

Works We Support

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- **Chris O'Brien**, Mexico
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Scripture Readings

AM:

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Upcoming Sermons

Sunday AM

October 9: Tom Van Alstine – The Church As God
Would Have It

October 16: Philip Steele – Leadership

October 23: Philip Steele –

Sunday PM

October 9: #595 Bill Richards –

October 16: #596 Philip Steele – Idolatry

October 23: #597 Philip Steele – Fear God

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 3 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 9, 2016

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Be Prepared

As I am writing this article, there is a hurricane headed towards Florida and much of the lower eastern coast of the United States. This hurricane is expected to do much damage and several governors have been asking those citizens who live near the coast to evacuate their homes and go inland. They want people to do this, because when the storm comes, they won't be able to help anyone caught in its path. This storm has been known for at least a week and warnings have been made all that time in order for people to prepare for it.

Even though this storm is predicted to be devastating, something else is coming that will destroy everything – this world and the universe itself. I am speaking about the Second Coming of Christ. We know that it is coming, we've been warned, but are we prepared for that day?

“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matthew 24:42-44). Jesus tells us to be prepared for His return. We know He is coming again, but we don't know when. That is why it's so important for us to be prepared at every moment.

Matthew 24:45-51 illustrates the difference between a faithful servant and an unfaithful one. The faithful servant will be living his life in anticipation of the return of his master. He will be doing what his master expects him to do, faithfully performing his duty. The unfaithful servant will live his life in procrastination. He says to himself that his master won't return anytime soon, so he wastes his time, is foolish and slothful in his duties, and is surprised when his master comes back and is unprepared. We must be like the faithful servant and always be prepared.

Just like with Hurricane Matthew, when Jesus comes, there will be no help for those who are not prepared. Once Jesus

returns, our eternity is set. There will be no second chance given to us. If we are unfaithful, then we will be locked out of heaven forever (Luke 13:25-28). If we are faithful, then we will be with Him forever in heaven. But only if we're prepared for that day to come.

Whenever some event like a hurricane happens, our prayers go out to those who have suffered and we seek to help them in anyway we can. Our prayers and our help need to go to those who are lost before the day of Judgment comes. Like Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:10-11, we know that everyone will stand before the judgment seat of Christ one day to answer for what they have done. Since we know this and we know that those who are unprepared will suffer in hell for eternity, we persuade men. We do our best to show them what they need to do to live. We pray for them and offer them as much help as we can, in hopes they will accept it.

We don't know when Jesus will come again, but we do know He will return. We must live our lives in anticipation of that day. We must always be prepared. Are you prepared for that day?

Philip Steele

Prayer Requests

- Joe Staggs
- Teresa Heinz
- Lillian's Brother
- Al Haskell (Kidney)
- Michael Golwitzer (Kidney)
- Marty Stearns (Health)
- McClaine Family
- John Shafer & wife Linda
- Tim Drummond
- Bob Stinnett (Heart Condition)

Mark Your Calendars

- October 16 – Men's Meeting, Pot-luck Luncheon
- December 30 – Quarterly Seminar