

## THE CORNERSTONE

October 2017

### CHURCH IN PROPHETIC PERSPECTIVE

Revelation Chapter 2 & 3  
as well as many other scriptures.

**Teacher: Bob Graper**

Beginning on October 15th, we will begin a Bible Study series on the seven (7) churches of Revelation Chapters 2 & 3. Although Christ commended some of these churches for particular characteristics, each church had a particular problem that Christ addressed.

In general, there was a problem of the evil in the world creeping into the church. How could this happen? Because the church is made up of saved sinners still battling the sin nature, and Satan will use every method at his disposal to destroy our witness.

That is why the glorified Christ had the Holy Spirit direct John to write letters to these seven churches. There are some churches today that exhibit these same characteristics, and some Christians who have fallen into the same traps -- so taking a look at the churches of Revelation should help us find out:

- How the church of Ephesus lost its first love.
- Why the church at Smyrna was persecuted.
- Why the church at Pergamos married the world.
- How a woman seduced the church at Thyatira.
- Why the church at Sardis was dead.
- Why the church at Philadelphia will avoid the "hour of testing."



**The Protestant  
Reformation**

**Teacher: Dr. Andy  
Woods**

**Continuing on in the  
Sanctuary.**



WE ARE RENEWING HOPE

**Second Mile Mission Center helps Fort Bend County residents in poverty and crisis by providing basic needs and opportunities to take next steps in their lives. While people are drawn to Second Mile for immediate needs such as food or health care, many begin to shift their focus to long-term goals of self-sufficiency for themselves and their family.**

**Our approach is to develop relationships of dignity, honor and respect. Through these relationships, people in need renew hope and develop as leaders.**

**Second Mile has grown to provide equipping programs such as financial education, job training, and financial assistance. Special services offered during the year include back-to-school supplies and a Christmas toy store.**

**We are committed to listening to the people we serve, improving and refining our services, and leveraging resources as we collaborate with other organizations. We have tested and proven processes to serve a high volume of families with a personal touch, to manage large amounts of in-kind donations, and to coordinate volunteers.**

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER:** *Whether you love to work one-on-one with people in need or to work diligently behind the scenes, we have a place for you.*

**Listening & Serving Basic Needs:** **For children living in poverty, a lack of food can delay growth and learning. Children facing hunger are more likely to repeat a grade in school or have behavioral challenges.**

**Second Mile provides fruits, vegetables and other nutritious foods to families in need. Around 40% of the people we serve are children.**

Seniors in need often face decisions like whether to pay for their light bill or a doctor's visit. This is debilitating for seniors with chronic conditions, such as diabetes or blood pressure.

At Second Mile, people who qualify receive free medical care from compassionate health professionals.

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### Equipping Neighbors to Grow

Second Mile helps families learn about budgeting, saving, and getting out of debt. This helps ensure they stay financially fit and stop the cycle of poverty. When we survey our neighbors, two of their major challenges are finances and jobs. Second Mile connects neighbors in need with stable jobs to help them get back on their feet. When you help your neighbor have a meal, manage their finances, or get and keep a job, you equip them to step out of poverty and



Andy Woods—Pastor

## DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS, PART 12

In this series of articles, we are exploring a very important Bible prophecy, which is generally referred to as Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks, found in Daniel 9:24-27. In the first installment, we explained the background of the giving of this prophecy. With this background information in mind, we then turned our attention to a textual analysis of Daniel 9:24-27. We began to break the prophecy down into ten manageable facts. As the reader tracks with me through the presentation of these ten facts, concepts, or ideas, he will develop a very clear understanding of the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks. In turn, he will be rewarded by the Holy Spirit with greater confidence that the Bible is indeed God's Word, and he will also obtain a blueprint or timeline through which he can understand how all end time events predicted in the Bible will ultimately come to pass.

In our second installment, we noted our *first* fact, which is the idea that the Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks concerns the nation of Israel in general and the City of Jerusalem in particular. As previously noted, this prophecy has nothing to do with the present age of the Church. In our third installment, we noted a *second* feature, which is the notion that the prophecy consists of a 490-year stop watch. In our fourth installment, we noted our *third* feature, which is the idea that each year of Daniel's 490-year stopwatch consists of 360 days. In our fifth installment, we noted our *fourth* feature, which is the idea that at the end of Daniel's 490-year period Israel will be politically and spiritually restored. In our sixth installment, we noted our *fifth* fact, which pertains to the notion that Daniel's 490-year stop watch began to run on March 5, 444 B.C. In our seventh and eighth installments, we presented our *sixth* fact. Exactly 483 years elapsed between the beginning of the prophecy (March 5, 444 B.C.) and when the Messiah formally presented His messianic credentials to the nation of Israel on Palm Sunday (March 30, A.D. 33). In other words, the first 69 weeks of the prophecy were fulfilled to the exact day. We are now prepared to offer our *seventh* fact. In our prior three installments, we noted our *seventh*, which is the notion that in between the conclusion of the first 69 weeks of the prophecy but before the elapsing of the prophecy's 70<sup>th</sup> week, there exists a gap of an unspecified duration of time. We are now prepared to offer our *eighth* fact.

### **Fact # 8: The Final Seven Years of the Prophecy Comprise the Future Tribulation Period (Dan 9:27)**

We are now ready to move on to fact number 8, which is the idea that the final seven years of the prophecy comprise the future Tribulation period. Daniel 9:27, which represents the part of the passage that we have not yet considered, says, "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." This verse speaks of the final seven years of the prophecy and it comprises the future seven-year Tribulation period.

Daniel was initially given a prophecy with 490 years on the clock. We have studied very carefully how 483 of those 490 years have transpired. These 483 years elapsed in between the decree of Artaxerxes in Nehemiah 2 and Palm Sunday. We have also studied how an indefinite gap of time, called the Church Age that we are currently in, exists in between the end of the 483<sup>rd</sup> year but be-

fore the beginning of the 484<sup>th</sup> year. Thus, by subtracting these 483 years from the initial 490-year total, it is apparent that there are seven years remaining to be fulfilled in Daniel's prophecy.

Here is where we get the idea of a coming seven-year Tribulation period. In other words, 483 years have already elapsed from the 490-year clock. There exists a gap of time in between the end of year 483 and the beginning of the 484<sup>th</sup> year. We are still waiting for that future seven-year period to elapse. Therefore, these seven years are future and are yet to come. These seven years comprise the future seven-year Tribulation period.

Based on our study of the Seventy Weeks prophecy, what have we learned thus far? *First*, the prophecy specifically concerns the nation of Israel. *Second*, the prophecy in Daniel 9:24-27 covers a 490-year time. *Third*, each year of this prophecy consists of 360 days. *Fourth*, by the time the prophetic clock reaches its 490-year completion, Israel will be both politically and spiritually restored. *Fifth*, the 490-year prophetic clock began to run on March 5, 444 B.C. *Sixth*, exactly 483 years elapsed between the beginning of the prophecy (March 5, 444 B.C.) and when the Messiah formally presented His messianic credentials to the nation of Israel on Palm Sunday (March 30, A.D. 33). *Seventh*, in between the conclusion of the first 69 weeks of the prophecy but before the elapsing of the prophecy's 70<sup>th</sup> week, there exists a gap of an unspecified duration of time. *Eighth*, the un-elapsed portion of the Seventy Weeks prophecy comprises the future Tribulation period.

(To Be Continued...)

## Why Christ spits the church at Laodicea out of His mouth.

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Hopefully, this series will help us identify their problems, and help us to avoid them as Christians and as a church.

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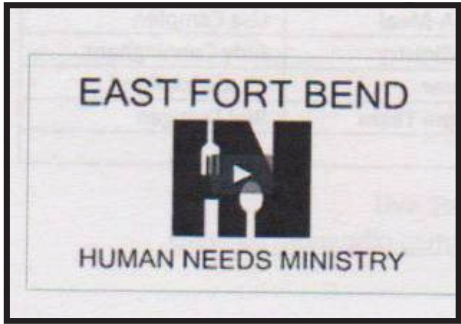
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## Scripture for the Month: Matthew 13: 3-9

Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"



### For your Information:

92 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to our programs. At East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, our ultimate priority is service – to help members of the community who are in need. To do this, we need your help. Please consider giving to the Ministry, whether it be time, food or money. We appreciate

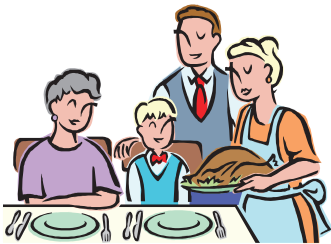
each and every thing that you give to our program.

We would like to thank you for your generous donations for the “Back-To-School” Supplies. Your were extremely gracious in your giving to the children of needy families.

Holiday Food Baskets are distributed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and include everything needed to cook a traditional holiday meal, including a turkey.

Clients are required to pre-register/sign up to receive a holiday basket on a specified day and then return to pick up the food on a designated day prior to the holiday.

## 2017 Holiday Basket Program *Thanksgiving and Christmas*



### ***What to Donate:***

***Sugar (2lb &/or 4lb) | Flour (2lb &/or 4lb) | Pie Filling | Mashed Potatoes (all sizes) | Frosting***  
***Turkey/Chicken Gravy | Green Beans (15oz cans) | Corn (15oz cans) | Yams (29oz &/or 40oz) | Pumpkin (29oz)***

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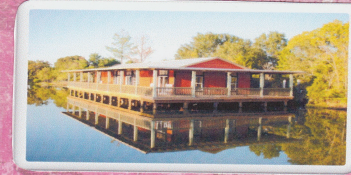
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Oct 13-15, 2017

@ Camp Tejas



"Set Your Mind on the Things Above" Col 3:2

--Speaker Betty Cooke

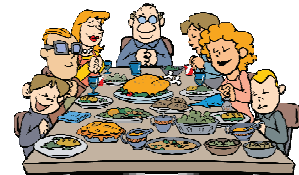
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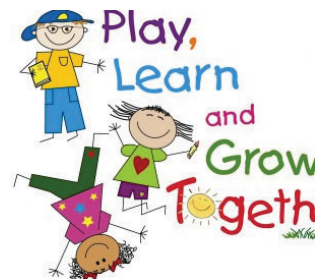
WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

6:00 pm—Dinner for all



6:45 pm—Prayer in Sanctuary

6:45 pm—Children's Bible Activities begin in Children's Wing



7:00 pm—Adult Bible Study in Sanctuary (The Coming Kingdom)

7:00 pm—Youth Bible Study with Gabe Morris upstairs in Youth Room

