**11/10/24 The Enemy is Always Working! Matthew 13:24–30**

* We thank all Veterans for their service and celebrate them on this day!
* God’s Word warns us that we wrestle against spiritual wickedness in high places.
* An enemy engages in antagonistic activities against another.
* Jesus defies human logic by telling us to love our enemies!
* New members often have a false sense of comfort when they have joined a church.

**Ephesians 6:12; John 10:10; Matthew 5:44**

**1. Sometimes we need things broken down in simple form.**

* Jesus taught in parables so His listeners could better relate.
* Paul understood that his efforts were limited in ministry, but it was God that gave the increase.
* A tactic of the enemy was to destroy the nation’s agricultural base, because they also knew this would weaken its military might.

**Matthew 13:24-25,13:37-39; 1 Corinthians 3:6; John 9:4**

**2. Let’s look at the spiritual significance of the parable.**

* There are children of God and children of Satan in the church which weakens it.
* No one recognizes the weeds because when they are young, both the weeds and wheat look the same.
* The roots of both weeds and wheat intertwine so they both grow and mature.

**Matthew 13:26-27**

**3. The conclusion of the matter.**

* Whether the people are with you or against you, love them anyway and pray for them.
* God’s Word will not go out and return void. It will always accomplish His purpose

and shall prosper wherever it is sent.

* God will do the separating in the end.
* We are to remain faithful and fight the good fight.

**Matthew 13:28-30; Isaiah 55:11; 1 Corinthians 15:58**

**Upcoming Events**

Veterans Day BBQ Lunch in Fellowship Hall, today.

Mt. Calvary in charge of services at Irving Hill Baptist Church, 2696 Hwy 41 S, Tuesday, November 12th, 7 PM.

Thanksgiving Community Outreach Meal, Saturday, November 16th, 12 noon. Takeout only. Volunteers need to arrive at 10 AM.

Women’s Day, November 24th, Dr. LaConya McCrae of Union Cathedral, Theme: “Faith to Persevere in Challenging Times,” James 1:2-4, the colors are red and black. Fellowship dinner after service.

**Thought for the Week**: If you have not chosen the Kingdom of God, first, in the end, it will make no difference what you have chosen instead.