

Dear Church Family,

I have learned and continue to grow in the realization that the challenges God allows in our lives always arrive with new opportunities. During this season in my life, I will not be preaching the Gospel Message on the Third Sunday. The operative word is “preaching”. For several months.

God’s Holy Spirit has been dealing with me regarding the state of God’s Church. At the leading the Holy Spirit, and with Pastor Boston’s support, the Third Sunday Bulletin will contain an insert. Its purpose is to help us all hit the reset button and receive a fresh revelation, renewed inspiration and a committed refocusing of our response to God’s Word. The Bible tells us that no man knows the day or the hour when God’s Son will return, not even the Son. However, Bible Prophecy reveals the signs that precedes Christ’s return. Everything on the Bible’s prophetic calendar has been fulfilled. Christ could return for his Church in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

ARE YOU READY? Join me in this exercise in self-examination. Together, let's learn to Navigate the Road of Eternal Life.

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Identifying the Enemy

Too often we allow differences of opinion to disrupt the spirit of love and fellowship in our families, personal friendships, on our jobs, and yes, even in the church. A right relationship one to another can only find its residence in our personal relationship with God. Our Church Covenant states “In case of a Difference of opinion in the church, we will recognize the right of the majority to govern”. This philosophy is good so long as the difference of opinion is the color of the carpet, the upholstery for the pews, of the style of the choir robes. In spiritual matters, if the end goal is the same but the method of achieving it differs, the rule of the majority is sound. Ultimately, it is God’s directive alone that matters. Too often we consider our personal opinions as a legitimate reason to disagree, creating a war based on our will, not God’s. The tragedy escalates as the opposing positions deepen their trenches. Where compassion once resided, judgement of one another becomes the prevailing emotion. A successful war can only be waged and won when we identify our true enemy. I Peter 5:8 admonishes us to be vigilant because our adversary, a.k.a. Satan, is roaming about like a roaring lion, “seeking whom he may devour”. Proverbs 3:7 establishes the inseparable connection between our heart and our mind: “For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he”. Every Christian’s war is fought on the same battlefield, “The Battlefield of the Mind”. Phil. 2:5 gives us the admonition, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus”. The priority of the heart/mind relationship is established in Matthew 22:35-39. A lawyer among the pharisee, asked Jesus a question designed to tempt him. “Master, which is the greatest commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him “Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and GREAT commandment. And the second is like unto it; thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself.” Please read and meditate on the Scriptures below. They will be addressed in the December insert. There is not one among us whose heart and mind is so in sync with the mind of Christ that exemption from self-examination is optional. Romans 12:1,2,16 Ephesians 2:1 – 7 First Corinthians 1:10 Life is the only curre we spend without knowing the balance. Spend it wisely.

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