

Dear Friends,

I celebrate with your pastor, and his family, the wedding of Michaela – which is the occasion that takes Pastor Mike and Kris away from you this week. And I celebrate the opportunity to be with you all once again! I've missed you terribly.

There are many things spinning through my mind at any given time... but today's sermon – while textually involved – is really meant to target those things that are dividing and destroying our churches and larger communities. Set in the context of both God's creative powers and redemptive will, as well as a world economy and the accompanying ecological threats, we find ourselves nearer to Christ's coming than ever before, and somehow less able to meet the challenges this period in history poses for us. My goal this morning is to encourage your pursuit of a biblical, convicted faith that acts in ways faithful to our calling as followers of Jesus. Too many times, I see members of our church pulled away in varying forms of extremism. Wars are waged over issues that are neither biblical nor moral, but come down to culture, tastes, and choice. And finally, there's a comfort we all tend to seek that has lulled many into a semi-slumber, blissfully unaware of the suffering and challenge surrounding them.

There are many things we won't have time to address, like who Jesus might be to you. Or whether or not this is the "last days." Or what it means to be a "biblical Christian." But I pray that what is offered will give you a chance to rethink your own commitments in light of the times in which we live.

Grace and Peace,

Greg

Worship Service

"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth"
Psalm 57:11

What We Share

FAMILY MATTERS		Milton Hinkle
What We Bring		
PRELUDE		Robert Gaylord
CALL TO WORSHIP	2 Timothy 3:1-5	Naomi Smith
*OPENING HYMN	"Will Your Anchor Hold?"	Hymn #534
PRAYER SONG	"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"	Hymn #684
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER		Pastor Greg Hoenes
OFFERING		Church Budget
OFFERTORY	"A Mighty Fortress"	Hymn #506
CHILDREN'S STORY		Brian Gray
LAMB'S OFFERING		Scholarship Fund

What We Receive

WORSHIP IN MUSIC		Terah Ramos
SCRIPTURE READING	Ecclesiastes 7:17-19	Tehya Hinkle
SCRIPTURE READING	Philippians 2:1-4 and James 3:14	Tyson Hinkle
SCRIPTURE READING	Revelation 3:15-16, Luke 10:27 and 1 John 5:2	Jared Hinkle
Following Jesus in the Last Days: The Pitfalls of Extremism, Egoism, and Nominalism		
WORSHIP IN TEACHING		Pastor Greg Hoenes
*CLOSING HYMN	"A Shelter in the Time of Storm"	Hymn #528
BENEDICTION		Pastor Greg Hoenes
POSTLUDE		Robert Gaylord