

*•“So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have **great endurance** and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has **qualified you** to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For He has **rescued us** from the **dominion** of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.” Colossians 1:10-13*

*•14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16*

**Signs of the end...**

**•Explosion of Knowledge**

*•Many will rush here and there, and knowledge will increase. Daniel 12:4*

**•Pestilence**

**•Global Economy**

**•Nation against nation.**

**•Instant Global Connection**

*•2 witnesses*

**•Scoffers**

*•He’s not coming...*

**•Noah & Lot**

**•Universal Deception**

**This life will end...**

*•And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

*1 John 2:17*

**•9-11 vid / Firefighter Illustration**

*•One fireman was among the first to respond to the 911 call that day. Forty of them rushed into that great tower. They were standing there in the lobby trying to get their bearings when the World Trade Center collapsed. He said the force of the air coming down through that building picked him up like he was a rag and threw him across that great entry way foyer and threw him all the way across and up against the wall. Suddenly the room was filled with white smoke everywhere. He said, “It was so dark, but I could see through the darkness just a little bit of light, and I*

*cried out, as I turned on my flashlight, “If anybody can see my light, follow me, I’m headed toward the light. I believe there is a way out.” He got outside the building – he & 6 other souls who followed that light.*

## **Why Church?**

### **•Like those towers this world is crumbling down.**

- The combined fuel and heat from the fire weakened the inner structure of the towers.

- Adam- this world structure has been weakening ever since.

- This world is in turmoil. We are living in a time of enormous conflict and cultural transformation. We are witnessing change in nation after nation.

- We are preoccupied with material things. Our supreme god is technology; our goddess is sex. Most of us are more interested in conquering social media than conquering ourselves.

- We are more dedicated to material security than to inner purity. We give much more thought to what we wear, what we eat, what we drink than we give to eternity.

### **•None of us knows if this world will collapse today.**

- But what if it just collapsed for you? Your body is just a building.*

- Someone is trying to convince you, “It’s OK. You can go back in...”**

- If you knew the moment and manner of your death in advance, would you order your life differently?***

- **What you do with Christ here and now decides where you will spend eternity!**

- Follow the Light!**

## **Follow the LIGHT to FREEDOM**

- Underground Railroad- vid**

- Hiding places included private homes, schoolhouses and churches.*

- In Ripley, John Rankin served as a conductor and opened his home to African Americans seeking freedom. His home stood on a three hundred-foot high hill that overlooked the Ohio River. Rankin would signal freedom seekers in Kentucky with a lantern and let them know when it was safe for them to cross the Ohio River. **Over 2000!***  
*Presbyterian minister*

- Jesus came to redeem people from the bondage of sin.

- He came to set you free. *How can they hear...*

## •From An Empty Existence

- Set eternity in hearts... God Shaped Hole

## •From An Endless Eternity Without Christ

- Most people are living for today with barely a thought of eternity.

- We're better prepared for vacation than eternity...*

- Bird with sand...*

## •Follow the Light...

- Garage Light- It's time to come home!

- SONG- Coming Home Tonight**

- This is just a flash light... To some this is just a book.  
But in the face of eternity, THIS IS EVERYTHING!!!***

- The door is open...

- NOAH- God shut the door...

- Today Noah is preaching, Moses, Jesus...*

- **Follow the Light**