



# NCC Beacon

The Beacon Weekly Newsletter / New Covenant Church

## Sunday School Class

### JOY CARRIERS

Taught by  
Danny Copeland

Room 8 at 8:45am

*Based on the book JOY CARRIERS  
by Jacqueline Varnedoe*

## Let's Get Together!

### Sunday Mornings

**Live Streaming**

Covenant Café 8:30am

Sunday School—8:45am—9:45am

**Book of Exodus** with Mike Folsom in  
the Oasis

**JOY CARRIERS** with Danny Copeland in  
Room 8

Pre-Service Prayer—9:45am

**Main Event Worship Service 10:00am**

### Wednesday Nights

We're Live-Streaming & Meeting in person!

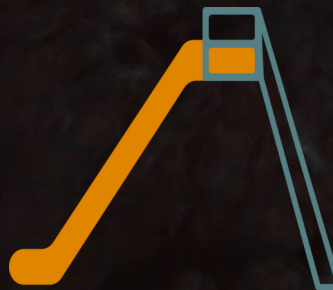
**6:00pm –7:00pm** Fire By Night Prayer

**6:30pm** - Folsom Home Group:  
Moultrie, Ga (*dinner and study included*)

**7:00pm—8:00pm** - God's Weapons of War  
Life Group - led by Pastor Dave - in the  
sanctuary

## Playground Workday

This Saturday 9:00am 12Noon



If you are interested  
in helping us, please  
contact Pastor Alli for  
more details.

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# From the Desk of Pastor Dave

## Our response to this hour:

Sunday, I preached about how Gideon fought against the Midianites and won in Judges 7. For this to happen, We need to only look at Judges 6. Verse 8 which explains that the Lord sent a prophet to talk with the people to give them His Word. It was after the prophet had spoken to the people the Lord sent the angel of the Lord to speak to Gideon. Here's what was said...

"Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak tree in Ophrah belonging to Joash the Abiezrite. Gideon his son was threshing wheat in a winepress to hide it from the Midianites" (Judg. 6:11).

Gideon is hiding in a winepress to ensure the grain would not be stolen. Bible commentators have said he was in great fear because the Midianites were reducing the Israelites to starvation, so death was in the air. However, we need to see that the angel of the Lord came to where Gideon was and just made himself comfortable under the tree. He sat down, he was relaxed and he needed to have a conversation with Gideon.

God knew that Gideon needed to grow in his understanding of God's presence and power. The good news is that God has not called you to go in alone any more than He called Gideon to go in alone. God makes the same promise to us. He is with us! However, to step into that, you have to step up to a new level. Raise your expectations. You cannot stay in the winepress when God is calling you to the battlefield. We want to respond with all the reasons why we cannot go into battle. Many people struggle to pull off the old labels and identities. We must have His identity as warriors in Christ.

Just as God took Gideon through a process to own his identity, He is willing to take us through a process. However, to begin that process, Gideon had to step up out of the winepress, out from his labels, his insecurity and into his destiny. His first steps were shaky, but he began to move. I believe that God is saying, "It is time for the silent majority to climb out of the winepress with a shout of victory." The Lord promises He is with us. We need the warrior's mindset. That mindset that knows they have been trained and are ready for battle. It is only with the warrior's perspective the victory is won."

**Let's Pray and Decree!** I invite you to join me in praying this... *Heavenly Father, we confess and repent for hiding in our personal winepress. We ask Your forgiveness. Thank You that You love us so much you came to where we are and enter into conversation. We choose today to fully engage in that conversation, without hesitation, without argument. We receive Your identity, Your courage and Your strength. We remove the covering over our heads and look to the heavens. We receive the rain of heaven, for that is where our help comes from.*

—We decree and declare we are people of Your strength and courage.

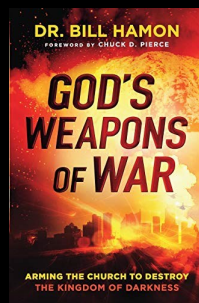
—We decree and declare that we will not be kept silent.

—We decree and declare that as we open our mouths You will give us the words that build up, edify and unite.

## Wednesday Night Life Group

Wednesdays  
at 7pm  
in the sanctuary

Books available for  
Just \$10.00



## Please pray for...

- *Joanne Daniels*
- *Daniel & Gwen Gaines*
- *Willie Brooks*
- *Alli Allen*
- *Jacqui Winkelmann*
- *Shay Walton*
- *Bill Myers*
- *Bishop Hamon*

