TIME OF SERVICES

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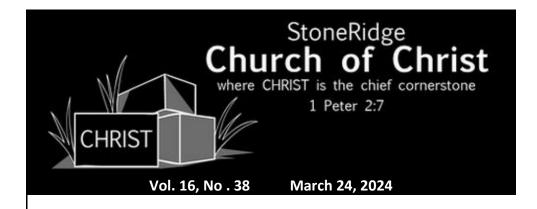
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Great Events

Many are getting excited for what is being called "The Great American Eclipse." There are many who believe it is going to be something great to see for different reasons. One is that the next eclipse of its magnitude that will be seen anywhere in the United States and surrounding countries will be August 2044; so it is a rare occurrence. It's amazing to me how people are reacting to it. It is all over the radio, television, internet and other media outlets. There are cities and towns that are in the main path of the eclipse {including towns in Arkansas}, that are having festivals to celebrate the eclipse. These cities are expecting thousands of visitors to flood into their cities. Not only does this mean the stores will be busier, but they are warning of people blocking traffic by pulling off on the side of the roads to see this phenomenon. It's being reported that many hotels; cabins and such are already filled and people are now renting portions of their yards for people to camp in. Indeed, this eclipse is really stirring up a great deal of interest from people throughout the country.

Why bring this up? Because there is an even greater even that will occur, and has been spoken of for centuries that people choose to ignore; some even denying is a reality. The event that I am speaking of is the Judgment Day - the Day in which our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ will return to judge all mankind and the world and all that is in it will be destroyed. Peter writes, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?" (2 Pt. 3:10-12).

We are not only told the date of the eclipse, we are also told the time it will begin, reach its peak and end in our area. God tells us that we do not know when the Lord will return and the world be destroyed by fire, telling us it will come as a thief in the night. When that day comes men will be going about their daily routine; living as they do each day (Mt. 24:36-44). Because we cannot know when that Great Day is coming, we must heed the warnings of the Bible and live every day so we are ready. This is what Peter was speaking of when he asked, what manner of people we are to be, in holy conduct and godliness

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If you pay attention, you will hear how to prepare yourself for the coming eclipse. For example, we are warned not to look straight into it without protective eye-wear because it can damage your eyes if you do so. How can we possibly believe that God would not tell us how to prepare for a much greater event than an eclipse? He warns us that we must obey His Will if we want to enter into Heaven, even telling us that we will be judged by the words of His Son (Jn. 12:48). This means we must spend time studying the Scriptures so we can know what we must do to be saved and how to live a life pleasing to Him (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17). Not only must we study, we must show our love for Him by keeping His commandments (Jn. 14:15). Just saying we love the Lord without doing as He commands shows that we do not have a true faith. We must actively keep His commands, as He tells us to if we are to be accepted by Him (Mt. 7:21-23; Gal. 1:6-10; Col. 3:17). You must show your faith in Christ by obeying the Gospel Plan of Salvation which includes being baptized for the remission of your sins (Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3). After being buried in baptism, you must continue to study His Word so you will grow and know how to live a life of faithful service to the Lord for the remainder of your life on earth (2 Pt. 3:18; Rev. 2:10).

It is likely that the "Great American Eclipse" will be something that will be great to behold. But it cannot compare to the Great Day that the Bible says is coming. Sadly, more people are looking forward to and preparing for the eclipse than are looking forward to and preparing for the Day of the Lord. But Jesus told us this is the case with men, telling us that the majority will follow the broad, easy path leading to destruction than will follow the difficult path leading to everlasting live (Mt. 7:13-14). There is nothing wrong with wanting to see things like the eclipse, they are God's creation. But He warns us to be prepared for the Day of Judgment, which is greater and no one can avoid! by Jeff Mclean, preacher for the Tuckerman Church Of Christ (adapted)

One of the rarest that's that we do is think. I don't know why people don't do it more often. It doesn't cost anything. Think about that. -Michael De Bakey, 99 year old heart surgeon

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. Jack Ladyman had appendix and hernia surgery last Monday and is now recuperating at home...Rhea Vines is in St Bernard Hospital, room 2202...David Ledgerwood and Ann Ledgerwood are recovering from surgery and back issues, respectively, and ae hoping to be out soon...Freddie and Sherri Horton are some better and were able to be here last Sunday... Lynissa Davis as a possible torn rotator cuff....Pat Spencer has been able to be at services recently...Levi Lands is taking therapy after a broken femur... Karen Livesay has not been having any luck for treatment for migraines...Remember to pray for Chloe Humblet who is away from home for extended treatmentSeveral times we have mentioned friends and relatives of the members here as needing our prayers. Let's remember all those who continue to undergo health hallenges...Shut-ins: Rhea Vines (at Roger's house)...Gail Brooks 423 Lawrence Hall, Walnut Ridge... Rita Kieffer, St. Bernard Village, ...Shirley Coots, Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... Karen Livesay at home...Joyce Riley at St. Elizabeth's Place... Jean Evans at home...Betty Shrable at Ridgecrest, room 304...Pray for these!

<u>PODCAST!</u> Hear a lesson from God's word each morning from John Mundy on Facebook & YouTube, 8 am., or you can catch it throughout the day.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 7-12 – StoneRidge! – Tack Chumley
April 21-26 – Paragould (Village Creek) – David McPherson
April 27 – Melton Ave. (Trumann) Singing at 10:30
June 22 – Ladies'Bible Study (three speakers) – 9a.m. -12 noon

GROUP MEETING. Group 2 will meet March 30 at 5:30 at the **Stubblefield's.** Group 1 will meet at the **Spencers'** on April 6, 5:30.

MEAL LIST. A meal list has been posted for our gospel meeting. Let's fill it before our visiting preacher arrives!

If you go into an antique store but find no antiques; if you go into a jewelry store but find no jewelry; if you go into a grocery store but find no groceries; that's false advertising. So when someone goes into a church of Christ, they better find Christ!

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