



Phillipsburg First Christian Church

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From the Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

Fight Back

If we are going to be 'trouble makers' for Jesus we are going to be opposed big time. Here is what we do when we are under attack.

"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7

Here we see both a promise and a command.. If we submit to God, we may be sure that when we resist the devil, he will flee from us. In ourselves we have no power against the devil, but he has no power against us when we fight with God's power. By ourselves, we can't win; but with God's help, we can't lose.

The word "resist" is a military term. It means you stand and fight. You don't run away. We are to *flee* temptation, but we are to *fight* the devil. That means taking up the armor of God and standing in the evil day (Ephesians 6:10-17).

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Church Events

- Feb 1 Book Club
- Feb 5 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Feb 5 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Feb 8 Evangelism Meeting
- Feb 12 Nursing Home Visit
- Feb 13 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Feb 19 Elders Meeting
- Feb 26 RightNow Media Study Session
- Feb 27 Missions Meeting
- Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 Youth Groups

The Pastor's Pen continued

Satan is like a football coach studying the opposing team. He has "game film" on us, he knows our weaknesses and our strengths, and he uses what he knows against us. If he can get you discouraged or angry, he's on his way to winning. Satan isn't equal to God, but he's a lot smarter than you or me.

Don't be surprised when Satan hits you out of the blue. **Fight back!**

Don't be surprised when he comes at you with a seductive temptation. **Fight back!**

Don't be surprised when he whispers in your ear in a moment of weakness. **Fight back!** The devil is a murderer by nature (John 8:44). He will try to destroy your career, your marriage, your family, and your ministry if you let him. You've got to stand and fight.

Fight back with the Word of God.

Fight back by singing great hymns.

Fight back by praying to Jesus.

Fight back by leaning on your brothers and sisters.

Fight back by confessing Christ openly.

Fight back by coming to the Lord's Table.

Fight back by fleeing every temptation.

Stand and fight, child of God!

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.!

Love you,

Pastor Herder

RightNow Media

Our Evangelism team is excited to bring RightNow Media into our church to provide meaningful scripture lessons to encourage growth beyond the Sunday worship service. We will be looking at Francis Chan's "Jesus's Farewell Message". This will be a 6 week study with each lesson video lasting approximately 15 minutes. This study will be offered at three different times. The first study will begin Sunday morning, February 26th at 8:00 a.m. in the Hebrew room. This study group will conclude on April 2nd, Palm Sunday. The other two study sessions will be beginning Wednesday March 1st in the Hebrew room. Participants can choose between a session at 12:00 noon (bring a sack lunch) or 7:00 p.m. The Wednesday study sessions will conclude on April 5th.

We are looking for two to three people per session to host these study sessions. Having two to three individuals will help to split the responsibilities. The responsibilities would include turning on the coffee pots, turning on the TV, and starting RightNow Media app on the lesson. Those with younger children may bring them or we can look for nursery workers if the host/hostess feel this is necessary. There is a printable study guide if you'd like to use one. Thank you for considering this opportunity. If you have any person/couple you'd like to work with, please feel free to invite them or share their name with an Evangelism team member.

If you'd like to look at this upcoming study: Open RightNow Media; Click on the First Christian Church icon; our library for this is labeled 2023 Lent Study; Francis Chan (Only one in the library right now).

February Scripture

May the Lord make your love increase
and overflow for each other and for
everyone else. 1 Thessalonians 3:12



February's Book Club Book

Why does it so often feel like Christians can't talk about the real, hard stuff in life? We know our lives should reflect Jesus; what He did and said, and how He interacted with others. But if we're being honest, there are days when we face tough, confusing things that can make us feel, well, very not like Jesus. As our culture moves further from truth and grace, Christians are burned-out, isolated, and unsure of where to turn for sound biblical advice that applies to their everyday struggles. If you've ever felt this way or wished someone would talk about things like forgiveness, mental health, broken friendships, redirected dreams, sex, facts versus feelings, church hurt, rest, weakness, healing and more in honest, down-to-earth terms while sticking to what Scripture has to say about them, you've come to the right place. *Confessions of a Crappy Christian* is for you if you...

- have ever thought you're too messed up for church
- feel exhausted and alone in your struggles
- think you need to complete a checklist before God will love you
- need a friend who cares about you too much to let you stay stuck

With honesty and vulnerability, Blake Guichet, host of the popular podcast *Confessions of a Crappy Christian*, helps us embrace the truth that we can't do it all perfectly and gives us the wisdom, guidance, and hope to move from "crappy" Christian into a freer and fuller walk with Christ.

Join us for Book Club the first Wednesday of each month as we read and discuss a new book every month. We will meet February 1, at 7pm to discuss January's book "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at your Table".

February Birthdays

02 Blakely Imel 17 Gerald Minkler
05 Ella Hindman 20 Nate Minkler
07 Barney Geldenhuys 21 Eugene Earl
11 Stuart Jarvis 21 Norman Follis
12 Dakota Coomes 23 Haylee Patterson
13 Abby Wahl 24 Makhaila Minkler
13 Wendell Jarvis



Calling All Ladies

Women's World at Manhattan Christian College will be February 24 & 25.

Several of us have attended and been blessed by the preaching, the messages and the workshops.

It's a full 24 hours of great fellowship and spiritual food! Pray about it. For more information contact Gwen. 785-533-1053

January Offering

01 \$5,696.00
08 \$3,896.00
15 \$4,485.00
22 \$2,117.00
29 TBA

Each Sunday we need to collect \$2,596.15 to meet our budget.

Please pray about your giving.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.

Mission Offering

\$202.82

January Attendance

01 - 76 22 - 86
08 - 131 29 - TBA
15 - 127

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