

January 2018

Dear Immanuel Bible Church family,

2017 was filled with disasters and unimaginably horrible events. From terrorist attacks in France, Tunisia, Kuwait, and London to a mass shooting in Las Vegas and a truck driver in Manhattan who mowed down eight—news on the whole didn't encourage or uplift. Natural disasters also were prominent—destruction from hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Katrina and Maria are still in the clean-up process—and much of Puerto Rico remains without power. Lately the news is dominated by wide-spread fires in California, drought, flood, cold, warring factions in the Middle East, North Korea testing nuclear warheads, and on it goes.

We ask, "is this the end?" Will our Lord delay much longer? Will His return be this year? Jesus' response to his disciples in Luke 21 gives us a clear picture of the last times. "... nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be earthquakes and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven..." This sounds much like what we see in the world today doesn't it? In verse 13 before continuing, Christ made this statement. "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony." NASB

I am convinced of His soon return. We don't know the day or the hour, or even the year, but I believe that it will be soon. I read this in a church newsletter once: If we are convinced of the return of Christ, we will wait expectantly! This shouldn't be just our conviction, but also our comfort, our joy, our hope, our inspiration and our motivation for everything we do.

As January turns to February and the months quickly pass by, would you pray on my behalf, that I would, like Paul in Ephesians, "make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel" and be swift to tell others of His imminent return! Maybe in 2018!

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Thank you for all you do for the staff at Camp.
We just added a staff member — Eva Jane McAdams
joined the staff family on January 26th. A most
welcome addition to the McAdams family!