

I Was Not Ready

In the stillness of the night, a piercing sound shattered the tranquility. Jolted from a deep sleep, my heart pounded as the relentless beeping echoed through the house. Groggy and disoriented, I stumbled out of bed, fumbling for the light switch. My first thought was that the security alarm had gone off, but its indicators looked fine. Yet, the beeping continued. After a moment of confusion, it became clear that the culprit was a smoke detector's low battery—but which one? Unprepared for such an interruption in the middle of the night, I scrambled to locate the source of the sound. Finding it brought only a fleeting moment of relief—I realized we might not have the right replacement battery. Defeated, my wife found earplugs while I tossed and turned until daylight allowed us to finally acquire the right battery and stop the maddening beeping.

With peace and sanity restored, I took a moment to reflect on the importance of being prepared. In life's busyness, I'd missed the early signs—the smoke detector's steady green light had turned into a sporadic, blinking yellow. When the relentless beeping finally came, I found myself without the right replacement battery. Fortunately, the consequences weren't too severe—just some sleep deprivation and an unexpected trip to buy batteries.

I continued to ponder the importance of being spiritually prepared. The Bible offers numerous signs of Jesus' return, urging believers to remain vigilant. In Matthew 24:7, Jesus says, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places," signaling global unrest and natural disasters as precursors. Additionally, 2 Timothy 3:1-5 highlights societal changes: "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive..." These signs remind Christians to stay spiritually prepared, always watching and waiting for Christ's imminent return.

The Bible also teaches us many ways to prepare for Christ's return, and here are three of my favorites. First, strive to be more like Christ: "All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure" (1 John 3:3). By daily seeking to emulate His love, compassion, humility, and purity, we pursue becoming more like Him before we see Him. Second, be prepared to endure suffering: "But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13). Holding onto our faith in His sovereignty and goodness, we remain steadfast regardless of any suffering or persecutions that may come our way. Lastly, faithfully carry out what He has entrusted to us: "It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns" (Luke 12:43). By diligently serving others and fulfilling our callings, we actively participate in God's work, making a difference in the world.

You may or may not encounter beeping smoke alarms, but Christ's return is certain. I pray that we will all be prepared and ready.

EDMONDS CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE

10/27/2024 AT 11:15 AM

Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Congregational Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
Worship through the Word

Minister Steve Moy
"Back to Basics"
1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Worship in Response
Doxology & Benediction
Welcome and Announcements

Offering is a part of our worship to God.
Online Offering: <https://eccseattle.org/en/give/>

SERVANT TEAM	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Minister Steve Moy	Minister Chris Hui
MODERATOR	Linus Lu	Man Foon Chu
WORSHIP	WOW Praise	Joyful Noise
PA TECH	Yuyu Ao	Vanthy Ouk
USHER	Milky Chen	Davy Ouk
FLOWER	—	Wendy Wang
DOOR ROTATION	Lawrence Tung	

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS **CG (COLLEGE GROUP)**

- Praise God for lots of new people and new freshman joining CG!
- Praise God for a great start to the year with Kickoff and Corn Maze.
- Praise God for the number of people who want to get involved, such as with serving on the worship team or serving during CG Sunday.
- Pray that our small group time of Bible study will be fruitful and that we learn a lot from 1 John.
- Pray for good health as we enter cold and flu season, and pray that those who are sick be healed.
- Pray for focus, good time management, and discipline as we tackle midterms, projects, and exams.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Grace is serving COCM (**Chinese Overseas Christian Mission**) in the UK area. She started a Bible study group for some new students. Church planting has been implemented smoothly and their first worship service started in July. Praise the Lord, who blessed Grace's trip to China, where she could visit family members and friends. This visit mutually strengthened her and others who live in areas where their faith is being challenged. Thank God

for saving her life and preventing her from side effects when she experienced an intracranial hematoma. Please pray for October outreach activities – may the Lord provide them with opportunities to contact Chinese-speaking students and groups. Pray that God grants Grace and her team wisdom in prioritizing their workload and getting needed help.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

1. Please pray for the people of Lebanon who are caught in the midst of the conflict. May God preserve them from the airstrikes and the battles between Israel and Hezbollah, especially the many Christian communities and churches. May the Lord comfort those who have suffered loss and help them find refuge from the violence of war.

2. Please pray for Cuba as they face the hurricane season without a fully functioning power grid. May the Lord help the government repair the power plants, preserve those in the path of the storm, and be gracious and merciful to those who have suffered loss.

Announcements

Kindred Prayer Gathering

10/29 (Tue) | 7:00 pm | Damascus International Fellowship
(5261 Rainier Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118)

Please come and join your sisters and brothers from the Kindred churches for a time of worship, reflection, and prayer.

EDS Nursery Room: Donations Needed

The EDS Children's Ministry nursery room is in need of:

- 1) new or gently-used large book of Bible stories for toddlers
- 2) any size of unexpired diapers (for emergency use)

We appreciate any contributions you can make to support our nursery and help provide a nurturing environment for our little ones.

Seeking a Dedicated Facilities Management Coordinator (FMC)

ECC is seeking a dedicated Facilities Management Coordinator (FMC) who will be responsible for the overall management, maintenance, and operation of ECC's multiple facilities to ensure the functionality, safety, comfort, and sustainability of these spaces. Please visit <https://eccseattle.org/en/open-positions/> for details.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, 11/3

Don't forget - Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on 11/3. Please set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION/TIME
10/27/24	1 Corinthians 15:12-19	1PM ECC-Edmonds Campus Room 116/117
11/3/24	1 Corinthians 15:20-34	
11/10/24	1 Corinthians 15:50-58	

2024 ECC CALENDAR *(For the yearly calendar, please check www.eccseattle.org)*

10/29 (Tue)	Kindred Prayer Meeting (Damascus International Fellowship)
11/22 (Fri)	Thanksgiving Outreach (Mandarin) (UPC)
12/13 (Fri)	Kindred Family Christmas (UPC)
12/22 (Sun)	Christmas Sunday (ECC)

Small Group	MEETING TIME	CONTACTS	EMAIL
Breaking Bread	1st SAT, 6-9PM	David Wood-bury	dwoodbury@hotmail.com
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