



Bush Creek Church of the Brethren

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***INVOCATION (Unison)**

Heavenly Father, we come before you this morning as your humble servants. Help us to be willing to endure hardship like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Help us to be faithful, obedient and true to only Your Word. We lift this in prayer in Your name, Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)**

Christians are called “**soldiers**” because we are in a spiritual battle that requires the strength of God's Spirit, the inspiration of God's Word and the accountability of God's people. As a good **soldier** trains to win the battle, we, too, must train in order to be successful in the battles we face in our daily lives. We are equipped with the weapons of faith, peace, love, humility, and the joy in knowing Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Let us rejoice in the opportunity to come together to pray, sing and worship Your name this day.

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 2:1-7 (NIV)

“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. ³Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. ⁵Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. ⁶The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.”