



The Helmet of Salvation

The United States military has done a lot of research and development to improve the protection offered to its armed forces. The uniform of the soldier is important in providing the right amount of both mobility and defense capability. One important piece of the soldier's uniform is the helmet, and it has come a long way in its evolution. Many soldiers have survived a bullet to the head due to their ACH – Advanced Combat Helmet. This modern-day helmet is bullet proof. Sure, it still hurts to take a shot to the head, but the helmet protects the skull and brain of the soldier. One soldier in Afghanistan who took a stray bullet to the head said he used to resent the weight and bulkiness of his equipment, but he doesn't complain about it anymore. I guess not.

The apostle Paul understood the importance of the helmet when he talked about the fifth implement of the armor of God in Ephesians 6, the helmet of salvation. Paul saw the Roman soldier's helmet often, because Roman soldiers were everywhere, thus he picked up on this metaphor. In the Roman army, helmets were made of hardened leather. Officers' helmets could be augmented with metal. The first time we see the helmet being used as a metaphor for salvation is found in Isaiah 59:17. It refers to the salvation Christ brought.

In Ephesians, Paul was writing to Christ followers. They had already received salvation, so, the helmet was not to bring salvation, but to protect the believer's assurance of it. Assurance brings about courage to fight. This idea is reinforced by Paul as he wrote to the Thessalonians when he called the helmet the "hope of salvation" (I Thessalonians 5:8).

We are given the spiritual helmet to protect our mind and thoughts from the attacks of the enemy. Satan wants you to question the certainty of your salvation. Satan wants to confuse you, but God does not want you to be confused about anything. Jesus is our perfect example of this. When you look at his life, he was not moved by whatever was going on around him, good or bad. Even in moments of incredible stress, like when he was in the Garden of Gethsemane or hanging on the cross, Jesus was not confused. Certainly, he was in pain and anguish, but he always understood God's plan and wanted God's will for his life. The reason Jesus could live out God's will is due to the wisdom he acquired in a life of obedience to his Father.

When we put on the helmet of salvation, we are protecting our minds from the deceptions of Satan with the wisdom of God. This wisdom comes through faith when we were clothed with Christ in baptism (Galatians 3:26-27). We become a new creation in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17). Paul called "Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (I Cor. 1:24). Paul continued, "It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is our righteousness, holiness and redemption" (I Corinthians 1:30).

Wisdom is often confused with knowledge. Knowledge is accumulation of facts. Wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge to achieve the best possible outcome. There are also two types of wisdom: godly wisdom and worldly wisdom. We want the right type of wisdom. Wisdom is gained through our efforts to grow, to learn, to study. Give thanks for the helmet of salvation.

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Arlington Friends
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Welcome

We pray you will be encouraged and uplifted
as we join together in worship.

Guest Information

- There is a **staffed nursery** available for children under age 2. There is also a **parent/child training room** at the rear of the auditorium.
- An optional **children's worship** is available for ages 3 to 8 during morning worship. Children will be dismissed before the sermon. Please pick up your child after worship.
- If you are visiting, **please complete a visitor card** so we have a record of your attendance.

Weekly Meeting Times

Sundays:

Worship 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays:

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Statistics

	weekly budget	\$4,266
Nov 3	<u>attendance</u>	<u>contribution</u>
	184	\$5,055

Arlington Family Pages

Seeking to edify, educate and
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Sunday, November 10, 2019

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See our prayer request insert for the most current prayer list. Please contact the office for updates, changes, and/or deletions.

Please take a moment to pick up a card (or two) to mail this week from the **Caring Cards Ministry Table**



Optional children's worship...

Is available for ages 3 to 8 during morning worship. Children will be dismissed before the sermon. Please pick up your child after worship



Coming Up...

- **Small groups**, meet today. The group at the church building meets at 5 p.m. The other groups meet at 6.
- **Just Lead** afterschool program tomorrow afternoon from 3:30 to 5 p.m.
- **New Wednesday night** auditorium class began last week. Topic: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, at 7 p.m.
- **Senior Servants** making holiday basket plans and lunch, this Tues., 11 am
- **SANCTUARY** this Wed., Nov. 13, 7 p.m. Come and encourage our Hope Central children and families in this great night of worship and praise.
- **Empty Cup book signing** by April Estes, Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.
- **Rake and Run Service Project** for Middle/High School students on Sun., Nov. 17. We will eat pizza after worship and then go rake some of our seniors/shut-in yards.
- **Old-fashioned song fest**, Sunday night, Nov. 17, 5 p.m. Come ready to sing your favorite psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs as we will be taking requests.
- **Senior Servants** trip to see the Country Tonight Show, Tues., Nov. 19.
- **Men's breakfast group** will not meet in November.
- **YPYF Game Night**, Fellowship Hall, Sat., Nov. 23, 5 to 7 p.m..
- **Thanksgiving devotional** on Wed, Nov. 27, 7 p.m. All classes will meet in the auditorium.



SANCTUARY



Family Matters

Sermon Topics Today

Sunday Morning:

The Armor of God Lesson #7
The Helmet of Salvation

Sunday Night:

Home Church 6 pm

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY:

Serve @ Table:

Jacob Shannon, Bill Langley
Jonathan Brackney, Paul Cooke
Noah Brackney, Bob Campbell
Bill Pruett

Opening Prayer: Steve Cooke

Preside at Table: Gregg Summers

Greeters: S Galbreath & C Wallace

Nursery: Niki & Lexi Price

Security: B DeWitt & B Pruett



BIRTHDAYS

Nov 13 Tyson Powell
Nov 15 Wyatt Norris
Nov 17 Janet McQuaig



Happy Birthday!!



Family News

Recovery address for Laurie Duncan: Laurie Duncan
c/o Wendi Shutes
56 Wallick Cove
Paris, TN 38242

Holiday Schedule

Arlington Christmas Banquet
Saturday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m.

Present Hope
Monday, Dec. 9, Noon to 6 p.m.

Senior Servants prepare and deliver Christmas baskets
Tuesday, Dec. 11

Teen/College Christmas party
Sunday, Dec. 15, lunch at the Prices
Bring a pair of Christmas socks for a gift exchange

Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins
Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15

No Fourth Sunday
Fellowship Meal on Dec. 22

No evening services on:
Wed: Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2020
Sun: Dec. 15, Dec. 22, and Dec. 29

