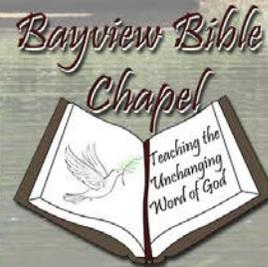


# August 2013 Newsletter



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**Treasurer:**

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## The Breastplate of Righteousness

Anthony, a friend of mine, who was in the army, tried to educate me on the makeup of personal body armor. In my ignorance I thought a Kevlar vest was body armor. As he explained, the Kevlar is a part of the armor, but won't generally stop a bullet on it's own. While it may deflect a bullet, it won't stop a direct hit.

Ballistic plates are inserted into pockets behind the Kevlar. Together the two can stop many rounds, protecting the wearer. Because such a vest covers many vital portions of the body you would think a soldier would gladly wear this armor. If you think that, you are wrong— or at least you are wrong in my friend's case.

That armor get's pretty

heavy, Anthony explained. In the oppressive heat of Afghanistan the burden seemed all the greater. As a result, he explained, soldiers would begin leaving out the ballistic plates. Other's would discard the Kevlar as well.

Why would a soldier do that? What heat could be worse than a bullet through the chest?

The Christian's armor includes a protective vest as well. Paul likens a breastplate to Righteousness. What protects the vital parts of our souls? Righteousness!

Ultimately it is the righteousness of Christ for we are not righteous apart from Him. Nevertheless, having been made righteous in Him (2 Cor 5:21) we are to live in righteousness.

**Rom 6:13** *ESV*  
"Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness."

We are positionally righteous in the sight of God through the work of Jesus Christ. Yet we have the choice to live righteously or not.

Paul's instruction to us is to live in righteousness not in sin. In this way we are guarded against the attacks of Satan. Attacks often come in the form of guilt against our unworthiness. Practicing righteousness deflects those attacks.



### Church Picnic

As you read this we are only a day away from this years annual church picnic. Graciously hosted by Charlotte Hooper at her property, we will meet for a relaxed church service at 10am. A potluck picnic will follow. Chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

### Financial Overview

7/28/2013:

- July offering: \$6,518.
- Monthly Budget: \$5,948
- Building Fund: \$19,693.

*"Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account." Phil 4:17*

When submitting ourselves as instruments of unrighteousness we open ourselves up to all kinds of attacks. We become vulnerable to temptations to greater sins and to the consequences of those sins. Sanctified, righteous living guards us as a breastplate guards a soldier.

So why would a soldier NOT wear such a vital piece of protective gear? The answer that makes the most sense to me is that he doesn't believe the threat to be real or imminent. If he thinks he'll get shot while deployed, no amount of weight or heat will make him take off that armor! The very fact he has taken it off reveals his disbelief.

Have you removed your armor? We do not live in a time of peace spiritually. There can be no truce, nor should we expect a ceasefire agreement from the enemy. Rather we are told that the passions of the flesh wage war against our souls (1 Peter 2:11) and that Satan prowls around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). The battle rages from the outside and from within. Apart from the applied righteousness of God we will be overcome.

Therefore, put on the breastplate of righteousness; that is, actively engage in righteous living. Do the things you know please God and those which bless fellow believers. In this way you guard your own heart as well. ~ *Pastor Ben*



### Elder Meeting 7/17/30

Those in attendance were Alvin Wilkie, Terry Auten, Ben McLachlan, Lowell Hayes, deacon Bruce Robinson and elder chair Don Gardner.

- Bruce opened the meeting in prayer at 9:14am.
- A devotion from Pr 3:6, Rev. 2:4 and Ps. 37:4 was led by Don.
- At 9:19 the group moved to personal prayer.
- 10:13 Minutes from the 5/22/13 meeting were read and approved.
- 10:16 Terry presented the financial reports from March to date. All were approved.

#### Old business

- 10:19 VBS – after brief discussion the board decided to schedule the building for the 21st through the 25th of July 2014. We will evaluate whether or not we will hold VBS in 2014 at our April meeting 2014.
- Mission group to China – Ben will contact them and coordinate a potluck Sunday for them to visit and report on their trip.
- Risk Management Training – Don has 20 workbooks and will coordinate with Ben a date in August for a first training session. All workers with youth will need to complete this course and be a member to work with kids. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled as needed.

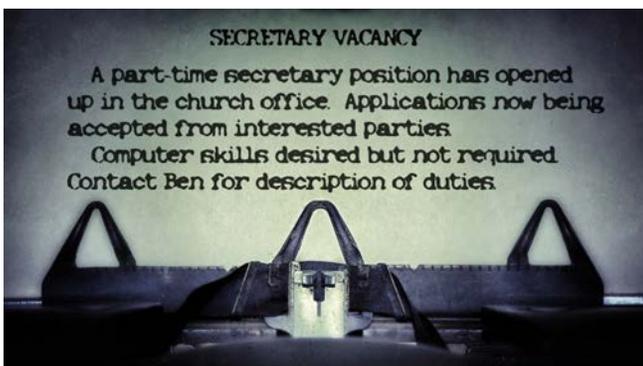
#### New business

- Property work day - on July 31st we will hold a work day at the property to cut grass and trim trees.
- Church picnic- work day on Sat. 8/3 at Charlottes' and on the 4th the church service and picnic will be held. The men will make chicken and other food will be organized by the deaconess's. Announcements will be made calling those for baptism in the pond.
- Terry proposed that the church would buy the QuickBooks upgrade for the treasurer (Jorja Auten) to upgrade her software. All agreed.
- 11 am. Ben gave his pastors report

Next meeting 8/21/13

Meeting adjourned at 11:19am.

*Terry Auten*, Secretary



**Secretary Vacancy**~ Have the "gift" of secretarial work and just waiting for the chance to use it for ministry? You have the opportunity to put in a few hours each week in the church office. Duties may be customized to fit your abilities and interests but basic computer skills are desirable. Applications now being accepted for the position which involves typing, filing, phone calls, and generally, whatever Ben doesn't want to do himself! (er, uh, I mean, whatever else will benefit the church ministry :) See Ben for more details.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Prayer 6:30pm	2	3 Picnic Prep 9am
4 Church Picnic 10am	5  Karr's	6	7 Men's Fellowship 8am	8 Prayer 6:30pm	9	10 Men's Outreach Breakfast 8am 
11  Communion	12	13	14 Men's Fellowship 8am	15 Prayer 6:30pm	16	17
18	19  Jamie Millermon	20	21 Men's Fellowship 8am Elder's Meeting 9:30a	22 Prayer 6:30pm	23	24
25	26	27	28 Men's Fellowship 8am	29 Prayer 6:30pm	30	31



**Missionary of the Month: Bruce & Lynda Morock**  
 Serving with *Puebla Christian School* in Mexico  
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**Upcoming Events:**  
 - CLBC Family Camp: Aug 16-18  
 - Pastor's Vacation: Aug 5-18



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