



May 21, 2023



I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH
CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

Philippians 4:13

Haley's Ministry Prayer Requests & Praises

- ▶ Please continue to pray that the Lord would grow my trust and reliance on Him and that this year would be a time for lots of spiritual growth, especially as I prepare for my full-time role with Unto's Agriculture and Refugee ministries.
- ▶ Praise God that he is "the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin" (Exodus 34:6-7).
- ▶ Praise God for three new Unto interns he has raised up, who will be starting in August with us!
- ▶ Please pray for the people affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Pray for restoration of infrastructure and healing for those impacted, and for those who are still without clean water or somewhere dry and warm to sleep. Pray for the Unto relief going on in these areas of the world.



If you would like to connect with Haley to learn more about her ministry work with Unto, you can go to this website: unto.com/beard

Ernie Haase & Signature Sound



June 17th
at 6 PM
120 S Main St,
Monroe NC

Tickets &
info at
gmaconcerts.com

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range from
\$20-\$40

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Sunday, May 21, 2023

The Strength to Stand Against Temptation

(Ephesians 6:10-18)

The Point: God equips us to stand our ground against temptation.

The Bible Meets Life: During the closing months of World War II, Nazi Germany became so desperate that they initiated the Volkssturm (the people's army). This was not a part of the regular army, but an attempt to boost their numbers by conscripting males from ages 16 to 60 to step up and fight. There was no real time to train these men. With continual fighting and a lack of weapons, these untrained soldiers were often only able to familiarize themselves with their equipment while actually engaging their enemy.

Anyone who has ever served in the military can attest to the importance of training and being properly equipped. Knowing how to properly engage the enemy is critical to victory.

The Christian life is a battle. In Ephesians 6:10-18, the apostle Paul pointed to the equipment God provides to His followers. Like an experienced general, Paul pointed to the spiritual armor God has provided for the spiritual battle we face. Our enemy, the devil, is vicious, but in Christ, our victory is sure. The battle against temptation means that we must be strong, suit up, and stand firm.

Live It Out: Take your stand. Through prayer, commit yourself anew to standing firm in the strength of the Lord in spiritual battle.

Identify. Make a list of temptations Satan often uses against you. Identify Scripture passages that will help you do the same with other believers. Discuss ways to support and encourage each other in the spiritual battles you face.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Special Focus

Sunday, May 28 Avoiding a Critical Spirit
(Numbers 12:1-14)

Mentoring: Investing in Others

Sunday, June 4 Jethro and Moses
(Exodus 18:9-11, 14-21)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 5/24

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal will be
May 24th at 7:45 PM.



Service Attendance

Sunday, May 14

Indoor: 44

Online: 113



Wednesday, May 17

Online: 37

Youth: 11

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$17,787.33

May Offering

To Date:

\$5,317.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Bridgett Blatz' Family

Gary Clontz

Terry Cox

The Hedgepeths

Mike Helms

Christine Hinson

Lillian Lewis

Rich Majewski

Claudette Kay

Richie Raines

Robert Skinner

Global Missions

Local & NAMB

Area Schools/Admin

The Sick & Elderly

Backpacks of Hope Students

Backpacks for Hope Cards

Anyone interested in sending end-of-year encouraging cards to 10 middle schoolers, please drop

BACKPACKS OF HOPE them off in the church office.

Bible Studies for Life

We are beginning a new unit on *Mentoring: Investing in Others* on June 4. Books are available in the SS classrooms and in the vestibule.

