



From the Administrative Bishop Daniel W. Hampton

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS: FACT OR FICTION

The second coming of Christ is one of the most written about subjects in the New Testament. The second coming is recorded in all four of the Gospels, as well as the books of Acts, I Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, Hebrews, James, I & II Peter, I John, Jude and Revelation; twenty of the New Testament books deal with this all important subject. In the New Testament, reference is made to His second coming at least once in every 25 or 30 verses. This doctrine is mentioned 318 times in 216 chapters of the Bible. Evidently the second coming of Jesus was and is at the very heartbeat of God the Father.

There have been a number of people throughout history, and even recently, who have tried to predict the day of His return but to no avail. With those predictions not coming to pass, it has brought on much skepticism and doubt as to the truth of the Scripture. Let me be very clear and say, that the same Bible which gives signs for we believers to look for, is also very emphatic that no man knows the day or hour of His return. That time is reserved for the Father only as recorded in **Matthew 24: 36; "BUT OF THE DAY AND HOUR KNOWETH NO MAN NO, NOT THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN, BUT MY FATHER ONLY."** For anyone to try to predict the day of His return is in direct contradiction to the words of Jesus and an instrument which the enemy will use to bring confusion and doubt as to the authenticity of Scripture.

Just as the prophets in the Old Testament wrote hundreds of years before Jesus birth about His first coming, and it happened in the fullness of time, the second coming is going to take place just as the scripture declares. Just because some misguided individuals make claims, which are not true, and receive publicity about their predictions, it should not produce doubt in any of us who believe He is coming again and in fact should cause us to look even more intently for His return. Read **II Peter 3: 3 & 4 (NLT) 3. MOST IMPORTANTLY, I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT IN THE LAST DAYS SCOFFERS WILL COME, MOCKING THE TRUTH AND FOLLOWING THEIR OWN DESIRES. 4 THEY WILL SAY, "WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PROMISE THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN? FROM BEFORE THE TIMES OF OUR ANCESTORS, EVERYTHING HAS REMAINED THE SAME SINCE THE WORLD WAS CREATED."** Does that not describe the talk of this day we are living in with skepticism, doubt and questioning of the Bible as being the true Word of God? *Many no longer look for the Lord to appear in the clouds of heaven, nor do they live as though this could be the day.*

I want to remind us with this article, don't let anyone or anything discourage you or cause you to doubt the coming of the Lord. Just as sure as He came, born of a virgin, in the very city where it was prophesied He would be born, lived, wounded, beaten, crucified, died, buried, rose from the dead, ascended to heaven and the angel declared to those who saw Him taken away; this same Jesus shall come again.

In next month's newsletter, I will endeavor to address what appears to be some very identifiable signs of His return. He may come before we get the opportunity to share those signs and if you are ready, I will meet you in the clouds and we will be caught up together.

One more thing I want to share as I close, **Hebrews 10: 19-25 (NLT) 19. AND SO, DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE CAN BOLDLY ENTER HEAVEN'S MOST HOLY PLACE BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS. 20. BY HIS DEATH, JESUS OPENED A NEW AND LIFE-GIVING WAY THROUGH THE CURTAIN INTO THE MOST HOLY PLACE. 21. AND SINCE WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST WHO RULES OVER GOD'S HOUSE. 22. LET US GO RIGHT INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD WITH SINCERE HEARTS FULLY TRUSTING HIM. FOR OUR GUILTY CONSCIENCES HAVE BEEN SPRINKLED WITH CHRIST'S BLOOD TO MAKE US CLEAN, AND OUR BODIES HAVE BEEN WASHED WITH PURE WATER. 23. LET US HOLD TIGHTLY WITHOUT WAVERING TO THE HOPE WE AFFIRM, FOR GOD CAN BE TRUSTED TO KEEP HIS PROMISE. 24. LET US THINK OF WAYS TO MOTIVATE ONE ANOTHER TO ACTS OF LOVE AND GOOD WORKS. 25. AND LET US NOT NEGLECT OUR MEETING TOGETHER, AS SOME PEOPLE DO, BUT ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE DAY OF HIS RETURN IS DRAWING NEAR.**

The coming of Jesus is **fact** and **not fiction** and all we who are looking for Him will behold Him as He is in His glory. I just have to say, "HALLELUJAH."



A Note From Sister Hampton



In the article I wrote for last month's newsletter, I would like to give credit to Dr. Paul L. Walker for some of the information I used from his paper titled, "The Role of Women in the Kingdom of God." He and his wife Carmalita had great impacts on our lives — they are treasures of the Church of God !!!!

A few corrections from last month...
Due to a reporting error, the stats from West Logan Church of God were incorrect...please see corrected stats below:

On Campus	281
Off Campus	202
Morning Worship	277



Our Condolences

To the family of
Rev. Ronald Beady
who passed away September 16, 2017

To the family of
Rev. Charles Bullins
who passed away September 19, 2017

Every chance I get,
I will praise
the Lord for all He
has done for me.

Pastoral Appointments

Congratulations
Adam & Naomi West
New Pastors at
Ansted Fresh Fountain
Family Worship Center

What has He done for you? Share your Church's testimony with us...send your story and photos to patra@wvcog.com



Upcoming Events

Send your registration soon to reserve your space for these events!

Pastor's & Clerks Training

October 14, 2017
10 am



Training will be conducted by Bill Addison, CPA, concerning laws relating to the Affordable Care Act and IRS rulings. *It is very important for each pastor and clerk to make every effort to attend.* Training will be held at the Beckley Church of God 2211 S. Kanawha Street. Please detach the RSVP and return to: PO Box 2374 Beckley, WV 25802

FAITHFUL & FREE

PSALM 36:5
"YOUR LOVE, LORD, REACHES TO THE HEAVENS, YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO THE SKIES."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017
NEW RIVER MINISTRY CENTER
FAYETTEVILLE, WV
REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 9:00 AM

EVENT FEE \$8.00 PER PERSON
TALENT FEE \$10.00 PER CATEGORY

MUSIC & MINISTRY
BY THE BRANHAM FAMILY



SENIOR ADULT DAY 2017

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS BEGIN AT 9:00 AM.
COMPETITION BEGINS AT 10:00 AM.

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FAITH FIRE FREEDOM SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 6TH

SEVIERVILLE, TN

NEW HOPE COG

Midwest Conference
September 8th,
Columbus, OH

www.faithfirefreedom.com
for more information

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Michelle Davenport
Pastor,
City Light Church





Moffett Cottage Van Project

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are closer than ever to paying off the van for the New River Ranch Children's Home. Please don't miss out on being a part of this great opportunity to bless our kids. You can send a donation or pledge to make a payment on the van by December 31, 2017. Let's get this done!!



Moffett Cottage Van Payoff

\$10,787.59

Monthly Payment

\$437.39



Mark Your Calendar

October: Scripture – Psalm 119:104

- 7.....Women's Ministries Fall Conference Pigeon Forge, TN
- 14.....Pastor / Church Clerk Financial Training
- 28.....Senior Adult Day...New River Ranch

November: Scripture – Psalm 150:6

- 22 - 24.....Thanksgiving Holiday - STATE OFFICE CLOSED

December: Scripture – Luke 2:11

- 1.....Minister & Spouse & NRR Christmas Dinner - Dream Center
- 18 - Jan 1.....Christmas Holiday - STATE OFFICE CLOSED