

When is the end of the world?? - (Continued from front)

So here it is! I have it! I know when the end of the world is! It will happen... "While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape." (1 Thessalonians 5:3) According to verse 1 the times and dates didn't need to be written. But what we should know is that "...the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night." (5:2) correct me if I am wrong but I believe there is a reason we don't have dates and times. The Apostle Paul goes on to say that we shouldn't be surprised but that we should be encouraged to "...be alert and self-controlled." (5:6) I believe God didn't tell us when to pack our bags because he wanted us to always be packed, and eagerly awaiting His return. In 2 Peter chapter 3 the writer gives us a fearful picture of what will happen to the earth when Christ returns, but the emphasis is not on what will happen, or when these events will take place, but "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives" (v.11) So though prophecy has the great ability to draw crowds, and everyone seems to be very opinionated, all I know about the day and the hour is what Mike told me. He looked straight at me and said "....." so I said "C'mon Mike!" and he said "I do believe I will remain silent on this issue. And because the bible doesn't tell us, doesn't mean I plan on guessing." So If we were to take a good hard look at the seriousness of this day that the bible says is drawing near, and if we can truly believe and actualize the fact that Christ is coming back, how should we to live? We should live radical, self sacrificing lives. We should love our neighbor as ourselves. If you don't have your bags packed, you need to pack them! If you started setting up camp here, tear down your tents because just like that ole song says "...this world is not (our/)my home I'm just passin' through..."

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# WELCOME

to the  
**Church of Christ**  
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:  
**The role of law in the salvation of God**  
**Romans 7:1-13**



### **Congregational Meeting Times:**

#### Sunday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 am  
Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

## Visitors

*The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.*

### Important dates to remember:

#### April:

Sun. 26th - Last Sunday of the month song service during pm service

#### Fellowship Opportunities:

Sun. 26th - **Group 2** meets following evening services

Sun May 3rd - Mt Mike's Pizza in Elk Grove following AM services



### *Ladies House to House Fellowship*

We are starting a new book, it is from the Life Principles Study Series  
Lesson Book: *"Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"*

**Next class: May 17th at Jill Julien's home.**

Please prepare lesson 3. Lunch will be provided.

### Classes

**Growing Kids God's Way:** Tuesdays at 6:45pm at the Stiltz home.

**Growing Kids God's Way (2nd group):** begins Sunday, April 26, 2pm at the building

**New Converts Class:** 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:00 at the building.

**Young Adults Class:** Fridays at Caleb's (Steve Sarff's) home. See Caleb for details.

## MEMBER'S CORNER

### When is the end of the world??

By Joshua Empringham

I will be honest, from the time I began writing these articles for the bulletin until now I have enjoyed myself more and more with each assignment. These articles are probably my favorite study activity in the Preacher Training Program. So when Mike handed me my new assignment sheet I looked it over "When is the end of the world?" I thought to myself 'this shouldn't be too hard', praise God for easily accessible commentary! (Don't tell Mike I said that) Pre-tribulation?! Post-tribulation?! After you read this stuff for a few hours you end up surrounding yourself with canned food, and sitting in the closet with a baseball bat and a flashlight. For the first time in my life I was more confused after my studies than when Mike first handed me the assignment sheet. I eventually caved and burst into his office like I was the SWAT team, I was silent for a few seconds and after he looked up at me, I asked in all seriousness, "Mike! When is the end of the world?" He began to laugh uncontrollably. "Mike I'm serious!" He stopped laughing and was completely silent. "Well?" I asked. He remained silent. "Mike! I have no clue when the bible says the end of the world is!" He smiled. "Now we're on the same page." I thought to myself 'well good thing he's training me.' "We're on the same page?" I replied. "Yes." He answered. "Now go write your article."

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