



## *Come, Lord Jesus, Come!*

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*He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

**Revelation 22:20**

Are you ready? We're only a little more than a month away. So, are you ready? For December 21, 2012? That's the day the world's going to end, or, at least according to the Mayan calendar, it is. So, are you ready?

Now, I'm guessing that's not when the world is going to end. Jesus says concerning the end of the world, "No one

knows about that day or hour." Could the Mayans have really predicted when Jesus is coming back when not even the angels know the time? Highly unlikely. But, as people around the world stock their pantry shelves full of canned goods and prepare their bomb shelters for Armageddon, we could learn a lesson from them about readiness.

We often think of November as the month where we celebrate Thanksgiving, but in our church year, we have a different celebration, the End Times. We finish up our church year by looking forward to the end of the world, when Jesus will return to earth.

Now, it's true, only God knows when he's coming back, but does that mean we don't need to be ready for his return? No, quite the opposite. We need to spend every day being prepared, being ready for Jesus

to come back. But so often, we're not. Maybe it's the attitude, "I'm betting Jesus won't be coming back anytime soon, so I can always get ready tomorrow." Or maybe, you get so caught up in the world and all its busyness that you don't have time to think about Jesus' return.

The worst thing that could happen for any of us is to be ill-prepared when Jesus returns because then we run the risk of missing out on joining him in his heavenly kingdom. Thankfully, though, where we sin and fall short in our preparations for the end of the world, God forgives us. Because of Jesus, who, when he came to earth the first time, lived, died, and rose for us, our sins have been taken away forever!

And now, God wants us to be prepared. That doesn't mean

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### Key Events This Month:

- 11/11—Mortgage-burning Ceremony**
- 11/11—Thanksgiving Potluck**
- 11/13—GLOW Meeting**
- 11/21—Wednesday Thanksgiving Worship**
- 11/23—Church Decorating**
- 11/27—Women's Bible Study**
- 11/30—Family Fun Night**

### *Thanksgiving and Advent Services*

This Thanksgiving, we are going to experiment with a new service time. After discussion at last month's voters meeting, we have decided to have our Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 21, at

6:30pm rather than on Thursday morning. We hope you'll be able to join us as we give thanks to our gracious God for all the gifts he gives us!

Starting on Wednesday, December 5, we'll be holding our midweek Advent services. Like

last year, there will be a soup and sandwich dinner, starting at 5:30pm. An Advent meditation service will follow at 7:00pm. Come and worship with us as we prepare the way for the birth of our Savior!

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stocking up on food or toilet paper. Being ready means living lives of repentance, continually looking to heaven for our Savior to come, saying with the Apostle John, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Whether or not December 21, 2012 is the last day of the world (wouldn't it be great if it were!), the fact is that Jesus is coming soon. And you and I are ready. Ready for him to come. Ready to go home with him, to our heavenly home!

### *Mortgage Burning*

By God's grace, we were able to pay off the mortgage for the church and the parsonage in September! As a way to celebrate this awesome achievement and thank God for his incredible goodness, we will be holding a special "mortgage burning" ceremony, in conjunction with our November "Thanksgiving" potluck following our worship service on November.

Come and see our special guest burn the mortgage in celebration of this special event!

### *We Want Your Suggestions!*

Have you noticed some areas of maintenance around church that need some attention? Do you have building projects you'd like the church to look at starting? If so, we want to hear about them! By your church mailboxes, there is a slot that is labeled "Capital Improvement Suggestions". If you have ideas or wishes, please submit your ideas there. Our maintenance team is looking to hear suggestions as we continually find ways to improve our beautiful facilities which God has blessed us with here.



### *BBB Class Schedule*

Our BBB (Back to the Basics of the Bible) Class has started up and is cruising right along.

Here's the topics we'll be studying in November:

- ⇒ Faith (Nov. 5)
- ⇒ Works (Nov. 12)
- ⇒ Scripture (Nov. 19)

⇒ Reading the Bible (Nov. 26)

If you or someone you know would like to find out more about our BBB Class, you may contact Pastor Strong via email or by calling his office.

### *Food Collection*

Once again our GLOW women's group is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. Collection boxes are set up in the entryway for the months of November and December for your non-perishable, regular size items. The Food Bank is low again this year on nutritious breakfast items like individual

oatmeal packets, low sugar cereals, fruit cups, etc. They are also low on Ramen products, and always welcome are regular size jars of peanut butter and pasta products like Mac and Cheese. Any items you are able to donate will be much appreciated.

Thank you!

### *God's Lights Of the World*

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: Make your reservations now for Light of the World Advent by Candlelight! Invite your female family members, friends, and neighbors for a Christ-centered preparation for the holiday season. Saturday, December 8 at 3:00 in the church basement. There is no charge for this event. We recommend that

you make your reservations early. The Sign up sheet is on the table in the back of church. If you would like to sit by friends and family, please indicate that on the sheet. If you are interested in hosting a table, please contact Carole Belmont. More information on that will be in the bulletin. We are greatly looking forward to this event, and hope to see you all there!



# NOVEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship w/Communion	5 7:00—BBB Class	6 6:00—Council Meeting	7	8 4:30—Choir	9	10
11 9:15—Bible Class for all ages 10:30—Worship 11:45—Mortgage-burning Ceremony 12:00—Potluck	12 7:00—BBB Class	13 4:30—Worship Team Meeting 6:00—GLOW Meeting	14	15 4:30—Choir	16	17
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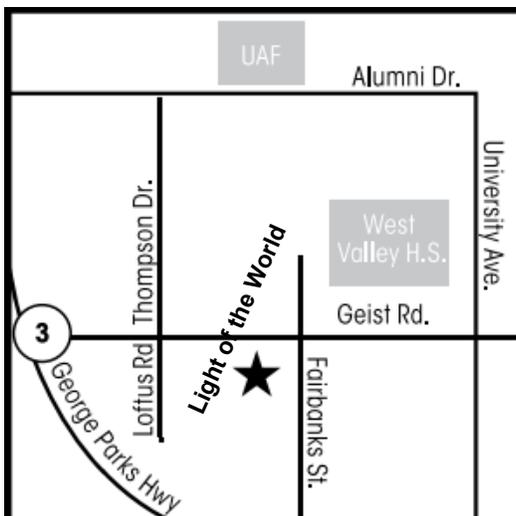
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**9:15 am**



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