

Tribe of Simeon

“Arise, Shine, Simeon — Come Forth As a Treasured Earthen Vessel, Ready to Do Battle For the Lord of Hosts!”



“Courage and Strength”

“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Joshua 1:6

In George Whitefield’s Journal entry of February 8, 1739, we read: “I find much service might be done to religion on journeys, if we had but courage to show ourselves Christians in all places. Others sing songs in public houses, why should not we sing psalms? And when we give the servants money, why may we not with that give them a little book, and some good advice? I know by experience it is very beneficial. God grant this may be always my practice.” -from George Whitefield’s Journals (p.208).

Do you show yourself to be a Christian in all Places? Is not courage and strength the act of being strong enough to stand for what you believe in and courageous enough to continue standing in the face of opposition. The question is what do we stand on, what do we stand for, who do we stand with and how long do we stand? With so much uncertainty in the world today, the only thing that remains unchanged is the Word of God. So wouldn’t it stand to reason that we should have Christians stand on the very Promises that have remained unchanged since they were first made.

The first recorded instance of preachers imprisoned for their faith in Virginia was in the county of Spotsylvania. John Waller, Lewis Craig, James Childs, and others, were seized on June 4th, 1768. At their trial, the lawyer accused them with these words: “May it please your worships, these men are great disturbers of the peace; they cannot meet a man upon the road, but they must ram a text of Scripture down his throat.” May the Lord give us this kind of courage today and everyday...

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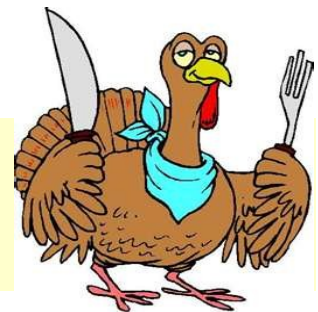
Next Month

Do You have What it Takes?

Happy Thanksgiving

Simeon Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday

November 18 at 6:30 pm



With the Holidays approaching quickly we want to take the opportunity to Invite you to the Simeon Thanksgiving Dinner. Our Prayers are for You and Your Families to continue to be Blessed and to Prosper !!

Tom and Linda Lasater

If you haven't seen

"Courageous"

Make Plans to See it Now!

Next Month

There have been a lot of Courageous People throughout the Bible and in History.

What do they all have in Common ?

Prayer of Salvation

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank You Father for saving me in Jesus' name.

Amen

'Courageous' is helping to change lives

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DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. (BP) -- Nine hundred tickets to the new film "Courageous" made a difference in Douglasville, Ga.

As representatives from eight local churches, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Douglasville Police Department met together, pastor Steve McFall told them his plan. "Brother Steve just laid out the idea to them that we would like to have a coalition that would join together," said Mary Bunch, minister of education at Central Baptist Church, where McFall is pastor. "We would coordinate it, if they would be willing to invest in purchasing a ticket for every law enforcement person within our county plus one [additional ticket for each officer], so that they could either take their spouse or a friend."



The churches, police department and sheriff's office contributed to the effort, and 900 tickets were purchased for officers to see the movie, which follows five men -- four of whom are policemen -- as they try to become better husbands and fathers. The Douglasville churches developed response cards for their showings, and 17 people indicated they prayed to receive Christ.

"[T]he first night [that officers] went, they just passed the word about Courageous, how it had touched them, and the word just spread like wildfire," Bunch said. "It was just incredible."

First Baptist Church in Salisbury, N.C., also reached out to law enforcement with 125 tickets for the movie. Given the higher-than-average divorce rate among officers' families, the church thought Courageous would prove helpful, said Rod Kerr, First Baptist's minister of education and a licensed professional counselor.

"[Afterward], [t]hey said the pressures [of being in law enforcement] are certainly portrayed in the movie," Kerr said. "And also the personal family issues, how you can get so wrapped up in serving other people but don't serve the people that are most important to you, your own family." The impact of Courageous is being felt beyond its sold-out theaters, into churches where men and women in all walks of life are struggling with many of the issues the movie's characters tackle.

"My counseling load has never been as high as it is right now with couples wanting their marriages helped," said Michael C. Smith, senior pastor of Norview Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va. "And this idea [in the movie] of men being godly men, ... protecting their wives by being good dads to their children and pointing them to God through their own lives and through the biblical standards of family, just reinforces what we try to teach from the pulpit." Norview Baptist is working through the Courageous Living Bible Study based on the movie, and Smith is preaching four sermons -- in sync with resources related to the movie -- on courageous Old Testament figures such as Abraham and Elijah.

Other churches also are digging deeper into the message of the film. Bunch said Central Baptist Church is going through two books also related to the movie, "The Resolution for Men" and "The Resolution for Women," which challenge men and women to embrace the responsibilities related to their marriages, children and homes.

"I have seen men coming to Bible study that have never come to Bible study before," Bunch said. "And we have men within our church that have actually asked our pastor if he would do a 'Resolution Service.'"

Do You Have a Personal Relationship with Jesus ?

**Have I not command-
ed you? Be strong
and courageous. Do
not be terrified; do
not be discouraged,
for the LORD your
God will be with you
wherever you go."**

Joshua 1:9

Simeonites

We are wanting to share praise reports and testimonies in our newsletter, so that others can read and see how God is working in the lives of our fellow tribe members.

If you would like to share your story, let your cell leader know and they will forward your written story to Linda.

Looking for a Place of Service in the Church?

Call and ask about serving as an Usher during Church Services and Special Events

490-1600

**The weak can never forgive. For-
giveness is an attribute of the
strong.**

**It takes courage, faith and obedi-
ence in order to gain enough
strength to forgive.**

**We all fall short and go thru a mo-
ment of weakness. But being able
to draw strength from our only
source (God) is how we walk in
Victory !!**

Simeon Men's Meeting

Monday Nights

7 pm –8 pm

at the Church

Fellowship & Bible Study

Call Tom Lasater

391-1762

Learn and Grow

continued: Courageous Helping to Change Lives

A Resolution Service (or Resolution Sunday) involves church members publicly committing to follow the resolution developed by the officers in the movie to be a better father, husband and follower of Christ.

"Having a Resolution Sunday would be kind of like having baptism service," Smith said. "Why do you do public baptism? You do it because it's a public statement of your commitment to Christ. A Resolution Sunday would be a public commitment to being a godly father and husband."

Smith, at Norview Baptist, said that with increased pressure on American families, he's thankful God has raised up Sherwood Baptist Church -- which produced the movie, along with the earlier "Facing the Giants" and "Fireproof" -- to use Courageous to confront and encourage men to live up to their God-ordained roles.

"I think God has really blessed [Sherwood Baptist] and given them leadership that has really done something meaningful and significant for the body of Christ," Smith said. "Not just the Baptist world, but for the body of Christ at large and in general."

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A Study of Being Strong and Courageous

There is a Job to Do Joshua 1:6

- A. Unfinished Work Passed On Joshua 1:1-2
- B. A Land to Conquer Joshua 1:3-5
- C. An Inheritance to Pass on Joshua 1:6

There is a Book to Follow Joshua 1:7

- A. Courage to Observe All Things
- B. Turning not to the Right or the Left 1 Corinthians 16:13
- C. Full Surrender to the Words of God Joshua 1:18
 - 1. Speak of Them
 - 2. Meditate on Them Psalms 1:2
 - 3. Observe to do Them
 - 4. Prosper in Them

More on Courage and Strength in December– Do You Have What it Takes ?