



## From the Pulpit

Pastor Brian Widmer's sermon this past Sunday, "**Pick Your Battles**" was from 1st Samuel, Chapter 17. Samuel was guided by the Lord to anoint David. **But remember that those who are rejected of men often become beloved of the Lord.** David's years **keeping the sheep** were not wasted times; they were training times. **This public anointing was cultivated from a private encounter!**

1 Samuel 4 the Philistines beat Israel in a battle and take the ark; 1 Samuel 13-14 the Philistines were just overtaken by the Israelites. No doubt there was talk about the fallout between God and Saul and Samuel was on the move. The Philistines wanted to take advantage of this opportunity so they pressed into enemy territory. The Philistines having chosen this one on one for their champion, to save themselves from the hazard of battle Goliath comes in cursing God and reminding the Israelites they killed the priests sons and were responsible for stealing the Ark. Saul and the Israelite army were terrified. Remember Saul was chosen because of his fighting ability and stature. This went on for forty days. David came and went between home and the camp playing his harp for Saul, bringing food to his brothers, and keeping his fathers sheep. David didn't give into fear or doubt because he remained faithful and busy about his work! **What is celebrated in public is cultivated in private and what is practiced inside is promoted outside.** Who do we fight for?

The Battles in this Chapter: **External and internal battles** \*Reoccurring issue with the Israel \*Battle inside David \*Ongoing Family battle. **Reoccurring issue with the Israel:** In Scripture: One continual fear Israel has is the size of their opponents. (Canaan, Egyptian army, now Goliath) We are pioneers. we are territory takers. God tells us He has ordered our steps and already has given us the Land. **See, the LORD your God has placed the land before you; go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you. Do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 1:21, NASB).** What caused the climate in this chapter? The odds are no worse here than elsewhere. Israel simply lacks faith. Israel lacks godly leadership. God is not limited by the number of warriors who fight in His name. It is not the size of Goliath or the arrogance of his words which should cause us to wonder, but rather the unbelief and fear of God's people. Who do we fight for? Are you often discouraged by the large problems that face you? **May I remind you size of your God!**

**Whether your current hardship is spiritual or physical God cares about them all!** Whether its work related, a family problem, a spiritual attack, or something so big it scared you to even look at it. God is the creator of all things. His children are his anointed, and He promises to fight on your behalf.

**David and Goliath** His courage distinguished him as a leader not his talent, calling or title. Careful - prudent cautious, careful and being fearful.  
A. Careful is cerebral; fearful is emotional. B. Careful is fueled by information; fearfulness by imagination. C. Careful calculates risk; fearfulness avoids risks. D. Careful wants to achieve success; fearful wants to avoid failure. E. Careful is concerned about progress; fearful is concerned about protection. We learn from David that It only takes one to restore the faith of many. What is God trying to restore with your battles? We may never know who is effected by God is writing your story for His glory! Goliath presented a great threat but he also presented an great opportunity. A threat can usually be an opportunity if you have the right perspective. Faith sees things differently! What life situation has you on the run? What are you dealing with in your life that feels like a giant now? God wants to train you in the same way. Invite Him into every part of your life. If you abide in Him, or remain with Him, obey the small things you will be able to rely on Him in **BIG DEALS!**

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**Prayer Request:** Anne Marie Camp, Kent Pavey **The Family of:** John Craven.

***PRAY WITHOUT CEASING***

**Please have prayer requests submitted by noon on Thursday for the Sunday bulletin. The church office email is: [unionchapel@windstream.net](mailto:unionchapel@windstream.net). James Johnson, Glenn Barton, Bruce Wright, Harry McGaughey and Nancy Snell volunteered to be “on call” for special needs during this time of transition.**

**5 Ways to Celebrate National Day of Encouragement**

Jordan Sears /August 10, 2022

National Day of Encouragement, a day dedicated to lifting up others and making a positive impact, is September 12th. In a world of quick text messages and the instant gratification of technology, let’s be a light of inspiration and encouragement to those around us. I love holding onto cards and notes from sweet friends as a tangible reminder of the love and encouragement the people in my life bring me, and it’s also a great reminder to do that same thing for others in my life! Below are five different formats that make it simple and easy to send love and encouragement to your people!

1. **Encouragement Postcards** A postcard is one of the easiest ways to quickly send a note of encouragement to a friend or loved one from a distance. These cards already have an encouraging message and beautiful design on the front, so all you have to do is jot down a quick note on the back, put a stamp on it, and send it out! The convenience doesn’t take away from the sentiment – you’re making that relationship a priority just by putting a simple card in the mail.
2. **Digital Greeting Cards** Sending a digital greeting card is the simplest way to send encouragement to those you love, and this year, DaySpring and Hallmark made it easy with a free digital greeting card just for you! All you have to do is select the free card from DaySpring, add your photos and videos, and share your card instantly via text or email. The best part? You can access this free digital greeting card for the entire month of September! Happy encouraging!
3. **Prayers to Share** Similarly, Prayers to Share are an easy format to hand out at a moment’s notice whenever you feel led. These tear-away note cards each feature a scripture, a prayer, and an inspirational quote, so they can be universally applicable, or more specific to a person’s situation. I keep a stack of them on my desk so I can write a note on the back and share with coworkers whenever I feel led. You can also tuck them inside a greeting card or even leave them on someone’s windshield for a little extra happy in their day.
4. **Greeting Cards** Greeting cards are probably my favorite way to encourage friends. I just choose a card that’s made for the appropriate occasion, whether it be Thank You, Happy Birthday, Thinking of You, etc., and then choose a style with a beautiful design and message. I usually add in my own little note on the inside, and then I send it out! It’s simple, thoughtful, and takes no time at all, but the sentiment goes far with my loved ones.
5. **Ecards** DaySpring Ecards are a great way to send some spontaneous encouragement to a friend or loved one. They’re a quick, easy, and free way to brighten someone’s day. We have a whole category of Encouragement Ecards, perfect for sharing some love on National Day of Encouragement!

I know how much I love to receive an encouraging note every now and then, so I've tried to make a conscious effort to be more intentional in that department. Stock up on your favorite cards or Prayers to Share, or check out our full collection of Encouragement Cards & Gifts, so that you always have something on hand when the opportunity presents itself!

**Weekly Attendance**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>09/04/2022</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>08/28/2022</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>08/21/2022</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>08/14/2022</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>32</b>



## **SAVE THE DATE**

*Union Chapel Church Homecoming*

*Sunday, September 18th  
Following the 11 AM Service*

*Side dishes to share and iced tea are needed!  
We look forward to having you join us at  
Union Chapel Church!*

September 6, 2022- September 18, 2022

**Weekly Happenings**

**Tuesday, September 6, 2022**

7 PM Youth Bible at Cindy & Kenneth Little's

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, September 8, 2022**

7 PM Union Chapel Church Men

**Saturday, September 10, 2022**

9 AM **Work @ the Church, all are welcome to help.**

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

9:15 AM Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary building)

10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

**Noon Youth After Church**

**Monday, September 12, 2022**

**National Day of Encouragement**

6 PM Women of Union Chapel Church

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

7 PM Youth Bible at Cindy & Kenneth Little's

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

*Union Chapel Church Homecoming*

10 AM Sunday School (main Sanctuary building)

10 AM Contemporary Worship (theChapel)

11 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Homecoming Celebration following the 11 AM Service in Fellowship Hall! Side dishes and iced tea are needed.

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

7 PM Youth Bible at Cindy & Kenneth Little's

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

7 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)



*September Celebrations*

- 1st Brett Sargent
- 3rd Mark Hamby  
Donald Oakley
- 4th Adrienne Butcher
- 5th Madilynn Childs
- 6th Vickie Sargent
- 8th Rhonda Atha
- 10th Brooke Ferguson
- 13th Kendall Sargent
- 14th Ginger Rutchi
- 19th **Todd & Jennifer Keese**
- 20th Penny George-Oakley
- 21st Janet McGaughey  
Ashley Middlebrooks
- 22nd Addisyn Hamby  
Sheri Rollins
- 23rd Kenneth Ferguson
- 27th Bruce Ford
- 28th Randy Miller
- 30th **Greg & Kay Adcock**

**Tithes and Offerings can be given either online from our website or mail a check to  
Union Chapel Church Finance  
P.O. Box 622, Monroe, GA 30655**

**\*\*\*Administrative Information\*\*\***  
**Church Office Hours**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**  
**9 AM - 2 PM**  
Please note, messages are not picked up during non office hours. If you have an emergency outside office hours, please call:  
James Johnson, Glenn Barton, Bruce Wright, Harry McGaughey and Nancy Snell volunteered to be "on call" for special needs during this time of transition.

\*\*\*\*Newsletter Submissions\*\*\*\*

Please submit any information , prayer requests or articles that you might have for the newsletter to the church office by Tuesday at noon, as the newsletter will be published on Tuesday. The church office email is: [unionchapel@windstream.net](mailto:unionchapel@windstream.net)