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From the PASTOR'S DESK

Hello My Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

With the explosive developments in the Middle East such as Israel's war with Hezbollah in Lebanon, the disturbing quest by Iran for nuclear weapons and the ongoing war that America and the West is engaged in with Islamic terrorists, much is being made about end-time prophecies and Armageddon. We are enjoined by Paul to be ever vigilant and watchful.

"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

"Lay hold of the hope set before us; which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." — Hebrews 6:18b-19

Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21:34-36 NKJV)

However we must be ever vigilant to avoid being misled by those who cry "wolf" and find eschatological significance in every newspaper headline. Jesus Himself warns against being misled about end-time events.

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.

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Special points of interest:

- *Hope of His Coming*
- *The Trump of God will sound*
- *Whispering Hope*
- *Our sermons broadcast on KGRO Radio 9:05 AM Sunday. www.pan-tex.net*

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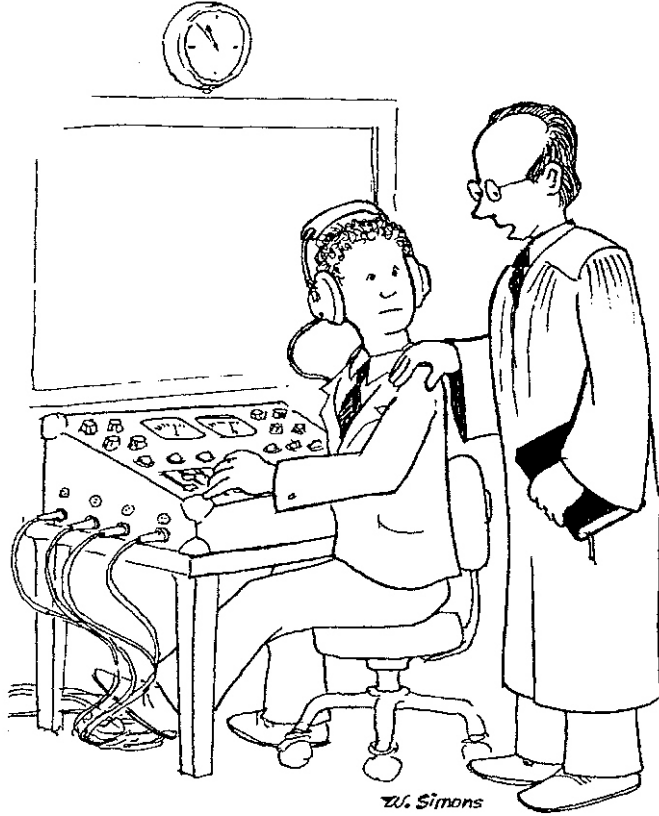
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A cheerful disposition is good for your health; gloom and doom leave you bone-tired.
—Proverbs 17:22, *The Message*.

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W. Simons

"Don't worry about the feedback, Tom. It helps keep everyone awake."



"Pastor, there's a man here who needs your help in getting rid of a vice."



CONGRATULATIONS to Jason and Kristy on their engagement to be married!!

Kudos to Zach Lujan who is the interim president of Amarillo's Hispanic Chamber of Commerce!! Welcome back to Amarillo!

PRAYER REQUESTS: "... The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up: . . . Pray for one another that you may be healed." — James 5:15-16.



- Sheri Bartlett:** Julia McKinney's daughter, having serious health problems.
- Eric Booth:** Jeff's brother, diagnosed with prostate cancer. Completed treatment and is doing well.
- Sandy Booth:** Sister-in-law of Jeff. The ovarian cancer has recurred.
- Amber & Dylan Clark:** Grandchildren of Betty Clark, cerebral palsy.
- Betty Clark:** Has shingles.
- Vickie Crevoi:** Sister of Linda Booth, Chronic Progressive MS.
- DeAnne DeLuna:** Larry Lyles' stepdaughter, breast cancer. She underwent surgery and is now doing chemo.
- Velvet Green:** Gary's wife, schizophrenia.
- Randy Gnessett:** Friend of Candace Sellers has received a lung transplant. Is still in critical condition.
- Jeffrey Hertz:** Brother of Ruth Wertz, bladder cancer.
- Anna Law:** Lupus & kidney failure.
- Dollie Meil:** Cerebral palsy. She is growing weak.
- Glenda Rankin:** Niece of Rudolph, Hodgkins Lymphoma, undergoing more chemo so she might be strong enough for stem cell transplant.
- Ted Rankin:** Undergoing physical therapy, following back surgery. Still in pain and having eye sight problems.
- Brenda Roberts:** Josh Sursa's mother-in-law, has colon cancer.
- Kathryn Scott:** Friend of the Baileys; severe MS, losing use of arms and swallowing ability.
- Vic Shaklee:** Linda Booth's father, hospitalized and undergoing tests.

Rejoice with those
who rejoice; mourn

If you're not attending our
CONTINUING EDUCATION
PROGRAM
you're missing out on some fine
teaching and lively discussions of
God's Word.

**CELEBRATIONS
SEPTEMBER**

Birthdays

C.B. Sehorn 9-02



11 A. M. Every Service

Holy Day Services

Festival of Trumpets – September 23rd

Celebrating Jesus Christ's 2nd coming as the King of Kings

Classes at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services at 11:45 a.m.

Potluck Dinner Following Services

Day of Atonement

October 2nd

Celebrating Jesus Christ as our Atonement

Festival of Tabernacles

1st Holy Day – October 7th

Celebrating Jesus Christ our King in the Kingdom of God.

Last Great Day of The Festival

October 14th

Celebrating Jesus Christ, the Great Judge of Judgment Day.

Classes at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services at 11:45 a.m.

HOPE

Sing songs from your heart to Christ. Sing praises over everything, any excuse for a song to God the Father in the name of our Master, Jesus Christ. ~ Ephesians 5:19-20, Msg.

WHISPERING HOPE, by Mrs. J. I. McClelland, is a song that became popular in both secular and sacred formats, a “crossover” song. Seldom heard anymore, it probably reached its peak in the 1950s and 1960s.

Like the faint dawn of the morning,
Like the sweet freshness of dew,
Comes the dear whisper of Jesus,
Comforting tender and true.
Darkness gives way to the sunlight,
While His voice falls on my ear.

Singing the song of forgiveness,
Softly I hear in my soul,
Jesus has conquered forever
Sin with its fearful control.
Whispering courage for warfare,
Bending Thine ear when I pray.

Hope is an anchor to keep us,
Holding both steadfast and sure;
Hope brings a wonderful cleansing,
Thru His blood, making us pure.
Whispering hope of His coming;
How my heart thrills at His Word!



Titus 2:13
Looking for
that **blessed**
hope, and the
glorious ap-
pearing of the
great God and
our Saviour
Jesus Christ;

1 Thess. 4:16
For the Lord
himself will
come down
from heaven,
with a loud
command, with
the voice of
the archangel
and with the
trumpet call of

Principles of Prophecy

Man has always had an interest in trying to see into the future. Each culture has always had its seers. Our curiosity about prophetic events is no different than the questions asked by the disciples two millennia ago (Acts 1:6-7; Matt. 24:3). Paul wrote: "I don't think, friends, that I need to deal with the question of when all this is going to happen. [2] You know as well as I that the day of the Master's coming can't be posted on our calendars. He won't call ahead and make an appointment any more than a burglar would. [3] About the time everybody's walking around complacently, congratulating each other—"We've sure got it made! Now we can take it easy!"—suddenly everything will fall apart. It's going to come as suddenly and inescapably as birth pangs to a pregnant woman.

[4] But friends, you're not in the dark, so how could you be taken off guard by any of this? [5] You're sons of Light, daughters of Day. We live under wide open skies and know where we stand. [6] So let's not sleepwalk through life like those others. Let's keep our eyes open and be smart. [7] People sleep at night and get drunk at night. [8] But not us! Since we're creatures of Day, let's act like it. Walk out into the daylight sober, dressed up in faith, love, and the hope of salvation." —1 Thess. 5:1-8, *The Message*

Prophecy is more than the foretelling of future events. To speak *for*, or *instead of* one is the central idea of the word; biblically, a prophet is one to whom God reveals himself and through whom He speaks. The revelation may or may not relate to the future. The prophet is a *forth-teller*, not necessarily just a *fore-teller*—utterance under immediate divine inspiration: delivering inspired exhortations, instructions, or warnings.

The visions and dreams of God's prophets were given for several reasons: To authenticate the sovereignty of God. Jesus told His disciples of this principle, "I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He" (John 13:19).

To warn all people: those who do not believe in Him and obey Him; those who have placed their trust in Him, but have strayed from Him; those who are serving Him, so they will expect some rough times ahead.

To focus us on Christ. At least 35-40 fulfilled prophecies about His first coming in order to be our Savior (LK 24:44, He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.") Christ was the focal point of all those prophecies, and also relating to end-time events: Rev. 19:10c, 'For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.' That is the very nature or purpose of prophecy—to testify of Jesus Christ and to bring glory to Him. To realize He is that "Blessed Hope." Prophecy should revolve around Jesus Christ—the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and Ending of world history as we know it. **WORSHIP HIM! FOLLOW HIM! SERVE HIM! OBEY HIM!**

From the
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DESK

"Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (Matt 24:23-27 NKJV)

There are plenty of prophetic signs to identify the coming "Beast" and "False Prophet" and ample warnings that will signal the end-time battle of Armageddon and the imminent return of Jesus Christ as King of Kings & Lord of Lords.

And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately."

Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. (Luke 21:8-11NKJV)

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." (Luke 21:25-28 NKJV)

On September the 23rd we will celebrate a special "Festival of Trumpets" Holy Day worship service. This special day reminds us of the promised and sure return of Jesus in power and glory, the glorious wedding supper for Christ and His Church, the defeat of evil, wickedness and those whose master is Satan the Destroyer.

*Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:
(Rev.19:11-16 NKJV)*

As we celebrate this Festival in it's New Testament light, let us watch in earnest, yet not fall prey to eschatological hysteria; let us not be anxious with fear and trembling, but rather we should be looking forward to the answer to our prayer, "thy kingdom come" and the welcome words of our Master.

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' (Matt 25:21-22 NKJV)

What a glorious world this will be, when Christ takes His rightful place on the throne, establishes His Kingdom; one that will be free of injustice, wickedness, suffering and heartache. Indeed, "Thy Kingdom Come"! Happy Festival of Trumpets!

In His Majesty's Service,

Jeff Booth



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PRAISE THE
LORD. PRAISE
GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY;



PRAISE HIM IN HIS
MIGHTY HEAVENS.
PSALM 150:1

"The church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones." —Henry Ward Beecher
"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."
—Jesus, Matthew 18:20
"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
—Hebrews 10:25

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