

Foothills Church of Christ

"We treat you like family."



November 6, 2022

"Is There Not a Cause?"

"And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?"
(1 Sam. 17:29)

The Philistine army gathered on one side of the valley of Elah, and Saul's army amassed on the other. A warrior from amongst the Philistines named Goliath issued a challenge to Saul's army. He called for one man to come and face him in battle. As Goliath made this challenge, he also proceeded to curse the God of Israel. When Saul and his army heard the words of Goliath, they were overcome with fear (1 Sam. 17:11). A young shepherd boy named David was sent by his father to give food to his brothers and check on them. As David approached Saul's army, he heard the words of Goliath. When those words reached his ears, he responded differently than his brothers. David said,

"What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" (1 Sam. 17:26)

These words angered David's brother Eliab. Eliab knew that this should have been his attitude toward Goliath, but his fear had overtaken him. Eliab responded to his brother and said,

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“Why camest thou down hither, and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.” (1 Sam. 17:28)

He surmised that David came and said these words not out of genuine conviction, but out of pride and perhaps arrogance. However, that was not the heart of David. David responded to his brother in a simple yet profound way, “What have I now done? Is there not a cause” (1 Sam. 17:29)? There indeed was a cause. This Philistine had defied the army of the living God! David would go on to fight Goliath and be victorious over him. David clearly expresses why it was so important that he fight this battle:

“This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD’S, and he will give you into our hands.” (1 Sam. 17:46-47)

Is there anything worth fighting for in our world today? Indeed God had been mocked and belittled across all forms of media. Celebrities have mocked those who worship God, and even those who claim to be members of the Lord’s church are sometimes guilty of poking fun at God’s precepts and commandments. We need to stand firm as soldiers for Christ, never wavering or giving in to the pressures of the world.

Is there a cause in our world today? If there is, what will be our response? Will we be like Saul and the army of Israel and back down with fear? Or will we be like David and stand firm in the face of opposition? Rejoice, brethren, for the battle indeed belongs to the Lord!

– *Joshua Alexander*

Announcements

Birthdays This Week

Kendall Townsley (November 12)

Harding Place Worship Services

Foothills is in charge of leading the 6:30 worship services at Harding Place for the month of November. Men, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board to take part.

CYP Thanksgiving Dinner

The college and young professionals group plan to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 13, after the morning worship service. The meal will be provided by the wives of the elders.



“Behold, I have created the blacksmith
Who blows the coals in the fire,
Who brings forth an instrument for his
work;
And I have created the spoiler to destroy.
No weapon formed against you shall
prosper,
And every tongue which rises against
you in judgment
You shall condemn.
This is the heritage of the servants of the
Lord,
And their righteousness is from Me,
Says the Lord.”

**Where in
the
Bible ?**

Do you know where this
passage is found? See
page 4 for the answer.

For the Record

Attendance Last Sunday: 157
Contribution Last Sunday: \$5,574

Prayer Concerns

Current:

Tish Clark
Bobby Cofer
Alicia Cooke
Robert Epperly
Larry Eubanks
Randell & Etta Holden
Ken Kovaleski
John Mershon
Joyce Murrell
Ray Petty
Robyn & Mary Roach
Mary Lou Staib
Blaine Thomas

Ongoing:

G. David (India)
Bristol Garner
Jimmy & Billie Gibbins
Nellie Hardin
Etta Holden
Danny Langer
Doris Pruitt

Assisted Living:

Donna Brewer
Cloe Jordan
Doris McCoy
Dorothy Pensoneau
Gladys Widner



*“Continue earnestly in
prayer, being vigilant in it
with thanksgiving.”*

(Colossians 4:2; NKJV)

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

	November 6	November 13
<i>Announcements</i>	Larry Nokes	Larry Nokes
<i>Song Leader</i>	Chip Braswell	Jeremy Sciba
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Steve Carrell	Marshall Halliburton
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Jerry Griffin Roger Bruce James Libby Ethan Falconer Bob Lyons	Jerry Griffin Roger Bruce James Libby Ethan Falconer Bruce Lemieux
<i>Presiding</i>		
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Paul Anderson	Alex Howard
<i>Sermon</i>	Josh Alexander	Leon Brown
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Bruce Lemieux	Micah Heavin

Sunday Evening

<i>Song Leader</i>	Mason Sciba	Randy Goodman
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Jeremy Sciba	Jaden Zerby
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Paul Anderson	Alex Howard
<i>Sermon</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Jerry May	Roger Bruce
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Ron Talbert	Caleb Young

Wednesday

	November 9	
<i>Auditorium Class</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Devotional</i>	Larry Eubanks	Paul Anderson
<i>Song Leader</i>	Reese Cartwright	Caleb Young
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Caleb Young	Sam Yeager

Answer to "Where in the Bible", page 3: **Isaiah 54:16-17**

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Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Study..... 9:30 am
 Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00 pm