

WHOSE SON ARE YOU?

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

In this case, let's resist the urge to be "politically correct" and change "sons of God" to "children of God." To make that change would display a high degree of biblical illiteracy and completely miss the point that our Lord made.

In the culture of the biblical world, to say that someone was the "son of" someone or something simply meant that they possessed traits that were associated with that person or thing. That same meaning was not conveyed by the expression "children of."

A good example is a man by the name of Joseph. We are introduced to him in Acts 4:36. Nobody knows this man by his real name. Everyone knows him by his nickname, Barnabas. We know him so exclusively by his nickname that we think it was his real name. It wasn't, his parents named him Joseph.

The apostles gave Joseph his nickname for a good reason. Barnabas means "son of encouragement." It was the perfect description of this good man.

James and John had a nickname. It was "Boanerges" (Mark 3:17). These two were "sons of thunder." What else would you call brothers who wanted to barbecue an entire village (Luke 9:54)?

Peacemakers will be called "sons of God" for good reason. That designation perfectly describes our Father (Mt. 5:43-48). When I become a peacemaker, I become more like God. I am his son. Whose sons are we?

--Ron Harper--

Lessons from Barbed Wire Pt. 1: Proper Protection

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.” Ephesians 6:11

As many of you know, my family and I have been attempting for the past several months to erect a functional fence on our property. To effectively do this, the old fence must come down. I happened to be home on a sunny and relatively warm afternoon so I decided I would go work on the old fence (there honestly wasn't too much left to do). I needed to take down two strands of barbed wire and pull up the posts from that stretch. All in all, the work was not terribly demanding.

As with any job, proper materials are needed. First and foremost, I needed a good pair of gloves. Barbed wire is famed for being just as good at tearing up clothing and skin as it is keeping the cattle within its boundaries. I searched all over my house for a good pair of thick gloves but was unable to find any. All our “fencing gloves” were in my dad's truck, which happened to be in La Vergne where he works. I finally found a pair of cloth gardening gloves. I thought, “Well, this is better than nothing.” It wasn't.

As I began to roll the wire, I noticed the gloves were constantly getting hung on barbs and my hands were getting sliced. What should have taken approximately an hour to accomplish took nearly two hours simply because my gloves were continually getting caught on the barbs. I simply did not have the proper protection for the task at hand.

Sadly, many of us do the same thing with our Christian walk. We go into the world thinking that our spiritual protection is good enough; however, we are constantly being entangled by the world. Paul tells us the only way to be completely protected from the world. We must put on the **whole** armor of God, which infers we cannot have *part* of the armor or a *different kind* of armor. Bad armor is no armor at all—just like cloth gloves were no gloves at all.

Our challenge is remembering to put on the whole armor of God when we are faced with the world. No other armor will work. Nothing else will protect. God has given us exactly what we need. We simply must remember to suit up and stay protected.

Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Sue Reeves, Odell Grissom, Nora Fann, Virgie Leonard, Betty Driver, Linda Houston, Norman & Nancy Pelham

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BUILDING FUND

We have received a Building Fund donation in memory of **Bob Hoover** and **Mary Jo Rogers** by the following:

***Clyde & Martha McCollough**

NEWS & NOTES

- Our sympathy is extended to the family of **A.T. Pate**; he passed away on Tuesday, January 31st. He was the grandfather of former Minerva Drive Associate Minister Stephen Pate. The funeral was held at Woodbine Hickory Chapel.
- **Visitation meeting and meal** for Team 1 today.
- **Men's Devo** - if you would like to host a devo, it's held on the third Monday of each month. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- There will be a **meeting for all youth and parents grades 6-12** today immediately after AM services to go over youth events and details for the 2017 calendar year.
- **Big Game Party** tonight at Mike & LaNita's house after evening services - bring food.
- **Stones River Manor** invites you to their Gospel Singing and Bar-B-Que supper on Friday, February 10th. Supper will be served at 5 pm and singing from 6-8pm.
- There is a planned trip to **Smyrna Bowling Center** for Sunday, February 19th from 8-11pm. More details and sign-up sheets in the foyer.
- **Couples Retreat** - March 10-12th at All Season Suites in Pigeon Forge with guest speaker Wayne Miller. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

You're Invited to a



Bridal Shower

Bridal Shower
In honor of
Hannah Malone
will be held on
Sunday, February 26th
from 2-4 at Salem Creek.
She is registered at
Kohl's, Wal-Mart, and
Bed, Bath & Beyond

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Morning Worship	9:00 am
Bible Classes	10:15 am
Evening Worship	5:30 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May)	10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes	6:30 pm

ELDERS

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Rick Acklin	Rick Corum
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Joe Byars	Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

January 29, 2017

Sunday	AM worship	220
	Bible classes	135
	PM worship	129
	Contribution	\$5,887.00

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	138
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)	16

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be cancelled

To Our Honored Guests...

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!

GREETERS

*Please be at the door
 30 minutes prior to service*

February 5

Thomas & Connie Davis

February 12

Robert & Mary Ann McKnight

