



**WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD!**

James 5:7-12 was our text on Sunday titled “HE’S COMING...ARE YOU READY?” What a joy to continue to walk through the book of James. We highlighted, in chapter five, the importance of living with an expectancy of our blessed hope - the coming of the Lord Jesus! James highlighted a farmer who, first of all, needed to show patience as he sowed a crop and waited on the rain. We were reminded as a church not to panic but, number one, “BE CALM.”

Secondly, we pulled from our passage, in verse 8-9, to “BE CLEAN.” James 5:8 *You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.*”<sup>9</sup> “Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. (ESV) We must strive for unity among ourselves, which is supernatural in nature and comes from being filled with the Spirit. Division, strife, dissension among ourselves is natural and, of course, comes from walking in the flesh which always seeks a fight over reconciliation. James reminds us that the Judge is standing at the door!

Third, we highlighted how we should “BE CHALLENGED,” thinking about all the faithful who have gone before us from verses 10-11. Hebrews 11 also highlighted those who remained steadfast in the midst of suffering and persecution. Some were stoned or crucified upside down or sawn asunder, but faithful. Let’s finish the race, church; many can start well, but we know finishing well can be a whole different story. “Fix your eyes on Jesus!”

The last thing we highlighted followed this point as we all need to “BE CONSISTENT” in our walk and talk. We must never find ourselves like “Chicken Little” and constantly cry “the sky is falling” to all our friends. We must live daily with expectancy, ready for Jesus to return. It is not so much about getting ready as it is being ready! Watch for polluted pulpits across our nation. 2 Timothy 4:2-4, always keep your eye on the middle east and what’s going on with Israel (Amos 9:14-15, Isaiah 17:1). Remember some, even today, provide curiosity to throwing their name in the hat for becoming the anti-Christ - a world political leader who will captivate the world, 1 John 2:18. We can see our world getting set up for a one-world religion which exalts man above Christ and is not really interested in obedience to the Lordship of Christ. Are you Ready?

I hope you had a great MEMORIAL DAY, whether decorating grave sites, attending a memorial service or spending time with family. Love my church family! See you this Lord’s day as we look at “HOPE FOR THE HURTING.”

Love you and striving to fill your bucket!  
Bryan

**JUNE**

- 2 - Iron Man Men’s Breakfast, 7:30am; Sigmon/Small Wedding, 1:00pm
- 3 - Deacon’s Meeting, 4:00pm
- 4 - Basler Baby Shower, 7pm
- 7 - Senior Adult Breakfast at McDonalds, 8:00am
- 8 - Peck/Slater Wedding, 7:00pm (FBC, Moore)
- 9 - Food Bank, 9:30am
- 10 - Ministry Committee, 4:00pm
- 11 - Golf Tournament
- 11-15 - Super Summer
- 15 - Senior Adult Game Night, 6:00pm
- 17 - Father’s Day
- 18 - Tener/Durham Wedding Shower, 7:00pm

**Basler Baby Shower**

A baby shower for Ashlynn Basler (Bonnie Garvin’s granddaughter; Kim Voss’daughter) and Jonathan Crichley will take place on Monday, June 4 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Ashlynn & Jonathan are expecting a girl.

**Tener/Durham Wedding Shower**

A wedding shower for Sam Tener and Macy Durham will take place on Monday, June 18 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Sam & Macy are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Amazon, Walmart, and Williams Sonoma.

**FOOD BANK**

Volunteer Event  
Saturday, June 9, 9:30am-noon

**Vacation Bible School**

June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – 8:30pm  
Must have completed Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Roman Nose State Park Golf Course  
June 11...\$20 all day (18 or 36 holes)  
\$5 prize fund - Sign up at the kiosk!

Set up - June 23

Workers Lunch, June 24

See Karen for additional information!