



# THE DUEBER DOINGS SEPTEMBER 2019



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day Holiday



## A FEW GOOD MEN

MEN'S PRAYER  
BREAKFAST  
8:00 am

Saturday, September 7  
At the Firehouse Restaurant



## IT'S SOUP TIME!

Join the Street Ministry Team by providing hot soup for one of the Thursday Evenings. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Choose your week and sign up soon!



The September First Friday at Dueber Elementary will be September 13. Come and join in class activities with children at the close of their school day. Each month there is a different focus. We'll meet at the church at 1:45 pm, walk to the school, help in a classroom, and will be done by 3:00.



As some of you may already know, Ruth Ann will be retiring as our pianist after 53 wonderful years of service to our congregation. Because of that we will be hiring someone before the end of the year. If you are interested or know someone that is, please contact the office or Todd Fulton at 330-340-5976



## RALLY DAY AT DUEBER CHURCH

Sunday, September 8  
12:30 pm in the Dining Hall

Come and learn about the various ministries of the church.

Talk with people involved in the ministry and explore the possibilities of your gifts and abilities. Enjoy a bowl of chili as the Men's group shares in the Bill Robinson Memorial Chili Lunch.

## SOCK IT TO ME !

We are collecting Children's socks for the local Elementary schools and the Shoebox Ministry

Boys and Girls socks sizes needed  
5-6      7-8      8-9



Bring your socks on Sunday,  
September 22  
or place in the sock box outside  
the office for  
SOCK IT TO ME SUNDAY !

**THE DUEBER DOINGS DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER IS SEPTEMBER 15 PLEASE HAVE ALL INFORMATION TO THE OFFICE -THANK YOU**

## SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Wednesday, September 11**

1:30 pm      Finance

**Monday, September 16**

6:30 pm      Missions, Trustees,  
Education

7:30 pm      Administrative Board

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**  
8:45, 11:11 a.m.  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:55 a.m.

**LIVING WATERS CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
Sunday's 11:11 am

**HOPE FAMILY MINISTRY BIBLE STUDIES**  
Wednesday 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Ephesians 6:10-13, Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. One little phrase has stuck out to me in these verses. Paul writes in verse 13, "having done everything." The Assurance Sunday School class has been working through a book on spiritual warfare by a seminary professor named Charles Kraft. Through his missionary work and connections Kraft became very aware of the lack of spiritual warfare in the Western world and the awareness of the spiritual realm in areas like Africa and Southeast Asia where the church is booming and many new people are coming to know Jesus Christ. He makes and remakes the point in his writings that in the church in the United States we deal with material and emotional aspects of life very well, but we struggle greatly with the spiritual realm. Kraft likens writes that the church fights the battle with evil in emotional and material ways, but we fail greatly in the spiritual battle with evil. Throughout our nation the church struggles for answers. Mass shootings continue. Church leaders are caught up in scandals. People within the church struggle with personal issues and with living faithful lives dedicated to Christ. These struggles appear to become greater and greater and the church seems to be giving ground to evil in our culture. We continually turn to the things we know. We know technology and therapy and programs for answers in our battles. Yet, even among faithful, Bible believing churches people struggle to do everything to stand strong as they neglect to fight the spiritual battle.

The New Testament makes clear to us that even though Christ won the victory on the cross, Satan is still prowling around and waging a war in this world. And, Christians are still called to take up arms in the fight against Satan and the forces of evil. Therapy, programs, and technolo-

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gy are great ways to help in that battle, but we must not neglect the spiritual war. There are spiritual issues that cause people to struggle with addiction, with anxiety, depression, and other emotional issues. There are spiritual issues that cause racism and division and violence in our nation. There are spiritual reasons that people are not gathering to worship God and have turned away from Christ. If we are going to deal with these issues and do everything to stand firm as Paul encourages us, we need to fight the spiritual battle and arm ourselves with the grace of God.

We need to arm ourselves with truth and the word of God through engaging the Scriptures and allowing God to speak to us through them daily. We need to go on the offensive in the battle and go out with the gospel that brings peace with God and tell others about Jesus. We need put on the breastplate of righteousness and live seeking to have a right relationship with God through worship and obedient living. We need have faith and turn to God in prayer to guard ourselves from the arrows of the devil. Prayer is not doing nothing as many would have us believe. It is a far more powerful work to petition the Almighty to deal with the issues we face than to petition a congress person or senator. We need to live as those who recognize they are in a battle. Thinking we will overcome the issues of our lives, our communities and our nation without fighting the spiritual battle is wrong thinking. If the church does not prepare and fight the battle with rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers that reign in the lives of others then who will. We have been commissioned to share in this battle with the Holy Spirit so in the end we might be able to say that "having done everything" we have stood firm.

~Pastor Jon



A representative from Hammer and Nails will speak during the Sunday School hour in the Dining Hall on Sunday, September 22