

### Spiritual Warfare

I'll be the first to admit that I know very little about war. Even so, I am deeply intrigued by the strategies involved in knowing what type of attacks are most effective, and the details that must be considered before executing an assault: location, personnel, strength of the enemy, etc. Intelligence plays a critical part in knowing how to defeat the enemy.

The church is under constant attack. The Deceiver wants nothing more than to destroy the Body of Christ and its effectiveness on the world. But what do his attacks look like? Sometimes spiritual warfare is outwardly very obvious, especially as you see believers in other parts of the world being physically persecuted for following Christ. Churches are being destroyed, and believers are tortured or even killed. We don't see that regularly here in our culture. Does that mean we are not under spiritual attack? Absolutely not!

We have seen such an exponential increase of division in our culture. There is constant fighting between people—not only hostility between those with racial differences, but political and ideological. People are angry with one another in general. Those same attitudes can infect the church, and when we are not careful, it is easy to participate in those same behavior patterns. Hate quickly begins to manifest itself, even within the church walls.

We know that God is love. It is His character; it is what He desires for His children to experience, both from Him and with one another. Satan knows this, and one way he attacks us is by strategically designing ways to cause division between us. What can we do to defend against such an attack? James 1:19 tells us, "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." Proverbs 15:1, also says, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Last, we read in Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

There is much instruction in God's Word regarding our attitude and behavior toward one another. As we allow God's grace to permeate our own words and character, Satan's attacks can be thwarted. That doesn't mean he will stop the attacks, but as we strive for unity, that is one area where we can experience victory for the sake of the church.

Continue to pray for the unity of BBC. Pray that we will foster love toward one another and our community around us. Pray that we purposely reflect the love and grace of Christ to a world that desperately needs both.

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## October

THE MONTH OF

### Calendar of Events

Join us for these upcoming events.

- 4 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 11 - Mothers-In-Law small group, 7pm
- 13 - Great Treasure Day - KBC
- 16 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 24 - Congregational Meeting
- 31 - No Youth activities

- Praise the Lord for Charlie Bing's safe and productive teaching trip to the Ukraine.
- Praise the Lord we were able to have Dick Lynch come and speak at BBC in September.
- Please continue to pray for our Pastor Search Team and their task of finding the right man to be our next pastor. The team members are Marc Charpentier, David Emerson, Kim Hickman, Frank June, Rob Matlack, Kati Thompson, and Barbara Van Wart.

FAMILY UPDATE



Pour yourself a cup of coffee and join us for a great study at 9:15am. We are currently studying the Book of Philippians and would to see you there!



### Everyone is invited to attend!

Immediately following our morning service. We will have a potluck lunch and child care is also provided. Only those Committed to the Community are eligible to vote and are strongly encouraged to attend and participate.

## BURLESON BIBLE CHURCH 2021 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 24 | 12:30PM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3  9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Group	4  	5	6 * Roger Fankhauser	7	<div> <div>1</div> <div>           * Justus Phelps         </div> <div>8</div> </div> <div> <div>2</div> <div>           * Debbie Fankhauser         </div> <div>9</div> </div>	<div> <div>1</div> <div>           * Rob Matlack III         </div> <div>2</div> </div> <div> <div>3</div> <div>           Grace Normant         </div> <div>4</div> </div>
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31 * Cara Ralmuto   9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA						*Birthdays