

SECOND'S MATTERS

February 9, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Ephesians 6:10-18

New International Version

The Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

From Your Interim Pastor's Desk

In our first Adult discussion time last Sunday we got into two difficult and thorny problems that will obviously require more discussion.

The first was the question of how it is consistent with God's character to instruct people to kill certain other people, particularly in those instances where God ordered all of the people put to death, including women and children. Whole books have been written trying to give a good understanding of these events, which many unbelievers over the centuries have used to discredit God as mean and cruel, and not worthy of our worship. Mike DeWeerd read one of these books years ago and remembers that none of the explanations in that particular book struck him as very satisfying. I went home and read a number of commentaries, and decided I want to dig in deeper, and hopefully develop a sermon on this subject. I expect I'll share what I discover with the discussion group as I continue to study in preparation for this sermon.

The other issue we discussed is the whole issue of homosexuality, and how we need to understand it and respond to it. We decided we will continue to discuss this important subject later.

I don't know what other issues will arise for discussion, but I am grateful to hear what people are thinking about and facing in their daily lives.

Come join us and know that your input is valuable to all who attend. If you want to sit back and just listen, that's fine too.

Sunday Worship, February 13, 2022

Pastor Dan's sermon "The Vital Importance of Meeting Together" is based on Hebrews 10:19-25. The student choir will be singing "Only A Holy God" during the offering..

Pre-service Prayer

Do you long for a few moments of meditation, quiet and prayer before the Sunday morning worship services begins? Join us in the Fireside Room/Library each Sunday morning at 9:05am for a short reading from God's Word and a time of prayer and leave refreshed.

Our Church Family

Ken Wolffis had hip replacement surgery last Friday, February 4. The surgery went well and he is at home recovering.

Please remember Lewis Blohm in your prayers. He has been hospitalized with Covid and the breathing issues in Florida. Their address in Florida is: 1536 Indian Bay Road, Spring Hill, Florida 34607

Community Announcements

February 7th Prayer Guide Correction

Betty Frens who passed away was also Wayne Homan's sister and Chris Breuker's aunt. Please make that correction in your copy of the prayer guide.

After Church Discussion Time

Do you have questions about the Bible, current issues or other topics that you would like to discuss in an informal setting? Join us in the old nursery upstairs on Sundays from 11-11:30am as together we explore questions from God's perspective.

Midweek Bible Study

Join us for a Midweek, Wednesday Bible Study that will be walking through 1 Timothy. There is no preparation needed, just come when you are able. The study will start at 2:30 with a time of fellowship beginning at 2:00. Questions? Connect with Pastor Dan or Bette Wagenmaker.

SAVE THE DATE: Winter Fun

The Discipleship Team invites you to an afternoon of fun, games, and food on February 27 at the Branstrom lodge. We will serve a hot dog lunch at 12:30, followed by a time of sledding on Branstrom Hill and board games and fellowship inside the lodge. This event will be open-house style, so feel free to come and go as needed – we hope to see you there!

Council Nominations

Our Council is currently seeking names for potential council nominees for the term beginning July 1st, 2022. If you're interested in serving on the council, please get in touch with any current council member for more information.

Baby Shower Crib: The Love Family

Congratulations to Mike and Heather Love on the birth of a son, Lucas, on Friday, January 7. The crib will be set up in the lobby until February 14 to welcome Lucas to the Second Church family and 'shower' him with gifts.

Insight Pregnancy Services Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Insight has started its baby bottle fundraiser drive for 2022. If you wish to participate, grab an empty bottle from the display in the lobby and fill it with change, paper money, and/or a check. Return the baby bottle to church by February 20. Last year the bottles raised over \$20,000, and Insight hopes to reach that goal again.

District #10 Health Department COVID Reminder

Due to an increase in the current COVID positivity rate in Newaygo County, the Newaygo County Health Department and the CDC recommend using masks in indoor spaces.

Offering Information

Our Deacons encourage our support to our congregation's financial obligations through our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive or submitted online via bank account or card at this link: [Online Giving](#). If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online, then download the "GivePlus" app.

Special envelope offerings are:

February 13, 2022 – Bethany Christian Services

February 20, 2022 – Kid's Hope

February 27, 2022 – Community Closet

Stock the Pantry

For February, the requested food items are macaroni and cheese and canned meat. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

The Prayer Corner

Some verses from Psalm 5 for your times of prayer and meditation...

Give ear to my words, O Lord,
consider my sighing.
Listen to my cry for help.
in the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

But let all who take refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing for joy.
Spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may rejoice in you.
For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous;
you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Psalm 5:1-3 and 11-12

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