

Noticeboard

Grill the Pastor

Mondays at 7.30pm
in the Portable cabin.
At this meeting you
can come and
ask any questions.

Footsteps

Coffee Shop
at Falmouth
Methodist Church
Thurs in Sept
10-12noon

Food for Thought

This Thurs Sept 29th
2.30pm. Guest
Speaker is Mary Jones

Foodbank needs are:

- * Long Life Milk
- * Tinned Potatoes
- * Tinned soup
- * Jam
- * Squash
- * Cartons of Orange Juice
- * Crisps
- * Sweet Treats
- * Toilet Roll
- * Shower gel
- * Shampoo

The Filling Station, THIS Mon 26th Sept

7.30-9.30pm, Penmorvah Manor Hotel
This month we welcome to the Filling
Station, Charles Fox as our
speaker. Charles will be telling us about
Social Justice and Serving the Poor.
All are welcome, please bring a friend, and
if you need transport please call 01326
378065 to arrange.

Kidz Klub.

In order for Kidz Klub to continue
we need volunteer helpers with a
heart for children, who are free
on either Monday, Tuesday and/
or Thursday 3-5pm. If you can
help please contact Alan & Sue
Offord on 01326 312399 or
sueo4j@gmail.com.

If you are interested in getting
involved with any aspects of
worship, whether it is singing,
playing an instrument, drama,
dance, prayer, poetry, signing,
mime, art then please see Ali
Plummer or contact her
alison_plummer@sky.com.

Sunday 2nd October

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**

Main Door Dave Ball

Inner Door Rick & Mel Cookman

Easy Worship Becky Brown

Coffees Before Service Karen Campbell & Kye Childs

After Service Carrie Holmes & Mary Jones

Sunday 25th September 2016

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**
A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to
know each other better, so please introduce yourself.
If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

11am **Children and youth groups leave**
Parent and Baby Room available with a visual link to
the service.
Nippers: Age 2-4 (Parents please collect your children
at 12:00).
Buzz: Reception to Year 6
Salt: Year 7 and up (meets in the Power House)

Prayer Ministry

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team wear ministry
badges. Please speak to one of them if you would like
prayer for any reason.

The Church office

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Minister Rev'd Charles Blizzard

Sermon outline notes: Spiritual Warfare Part 3– Standing Against the Devil’s Schemes—Ephesians 6:10-20

Introduction

Paul in this passage speaks about taking your stand against the devil’s schemes and that our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

1) ‘Schemes’ - Greek word ‘methodia’ means strategies.

See also 2 Corinthians 2:11. The devil has devices, strategies, wiles and we need to know what they are and how to stand/fight against them!

In this stand against the devil’s schemes we can make two mistakes:

- a) to underestimate the powers of darkness– struggle means ‘wrestling with your bare hands on the ground’.
- b) to overestimate the powers of darkness—victory is ours through being strong in the Lord and putting the armour on. We expect success!

2) The key to fighting successfully all the spiritual forces against us is to have a nuanced and non-simplistic understanding of evil. We do not say everything is of the devil nor do we say nothing is of the devil. We need to have a biblical balance.

Richard Baxter—a 17th century English Puritan once preached a sermon on ‘Melancholy’ (depression). In this sermon he named four possible causes of depression—physical, psychological, moral or the demonic with perhaps one cause interacting with another.

3) The most common word used to describe the devil is the word ‘diabolos’ which means liar, slanderer. One of the main ways the devil works is as a liar and he speaks lies through temptation and accusation.

4) Thomas Brooks, a 17th century English Puritan ‘Precious Remedies against Satan’s Devices’.

1) Temptation

- a) Shows you the bait and hides the hook
- b) By getting you to rationalise sin as virtue ‘I’m not noseey I’m just concerned.’

- c) By showing you the sins of Christian leaders
- d) Overstressing the mercy of God -‘I’ll do that because God will forgive me for that’s his job’.
- e) By making Christians bitter over suffering.
- f) By showing Christians how many ‘bad people’ seem to be having great lives.
- g) By getting you to compare one part of your life to another.

2) Accusation

- a) By causing us to look more at our sin than our Saviour.
- b) By causing us to obsess about past sins that has done damage that cannot be undone.
- c) By making us think that the troubles we are going through must be punishment from God
- d) By making us think that the inner struggles, the feelings that we have, Christians should not have.

5) How Do We Fight?

- a) Know what particular devices Satan uses on you.
- b) The Gospel is the answer. Christ died for you ; the penalty for your sin has been paid; in Christ you are holy and dearly beloved.

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