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Articles and information for the next month due the 3rd week of the month.



GOD IS "ALL-MIGHTY"

by

Anne Graham Lotz

The LORD appeared to him (Abraham) and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless." Genesis 17:1

Who or what seems to be greater than God? God is not one of 'several' gods – a trendy thought these days. Just as a potter is greater than the clay or an artist is greater than his painting, God is greater than His creation.

There's nothing in my life or in yours – no circumstance or crisis, no habit or heartache, no sickness or grief, nothing visible or invisible – nothing that's greater than God! "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" (John 1:3). No king or ruler, no preacher or teacher – no one is greater than God.

What are you facing that's greater than you are? A habit? A person? A problem? Something beyond your ability to handle? God is greater! Put your focus and your faith in the One who has authority over everything!

At my lowest:
God is my hope
At my Darkest:
God is my light
At my Weakest:
God is my strength
At my saddest:
God is my comforter

There are free copies of <u>OUR DAILY BREAD</u> devotional booklets on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Please take one to help you spend time with God and His Word every day.

The Full Armor Of God

Ephesians 6:10-18



Let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

(1 Thessalonians 5:8, NIV)

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. (Proverbs 4:23, NIV)

The Shield of Faith

Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. (1 Peter 5:9, NIV)

-The Belt ∘f Truth

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth. (Ephesians 6:14a, KJV)

The Sword of the Spirit

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12, NIV)

Feet Shod With The Preparation
of the Gospel of peace

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (Ephesians 6:15)

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.

-Ephesians 6:13

He gives strength to the weary and strengthens the powerless.

- Isaiah 40:29

But the *Lord* stood with me and gave me STRENGTH.

- 2 Timothy 4:17

Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

-Proverbs 30:5

Be on your GUARD; stand firm in the FAITH; be COURAGEOUS; be STRONG.

- I Corinthians 16:13

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Find the words listed below from Ephesians 6:13-17 in the puzzle

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COMING UP IN APRIL:

- April 3 Endowment Committee Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor
- <u>April 7</u> PC(USA) Informational Meeting will be held following the worship service & lunch. Sloppy Joes will be provided. Please bring either a salad or dessert and bring your informational packets. After lunch, we will move to the Sanctuary for the meeting.
- April 8 Session Meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Clerk's Corner:

- Pulpit Supply is in place through June 9, 2024.
- The next Informational Meeting PC(USA) will be Sunday, April 7, after worship and lunch.
- Trustees hung two Easter banners in the church social hall and placed the wooden cross in the Sanctuary for Easter.
- Monthly Mission Focus will be placed on the bulletin board and in the newsletter each month.
- Deacons presented a detailed report on Easter activities, including a light breakfast on Easter morning, palms, and Easter flowers.

-Connie Jewell, Clerk

Treasurer's Report: February 2024

Beginning Balance 2/1/2024 \$ 4,122.09

Receipts: \$3,810.00

Beginning Balance Plus Receipts \$ 7,932.09

Less Expenses \$ 4,939.55

Balance 2/29/2024 \$ 2,992.54

Balance Includes:

Ninetieth Birthday Celebration Fund \$ 807.74

Trustees Endowment \$ 2,059.89

Missions Endowment \$ 965.14

Missions:

Local: \$ 115.00 Saunders \$ 85.00 Gardners \$ 85.00 Grove City Food Pantry \$ 20.00

Available Undesignated Funds

for General Fund Use 2/29/2024 \$ -1,145.23

-Joan Coulter, Treasurer

<u>UPCOMING:</u> <u>PC(USA)Informational Meeting</u> will be held <u>Sunday, April 7th</u> following worship service and lunch. Sloppy Joes will be provided for lunch. Please bring either a salad or dessert. Bring your informational packets.

Mission Focus:

The Mission Focus for April is **Camp Lambec**.

Camp Lambec is located out of Erie, PA just off Interstate 90. The address is: 13110 Old Lake Rd., West Springfield, PA.

Camp Lambec is a summer camp for all ages, a retreat, a place for family reunions, and a meeting gathering for church events.

In 1947, six Presbyterian churches purchased Camp Lambec, cabins, rec halls, and dining hall. All have been brought in or built to improve the camp. Heat and air have recently been added. A chapel has recently been added also.

If you are looking for a place to spend a week or a few days with friends or family, you may want to consider Camp Lambec.

-Joyce Steele, Mission Committee



April 2024

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Storms without God will break you.
Storms with God will build you.





The Lord is my strength, Without Him I can do nothing But, with Him all is possible... And I can do anything.

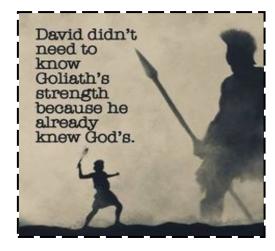
Though my cares are many, My salvation is in His light And the hope I have in Him Gives me the strength to fight.

I will trust in my Savior, No matter what life brings For, I know He's in control Of every single thing.

The Lord is my strength, I am fearful for nothing... As long as He is with me I'm ready for anything!

-Deborah Ann Belka





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