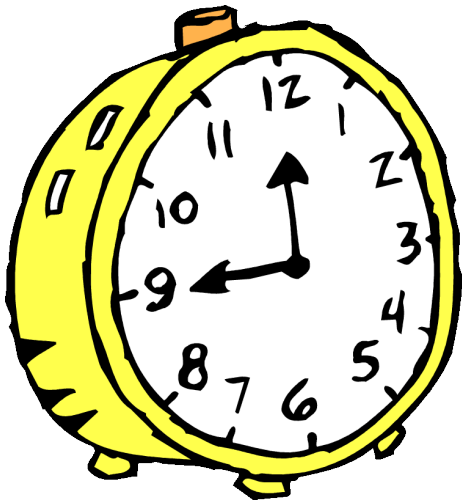


## Pastor's Message

May 2022

### A Time for Everything

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*



Hello everyone, I am writing this pastor's page on Monday, April 25. I know what you are thinking, "Pastor that page was to be turned in to Candy on the 18th." You are right. I do try to get my page to Candy on or before the 18th of each month, but it doesn't always happen depending upon what life and the church tends to throw at me. I am very blessed that although I am reminded when the page is due, I am given grace during the times I am late, which happens more often than I care to admit. Most all of us, even if you are retired, have deadlines that have to be met. If you have a doctor's appointment you have to be on time and many times, they request that you be there 15 minutes early. Hair appointments, worship times, volunteer times, time clocks to punch, tax filing deadlines, bill due dates and this list can go on forever. We may not think of the list above as

deadlines but be late filing your taxes and you are penalized. Be late to a doctor's appointment or a hair appointment and you may be asked to reschedule. Be late making that credit card or bank payment and you will pay a late fee. It seems as though we are always coming up against deadlines. There is one deadline that we don't always think about and that is the deadline given to us by God. How many days, weeks, months, or years do we have before God says to us as an individual, "Times up"? None of us can answer that question. I have witnessed many times that even when the doctors say you only have so much time left, God tends to prove them wrong. The key thing for us to remember is to be ready when he calls.

Galatians 4:4 says, "But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law." Jesus was born on God's timetable not that of the people. There is another deadline that only God is aware of and that is when Christ will return. Regarding Jesus' return, Jesus said this to his disciples and us, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24:36). We can't know the exact time. He does not want us to know. He wants us to long for that day, pray for it, be prepared for it—then wait patiently for it. Brothers and Sisters just as we have deadlines to meet in our lives, God also has deadlines for each of our lives. The exact timing isn't important for us to know, what is important, is for us to be ready at all times.

I will continue to try to meet the deadline for my pastor's page but more importantly I will continue working towards being ready for when either my time is up here or for the return of my Lord and Savior.

In Christ's service,

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