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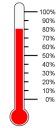
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End Times???

The number of people, both inside and outside the Church, who have recently started conversations with me about the End Times, has fascinated me. I suspect the epic hurricanes, massive flooding and devastating earthquakes have people looking for answers. Couple these with the droughts, famines and wars/rumors of wars and things look as if it could be coming to pass.

My answer goes something along the lines of 'I have no idea whether these are signs or not. That being said, these things should certainly get our attention and it is right to ask questions and take action.'

First, Jesus is pretty clear that only the Father knows the day and hour of the end of the earth (Matthew 24:36). So I wouldn't spend too much time trying to figure out exactly when it will happen.

Second, it is of utmost importance that you have your own spiritual life in order. The fact that you are connecting these events with "end times" questions, tells me that you are interested in spiritual things. Is that true? Respond as appropriate to inquire about their spiritual condition and knowledge of the gospel.

Third, our current assignment from Jesus is to "Go and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:18-20). That should be our primary focus and main expenditure of time and energy. This focus has also been pointed out in Matthew 24:14, in the context of the close of the age.

Finally, these devastating events are great opportunities to live out the second greatest commandment – "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:25-37). You have neighbors in Texas, Florida, Mexico City and around the globe.

How are you being a Good Samaritan?

Then I would see where the



conversation goes! It might lead to an offer to study the bible together or maybe an invitation to come to church or attend your Life Group. At the very least, you have someone to add to your prayer list that God might continue to pour out His Holy Spirit on this person.

I want to encourage you to not shrug your shoulders and walk away from these conversations, rather engage in a loving, spiritual way. Refocus away from the things we cannot know and to the things we do know, and should be doing.

May God graciously give you the words (Word) as you open your mouth in these moments,

Pastor Wade



Financial Information

January-August 2017

Total Giving:

\$91,000 (total General offerings) vs.
\$88,000 (total Budget is 11,000/month)

Pledge Giving:

\$70,800 (total given by those making pledges)
vs. **\$65,600** (total pledged YTD, \$8,200 per month)

Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

January 1st cash balance \$12,300
YTD general offerings \$91,000
YTD total expenses \$83,500
August 31 cash balance \$19,800

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$60,282.00	\$58,100.00
Missions	\$8,235.33	\$7,000.00
Plant & maintenance	\$8,360.00	\$8,800.00
office	\$4,033.33	\$3,800.00
discipleship	\$2,010.00	\$400.00
Property Ins	\$1,733.33	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$333.33	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$1,333.33	\$650.00
Outreach	\$400.00	-\$600.00
Worship	\$766.67	\$850.00
TOTAL	\$87,487.33	\$81,000.00

Current Maintenance account:

\$6,800.00

Current Emergency Fund:

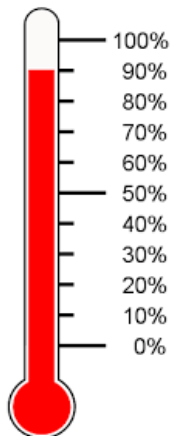
\$7,200.00

Current Building account:

\$25,300.00

This is a summary to keep you informed. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, contact Corey Olson or Wade Hetrick

Furnace Fund Progress



TOTAL NEEDED: \$15,000
MAINTENANCE: \$7,000
RAISED TO-DATE: \$6,200
STILL NEEDED: \$1,800

Important upcoming dates to get on your calendar:

Sunday, November 12 - Next church potluck

Sunday, December 3 - Annual Meeting



Women's Events!

LIFT: (Ladies in Faith Together) The Ladies In Faith Together will be meeting Monday October 2nd at 5:30pm at church.



Monthly Men's

"Breakfast with a Purpose"!

Join the men of Community Church on Saturday, October 28th at 8am at the church. We will enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship.

If you plan to join us, please sign up on the bulletin board at church. Contact Greg Maxey (gmaxey52@gmail.com; 205-3495) for more info.