your love,  
It is your glory seen, not ours.

When we talk about you to those whom we meet,  
It is your words that speak, not ours.

When we minister to people in need,  
It is your hands that heal, not ours.

When we worship you and offer our lives,  
Your name is glorified always!

Jesus, you truly are the way, and the truth, and the life.

We love you!

Amen

*Author Unknown*



## Prayer Items

Chad Cochran - Pray for good results and recovery from colon surgery.  
 Linda Isch - Pray for recovery from back surgery.

## *Wedding Shower*

FBC is having a "bring your gift to church" wedding shower for Spencer Tonner and Meghan Stuckey. **Please bring your gifts to the church this Sunday, April 11 or April 18.** There will be a table labeled in The Gathering Place where you can put them. They are registered at Target and Amazon.com.

Christian Care  
 Barb Smekens—Room 217B

River Terrace  
 Eulis West—Room 114  
 Karen West—Room 220  
 Doris Wolf—Room 102

Home  
 Betty Gregg  
 Rose McCormick



## Teachers for Sunday, April 11

Kids' Time - Angie and Jessica Bynum  
 and Chris McFarren

LOL - Traci Heller

## Stewardship

Thank you to those who have remembered the church with your tithes and offerings. Our offering plates are on the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings or you can mail your gifts to Jesus in support of our church to 202 W. Cherry Street.

### March 28, 2021

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$5,928.00
Missions	\$425.00
Building and Mtn.	\$85.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,438.00</b>

### April 4, 2021

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$3,071.00
Missions	\$305.00
Building and Mtn.	\$185.00
Easter	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,681.00</b>

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## **Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

**Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.**

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