

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, after that time of distress,
the sun will be darkened,
the moon will lose its brightness,
the stars will fall from the sky
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see the Promised One coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then the angels will be sent to gather the chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the Promised One is near, right at the door. The truth is, before this generation has passed away, all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it—neither the angels of heaven, nor the Only Begotten—no one but God. Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come.

“It is like people traveling abroad. They leave their home and put the workers in charge, each with a certain task, and those who watch at the front gate are ordered to stay on the alert. So stay alert! You do not know when the owner of the house is coming, whether at dusk, at midnight, when the cock crows or at early dawn. Do not let the owner come suddenly and catch you asleep. What I say to you, I say to all: stay alert!”

*This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!*



Our mission project for November and December will be Nativitas, a soup kitchen in downtown Brussels. This year because of the Covid pandemic and resulting restrictions, Nativitas has different needs.

They are concentrating more specifically on the homeless. Currently Nativitas hands out free take-away packages consisting of fresh soup, a sandwich, and a drink, to approximately 90 people, five days a week.

What they most urgently need:

- **Ground coffee**
- **Sugar cubes**
- **Individual drinks (small juice boxes, cecemel, soda cans, etc.)**

So this year, we will limit our collection to these 3 items only. Please do not bring fresh food or other non-perishable items. Also, please check the expiration dates!

We realize that your time spent shopping should be kept to a minimum because of the current situation. However, if and when you do go grocery shopping, or if you order on-line, please consider purchasing a few of these items.

If church services resume by the end of November, you may bring your donations at that time. In either case, a drop-off session will also be organized at church on Sat. Nov.28 and Dec.12. More details on the time will follow.

We are also collecting financial donations for Nativitas during these 2 months, which will be used to help purchase the fresh food used to prepare soup and sandwiches. This is equally important. We thank you for your generosity, knowing that these are difficult times for all. God loves a cheerful giver, and no contribution is too small. Together we can make such a difference.

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