

THE ENCOURAGER



Times of Worship

Sunday Bible Classes: 9am

Sunday AM Worship: 10am

Sunday PM Worship: 5pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

Join us Online

Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUbQ4GRKyA>

Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to patcawthon@gmail.com

Evangelist

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Are You Ready?

Misty and I are trying to get ready for baby number four. The baby's room is ready. The carseat is purchased. We have a multitude of diapers (thanks to many of you). The baby will have a pretty good selection of clothes to wear. The hospital bags are packed and ready to be put in the van. The baby's siblings are ready to meet their new brother. In my opinion, we are ready for this little one to come.

Are we really ready? Are we ready for a little less sleep than what we have been used to? Are we ready to bring this child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? Are we ready to juggle life with four kiddos? Maybe I'm not as ready as I thought.

A lot goes into preparing for a newborn. However, as the child says after he gets through counting and is ready to go find his friends, "Ready or not, here I come!" This child that God has blessed us with is coming whether we are ready for him or not. It's good to be as prepared as you can be for a newborn but there is something much more important than a newborn to be prepared for...Christ's second coming.

During the week prior to Jesus' crucifixion, He told His disciples how Jerusalem was going to be

New Songs

- ✦ The Apples In A Seed
- ✦ Father, Help Us Raise Our Children

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✦ Carswells' Anniversary (10/10)
- ✦ Tanner McCoy (10/10)
- ✦ Brynleigh Stevens (10/13)
- ✦ Shannon Gray (10/15)
- ✦ Grays' Anniversary (10/16)

Calendar Items

Singing Class this afternoon at 4pm at the building

Women's Bible Study at the building on Tuesdays at 11am

Men's Meeting on 4th Sunday

Today's Lessons

- ✦ Shepherd the Flock
- ✦ To Obey Is Better Than Sacrifice

Midweek Bible Study

- ✦ Luke 1:39ff

destroyed. He did not want them to be unaware so they could flee Jerusalem when they saw the signs of its impending destruction. Jesus transitions from discussing the destruction of Jerusalem to the final judgement. He tells us, *"Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will."* **(Mat 24:42-44)**

Are you ready for the Son of Man to come? If you are not, you need to get ready. Maybe you have not committed your life to the Lord and been baptized for the remission of your sins. Maybe you are living in sin and need to repent and start living for God. Whatever you need to do to get ready, do it today!

In Jesus' example of the thief, Jesus makes the point that the thief is not going to tell the owner of the house the day he is planning on stealing some items from his home. The point is we need to always be ready; if we are, there is no need to worry about the thief coming.

The better question for me is not if I'm ready for the coming of child number four but if I'm ready for Jesus' coming. Are we making the necessary arrangements and preparations for Jesus' coming? He is coming like a thief in the night and at an hour when people do not think He will make His arrival. May we get our spiritual lives in order so we can be ready when He says, "Ready or not, here I come!"

Patrick