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First Church of Christ

Eight Signs the “Man of Lawlessness” Is Near

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The Bible says those who follow Christ are to *encourage one another “...and all the more as you see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25)*. Although no one knows the exact timing of “...the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him” ([2 Thessalonians 2:1](#)), Christians should be wise enough to sense when that day is drawing very near.

The second chapter of 2 Thessalonians warns that after the church is gathered to Christ, a “*man of lawlessness*” will be catapulted into worldwide influence and deceive a frightened world into following him. Daniel 9 refers to him as “*the ruler who is to come*,” [1 John 2](#) calls him “*the antichrist*,” and Revelation 13 describes him as “*the beast coming out of the sea*.”

Based on my understanding of prophecy, I think Satan is currently working to lay a foundation for the Anti-

christ’s rapid ascension to power. While it is my own speculation, and not everyone would agree, I think it is the only way to make sense of the rapid escalation of evil in the world. Increasing signs should alert us to “*...stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” ([Luke 21:28](#)).

1. The increase in violence and lawlessness. Brutal wars, mass shootings, terrorist attacks, mobs lootings stores in broad daylight, subway muggings, carjackings, and street violence seem like we are living in the days of Noah when “*the earth was full of violence*.” ([Genesis 6:11 NET](#)).

Harvard Professor, Dr. Clayton Christensen, warned that democratic societies only work when their citizens share a commitment to virtue, “If you take away religion, you can’t hire enough police.” Yet many leaders have responded

to the increase in violence by eliminating bail, emptying jails, and defunding the police. It appears we are quickly approaching a time for the “man of lawlessness” to emerge as the leader.

2. The aggressive promotion of a one-world government. “*The whole world...followed the beast*” ([Revelation 13:3](#)). The Bible hints that Satan will promise to establish peace through a godless, one-world government. Headlines today increasingly report on the globalization efforts of the United Nations, the Global Seven (G7), the World Economic Forum, the World Health Organization, and other globalists in their efforts to improve international regulatory cooperation, global collaboration for climate sustainability, global economic solutions, and global health initiatives. The Smithsonian Institute now features a “Futures” exhibit asking visitors, “When will we

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see a single, global government?” In the late 1980s, President H.W. Bush spoke repeatedly of a “New World Order.” On March 19, 2022, President Biden remarked, “Now is the time when things are shifting, and there’s going to be a New World Order out there, and we’ve got to lead it. We’ve got to unite the rest of the free world in doing it.”

3. The undermining of patriotism in the USA. The biggest obstacle to global govern-

Serving in July

Deaconesses:

Serry Trubey & MaKenzie Mang-es

Elder Schedule:

2—Dave Beerbower
9—Doug Haase
16—Jim McPeak
23—Mark Rhodes
30—Larry Snavelly

Nursery:

2—SS—NEED VOLUNTEERS!!;
2nd—Stacie Beerbower & Sharon Blinzler
9—SS—Garry & Sandi Oberlin;
2nd—Julia Haase & NEED ONE MORE
16—SS—Eric & Angie Murphy;
2nd—Jessica Arend & Sharon Blinzler
23—SS—Cody & Ashley Grimm;

2nd—NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Children's Church:

2—Ryan Beerbower
9—
16—Ryan Beerbower
23—



Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Caleb Hartman, Cindy Karnes
3 Marcia Gambler
5 Elliot Beerbower, Joan Brown, Jerry Hug
6 John Leppelmeier
7 Khloe Hartman, Kolden Avina, Leona Puff
9 Ron Walker
10 Madelon Salsbury
12 Wyatt Garza, JoNell Gotshall, Theresa Kuszmaul, Adam Perry

14 Andyn Haynes
16 Larry Sanders
21 Regina Kidd, Bennett VonDeylen
22 Zane Roose
25 Bettie Finken
28 LuAnn Jerger, Justin McNamara
29 Scott Bard
31 Shane Cochrane, Reid Wonderly, Becky Wuebben



13 Ron & Ellen Walker (38)

19 Terence & Beth Clingan (9)
20 Dan & Deb Nixon
21 Darrell & Shirley Kinnan (66), Dick & Theresa Kuszmaul (39), Troy & Trisha Hug (8)
25 Henry & Regina Kidd (59)
28 Gene & Ruth Ordway (55)
29 John & Janet Leppelmeier (51)
30 Gary & Teresa Brown (35)

Family News

CONGRATULATIONS!

The church family celebrates with Derek & Makayla Murphy on the safe arrival of Ezra Rogerlee Murphy on May 29, 2023. He weighed in at 8# 4 oz. He joins big sister, Eveylnn. Paternal grandparents are Eric & Angie Murphy.

Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to the following:

- **Jerry & Wanda Hug on the death of Jerry's sister.**
- **Eric & Angie Murphy on the death of Angie's nephew.**

Attention Senior Saints:

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 7/25 at 11:45 AM at LaBo's Gourmet Grilled Cheese. Please meet there.

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	3	4 Church Of-fices Closed 	5	6	7	8
9 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship 12:45 Family Picnic/Potluck	24	25 11:45 Lunch Bunch	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 Break-fast 10:15 Wor-ship	31				<div> Bring in Donations for Free Sale </div>	
						



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Office Hours: Monday—
Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00
PM

Facts & Figures

	June 4	
Attendance SS		Worship 55/83
Offering		\$6,839.58
	June 11	
Attendance SS		Worship 48/89
Offering		\$4,297.15
	June 18	
Attendance SS		Worship 56/96
Offering		\$
	June 25	
Attendance SS		Worship 42/71
Offering		\$
Needed for Budget		\$5,020.19

Love All

Our Service Personnel:

Austin Brandeberry (GA), Lindsey Carter (FL), Patrick Rendleman (GA), Josh Severs (AL), Braxton Singer (NC), Jordan Thornburg (GA), Katie Sparks (PA), Wesley Tressler (CO).

Cancer: Gwen Acker-

Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Jennie Case, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H., Jim Henson, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Mark & Carrie, Chloe Merrilet, Rexann McCrary, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Anna Pitman, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Annette Snavelly, Lyle Snavelly, Amy Tobin, Linda Walker, Kathy Walton,

Drew Wayman, Raegan Won-

derly. Other Concerns: Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Arlene Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, Gene Crawford, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marsha Fisher; Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Shawn Roose, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Gene Johns, Nehemiah Haase, Raymond Folk, Randy Fisher, Braxton & Trish Snavelly, Annie Engel, Jason Gregg, Henry Kidd, Nikki Hull, Ryan Yahraus, Khloe Hartman, Toby Runyan, Joanne Allison, Martha Hardy, Tootie Bowman, Cindy Fumarolo;

Shut Ins: Bryan

Healthcare: Esther Rosendaul; Fairlawn Haven: John Altman; Fountain Park: Esther Krill; Hillside: Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler; Home: Ron & Linda Lewis, Marilyn Lundy, Leona Puff, Edith Wagner



Breathe.

"Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" Acts 3:19



ment has been the United States of America. Traditionally, the U.S. has always been patriotic and proud of its independence. So, for the United States to willfully cooperate in global governance, patriotic allegiance must be severed.

Therefore, it is no coincidence that school students are taught to despise America as a racist, materialistic, warmongering country. Traditional American heroes are denigrated as students are indoctrinated with the false idea that America's prosperity is the result of white supremacy, which they suggest continues to be the greatest threat to our democracy.

Sadly, many American pastors denounce patriotism and accuse patriotic believers of "Christian nationalism" – or worship of the United States. However, when these pastors honor mothers on Mother's Day, are they worshipping mothers? Of course not. They are expressing appreciation for them. Likewise, singing "God Bless America" is not "worshipping the United States" but giving God thanks for the special gift of our free nation.

Yet continued efforts to erode U.S. allegiance are laying further groundwork to reduce our independence and accept the new world order. 4-8 will be shared next month...

From Bob Russell's blog...

Destined to win,
Larry Snavelly

FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD THAT
HE GAVE HIS ONE
AND ONLY SON,
THAT WHOEVER
{ BELIEVES }
IN HIM SHALL
NOT PERISH BUT
HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.
-JOHN 3:16

Lake James Christian Assembly offers many varied camp experiences for children entering first grade through high school. The church and mission committee will cover \$160 of the cost for each camper. You may sign up online at ljca.org (use church code bryanfcoc23) or here at church. See Wanda Hug with questions.

