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A New Start

Have you ever fastened yourself into the seat of a rollercoaster to begin the ascent up the tall hill to the sound of the steady click clap of the coaster? You feel excitement, fear, anticipation, uncertainty, and eventually you are just ready to top the hill and start the ride. I felt those emotions a number of times with my boys recently while on vacation. This is the best way I can describe my emotions right now.

I am so excited to begin this work with each of you. I can't wait to see what God has in store for South Gate. I fear the times I may let you down or not be everything that this job will need me to be. Yet, I still am greatly anticipating taking this trip with such a great group of people who love the Lord.

As I cleaned out my classroom today, I left what I knew for the uncertainty of a new opportunity to serve the Lord in what I hope to be greater ways. Now I am just ready to take this ride knowing that God is at our side and His promises are true! I love His words for Joshua in 1:5,6 ...I will be with you. I will not leave or forsake you. Be strong and courageous...

My challenge for each of you is to find ways to live for the Lord in a bigger way today, and feel the excitement of moving to higher ground for Him!

John

Blessed (6)... Joe Macer

Revelation 22:7 "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book?"

The Lord stated long ago that he would return one day. Here in the book of Revelation he says it will be soon. Every day that passes by is one day closer to his return. If he should return today - and it could happen - then will it be a blessed day for us? His return will either be a blessing or a curse for every individual.

Who will be blessed? According to this verse, it will be those who keep the words of the prophecy of this book (Revelation). Are we expected to be obedient? The answer is yes, without a doubt. While on earth, Jesus stated, "If you love me, keep my commandments." This is such a simple statement and yet many do not really believe it. Many will not accept it but this statement by Jesus is a true fact.

The apostle John wrote, "We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him." Obedience is expected from a Christian. In many of the letters to churches in chapters 2 and 3, there are good results for obedience and bad results for disobedience. To the church at Sardis, Jesus told them to "Remember, therefore what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent." If they would do this, then their name would never be blotted out of the book of life. Many clear teachings are throughout Revelation along with some difficult passages. Are we doing what he asked us to do? If so, then the day Jesus returns will be a blessed day. Are you longing for that happy day?

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to Nell Hood and her family in the death of her son Ricky, whose funeral was Monday.

WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 5, 2015

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Jerry Wilson
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Blair Keeling
 Alex Jones Cody Spires
 Charlie Willis Kyle Upchurch
 Sonny Hargrove Gary Boyd
 Jacob Pollard Barrow Brown
 Read: I Thessalonians 1.....David Morgan
 Sermon: Faith, Hope and Love.....Joe Macer
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome.....Randy Jones
 Song Leader.....Trent Thomason
 Prayer.....Rhett Hefflin
 Read: Philippians 1:27-30.....Kevin Mick
 Sermon: Worthy Of The Gospel.....Joe Macer
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Barry Cross
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

Ushers: Mike Lyle, Terry Burgess. Dewayne Hickman

Greeters: Jerry & Judy Barber, Bill & Leah Fuller

Audio/Visual: Chase Thomason

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Jadonna Hight, Donna Hubbell
 P.M.....Joyce Johnson, Melissa Jones

VBS - WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.

Announcements/Speaker.....Joe Macer
 Prayer.....Charlie Willis