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# ARE YOU READY



Administrative Bishop Daniel Hampton

Whenever this question is asked it is usually done when we are getting ready to go to an appointment. Sometimes the husband is asking this question to his wife as time draws near to the appointment, and on other occasions the reverse is true. Sometimes the answer comes back, I will be ready in just a few more minutes. Anxiousness usually sets in and we men especially, begin to pace about with frustration thinking we are going to be late. I have often said, if I had a meeting downtown at midnight with a dog, if anybody was late it would be the dog not me. Being ready on time is as important as the meeting itself. Time is so valuable and we need to realize how important it is and redeem it according to the scripture. (Ephesians 5:16) What a very important question this really is as we look at life and understand that there is but one step between us and eternity. What really matters, when all is said and done of our life here on earth, that could be a greater question than the title of this article?

**Are you ready?** This has been asked over and over in homes, houses of worship, work places, schools and practically everywhere you turn. This is especially asked in a little different way at the passing of someone; were they ready? How important is that question? What really matters in the end is knowing that everyone of us will stand before our maker and give an account of our life. The disciples of Jesus came to him as he sat upon the mount of Olives and asked him three questions. When shall these things be? What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world? Jesus answered them in Matthew 24 and began with this statement found in verse four; "Take heed that no man deceive you." I think we can understand from that statement one of the first things that is happening which lets us know we are approaching the fulfillment of the three questions asked by his disciples, is deception. We are living in the most informed age of all time but deception is rampant and many people are believing a lie which leads to destruction. The deception and lie of the devil which is so prevalent today is: There are many ways to heaven and all you have to do is believe in a higher power. No a thousand times no. Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. I could go on and on but I want to encourage you to read Matthew chapters 24 - 25 and look very carefully to see if those things mentioned in those chapters aren't being fulfilled today.

Matthew 24:44 "Therefore be ye also **ready**: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Here is the question, **ARE YOU READY?** I ask you that question from the depth of my heart for I believe we are at the brink of the rapture of the saints. We have heard this all of our lives but just hearing is not good enough. **Are you ready**, do you know for sure beyond any doubt your name is in the book of life and if you die or the trumpet sounds today you will stand before the King of Kings justified through the blood of Jesus. I want to encourage you to ask every member of your family, your neighbors, your work associates, your classmates, your friends and in fact everyone you have the opportunity to speak to that all important question.

If we are going to fulfill the great commission then I don't know a better way to do it than to ask this question; **ARE YOU READY?** I have found when you just simply ask it, people usually respond; ready for what. That opens the door to share the hope you and I have in Jesus. I believe if we will be persistent in our witness we can help usher in another great awakening in this nation and it will flow around the world.

Remember Matthew 24:44, **BE READY FOR HE IS COMING AGAIN**

*Love* is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

*Love never fails.*

## Sincere Condolences

TO THE FAMILIES OF

MARCELLA BLAKE  
PASTOR BLAIR CHURCH OF GOD  
DECEMBER 28, 2021

MICHAEL REAM  
PASTOR PRAYER HILL CHURCH OF GOD  
JANUARY 4, 2022



## **WARM Wives**

**(Widowed and Retired Ministers' Wives)**

**Valentine's Day Week is the time we show our love & appreciation to these precious ladies.**

If one or more attends your church, please honor them.

If one of them is special to you, send her a card,  
gift, call her, visit her

- in some way make her feel appreciated.

These women have sacrificed for us - we will not forget...

***SHOW YOUR LOVE!***



Save the Date  
2022 Women's Conference  
April 8-9  
Family Worship Center  
Guest Speaker  
Dawn Lipsey



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 4-6 SMOKY MOUNTAIN WINTERFEST PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE**

**FEBRUARY 20-22 PRAYER CONFERENCE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER**

**MARCH 3-5 INTL. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

**MARCH 11-12 KIDS ADVENTURE DAY/JR TALENT NEW RIVER RANCH**

**APRIL 8-9 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER**

**APRIL 29-MAY 1 SMOKY MOUNTAIN KIDFEST**

**APRIL 22-24 MASON, OHIO KIDFEST**

**The Church of God State Office Staff is praying for each Pastor, Pastor's Wife, Minister and Lay member, and attender of our churches, that God will provide and keep you and your families safe during this time.**

### **Mountaineer Ministries Prayer Requests:**

(these requests come from the white envelope enclosed)

Our country; Our President and State Leaders; Military; Health Care Professionals;  
Health and Wellness; Finances; Jobs; Marriages; Family; The Church;  
A miracle healing for Joshua; Back problems; Salvation for lost family and our nation;  
Son who needs a miracle; Drug addiction; Covid breathing issues;  
Elderly family; Daughter to be healed; Special request;  
Revival; Many who need a healing touch; For God to protect my children.

### **Mountaineer Ministries Praise Reports:**

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My family; My pastor; God is great; Feeling God's presence; God removing tumor;  
A church that has outreach for the needy; My job; Seeing God move in so many ways;  
God being a good, good Father; Financial blessing; New people coming to church;  
The teen's in our church; Medical bills taken care of;  
Protecting my children; My car; A place to live and food to eat.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT AN UPCOMING EVENT,  
NEED AN APPLICATION, OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

YOU CAN CONTACT US OR RECEIVE INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS.

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