

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

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### April/May 2011

#### Calendar:

- April 3: Deacon Training at First Baptist Merritt Island, FL
- April 5: Men In Motion & Tuesday Night Bible Study in Melbourne, FL
- April 12: Suwannee Baptist Associational Meeting
- April 17-20: Principles of a God-centered Church at Flemington Baptist in Ocala, FL
- April 24: First Baptist Indialantic, FL 10:30am Easter service
- April 26: Men In Motion & Tuesday Night Bible Study in Melbourne, FL
- May 1-4: Kingsley Lake Baptist in Starke, FL
- May 10: Men In Motion & Tuesday Night Bible Study in Melbourne, FL
- May 18-22: Revelation Study at Mountain Top Church in Ray, MI
- June 6-10: Keynote Speaker at Campers on Mission National Rally in Pace, FL

# Come and See!

2 Timothy 4:8 "Now there is in store for me the crown of right-eousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing."

Paul's writings always emphasized the need to be eagerly expecting, and looking for, the soon return of Jesus Christ.
Paul even expected Jesus' return in his day. Was he wrong to think this way? Not at all!
Jesus Himself stressed the need to be always ready and watching for His return. He even described His coming as a "thief in the night."

In 1 Thessalonians 5:4 Paul reminded the Christians that Jesus' return should not surprise us like a thief. No, he was always teaching that we should be looking for his return and to be ready.

Are you looking for Jesus' soon return to the earth? Are you ready for when He comes to rapture His bride? Too many in the church today are not looking for His return because they have been told that it isn't going

to happen. But I believe that just as God's previous prophecies have literally come to pass, so too will the prophecies that have not yet been fulfilled.

Actually, I believe that some of those prophecies are being fulfilled in these present days!

My purpose in this article is not to prove anything, but to encourage you to check these things out for yourselves. In John 1: 43-46, once Philip met Jesus, he went and told Nathanael. I love how he did it, too. He said: "we have found the one Moses wrote about!" (In other words; "I think this guy fulfills the prophecies.") Of course Nathanael doubted whether or not Philip was correct, but Philip's response was simply; "Come and see." In this short article, I want to challenge you to read the prophecies about the last days and the signs prior to the return of Jesus, and see for yourself if what many people are sensing is true. Israel has been back in her land for many years now, and the whole world is trying to decide what to do with this

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nation that no one can destroy. Look at Zechariah 12: 1-3 and Joel 3: 1-2 for starters. Keep track of the mounting number of earthquakes as you read Matthew 24.

Are we in the last of the last days? I think the scripture says so. "Come and see for your-self!"

Jim's Tuesday Night
Bible Study on April 26
will address in more detail
the topic of his article this
month. Come and see in
person at the Somerset
Condominium Clubhouse
2075 N. Hwy A1A, Indialantic, FL 32903 at 7pm. Or
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## **Family Corner**

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The spring is usually Jim's busiest travel time, and 2011 is no different. As we gear up for all of Jim's travels, we are taking some time to build relationships. Jim recently took each of his 3 kids on an individual "date with dad". They each got to do something they enjoy with their dad. Elise got to go shopping with her daddy, AJ got to go golfing with him, and Nicole is going minigolfing with him later this week.

These special times between Jim and his kids are so valuable. I am very grateful for a terrific husband and father, who believes in building up his family.

Don't worry, Jim and I took time for our own date recently. We went over to Orlando to eat and watch the fireworks from Disney's Boardwalk just outside of Epcot. We thank God for good family relationships.

We are also praising God for the wonderful progress our kids are making in their schoolwork. The girls amazed us with their great SAT scores, and Nicole is excelling at the community college as a high school junior. Elise will begin there in the fall as a sophomore. AJ is doing well, also. The girls are looking forward to and raising funds for their mission trip to Boston in June, and their mom and dad are glad to get to go along.