

Unguarded Approach

By Kevin Cauley

On July 4th, 1776, a British armada carrying some 34,000 soldiers began landing on Staten Island where Lt. Gen. Sir William Howe made his headquarters. On August 22nd, they began preparing to cross from Staten Island to just south of Brooklyn on Long Island and by August 26th they were heading toward Brooklyn which was defended by George Washington's Continental Army of 13000. Howe's goal was the capture of Manhattan Island where the British would have control of the Hudson River driving a wedge between the American forces. On August 27th, the British attacked and drove back Washington's men to the Brooklyn Heights. This forced Washington to retreat over the East River to Manhattan Island by a dangerous but brilliant night crossing. The Jamaican pass was the key to British victory because they were able to march a large force and flank Washington's armies. The Jamaican pass was surrendered without a shot being fired because it was an unguarded approach.

The Christian soldier fights his battles on a daily basis. While the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual (2 Corinthians 10:4), we must still keep an eye open on all avenues through which Satan would seek to take advantage of us (2 Corinthians 2:11). If we leave any approach unguarded, Satan will surely use that to devour us (1 Peter 5:8). What are some of these unguarded approaches that Satan may use?

One often unguarded approach is the television set. Hollywood loves to influence the nation toward its liberal philosophy by means of broadcast media. Television allows such control. Homosexuality has made favorable inroads into the American consciousness through television programs that desensitize the subject through humor and sympathy. Television has undermined the authority of the husband and father in the home by casting them as ridiculous and unnecessary. Television also has a great effect upon our speech; what is said on television is imitated by its fanatics. Satan has insidiously flanked us through this unguarded approach.

Another unguarded approach is personal modesty. The temptation for many is to disregard decency and reveal as much of one's body as possible exposing breasts, buttocks, and bellies. Is it any wonder that our country has problems with unwanted pregnancy, venereal disease, and unwed mothers? According to some recent studies, the average age for a girl losing her virginity is 14.9 years old. Satan has outwitted many of our youth through this unguarded approach.

Finally, many of us are so consumed with managing the details of our own lives that we never find the time to work for the Lord. We wake up, eat breakfast and then are off to work. We get home, eat dinner, watch TV and the day is over. When do we read our Bibles, spend some time in prayer, or talk to a friend about the Lord? This process repeats itself daily until Sunday when we have to take the day off "for self." Satan has conquered us through this unguarded approach.

How many other unguarded approaches do we have? The question at this point isn't do we have them, but what to do about them. We must be vigilant in not giving Satan any advantage over us. We need to keep a close watch on those approaches that we take for granted and leave unguarded. Let us be sober minded, realizing that Satan can use any avenue we leave unguarded. We have a good fight to fight; let us fight it with perseverance and truth.

Things you should know about...

We are sending donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you'd like to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of December.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Addy Bang 10/21	Evelyn Rohr 11/4	Linda Whittington 11/14
Dianna Bang 10/27	Caroline Stine 11/5	Duane Kemp 11/15
Sharon Desarro 11/1	Chris McGiffin 11/5	Heather Fourman 11/26

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You can watch services, livestreamed online via Facebook or at www.greenvillecoc.org

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Men's Meeting: THIS Saturday @ 9am

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House to House, Heart to Heart Workshop:

Training the Saved to Teach the Lost

October 25th-27th @ 6:30pm each evening

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Fall Harvest Party @ the Thompson's

Saturday, October 28th @ 3:30pm

Fried chicken provided... bring side dishes and dessert to share. You will also need to bring your own drink and lawn chairs. Kids can dress up in costumes, there will be games to play and candy, in addition to the hayride to get a pumpkin.

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Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	October 15, 2023 AM	October 15, 2023 PM	October 22, 2023 AM
Greeter	Dustin Desarro	Rick Ferris	Jerry Thompson
Announcements	Tom Muter	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp
Song Leading	Duane Kemp	Jason Bang	Mike Illink
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Tim Bang	Tom Muter	Tom Muter
Lord's Supper Comments	Jason Bang	Tim Bang	Tim Bang
Scripture Reading	Rick Ferris	Judah Gasper	Seth Arrell
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Jerry Thompson	Duane Kemp	Chris McGiffin

This week's Bible Verse

"O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways." Psalms 139:1-2

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Lord's Supper Reflection

So That He Would Be Crowned with Glory and Honor
 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone." Hebrews 2:9

Offering Meditation

Have the correct attitude. Give out of your love for Christ; because it is commanded; to help others; to spread the Gospel. Do NOT expect things in return. Obedience is the ONLY way to receive the gift of salvation.
 "But Peter said to him, 'Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!'" Acts 8:20

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - recovering from a fall
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - dealing with Parkinson's, recovering from a fall
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - dementia and health
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Pamela Illnick (Amie Allen's mom) - health
- *Terry McGiffin (John McGiffin's dad) - health & stability/balance issues, also keep Doreen in prayer as his caregiver
- *Bill Wallace (from Tipp City Church of Christ) - is undergoing new cancer treatments
- *Luanne Listner (wife of Tim Bang's friend) - recovering from surgery

- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell's nephew) - dealing with a low heart rate and possibly needing a pacemaker
- *Lance Welbourn (DeSarro's neighbor) - recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- *Tim Hickerson (from Mid-County Church of Christ) - just diagnosed with stage 4 cancer
- *Jane Topps (Tom Muter's sister) - has skin cancer, recovering from a procedure
- *Orevelta Thompson (Jerry Thompson's sister) - home recovering from surgery
- *Karen Oyler (Stephanie Bang's friend) - upcoming medical procedures

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, October 8		Wednesday, October 11
Bible Classes	36	Bible Classes 25
AM Attendance	40	Contribution \$1,262.00
PM Attendance	21	



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October 15, 2023

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

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