

## It's That Time

**2 Timothy 4:1–8 (NLT)** — (1) I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: (2) Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. (3) For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. (4) They will reject the truth and chase after myths. (5) But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you. (6) As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. (7) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. (8) And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

**Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)** — (1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

**John 3:30 (NIV)** — (30) He must become greater; I must become less.

### I) Run The Race – Christ Builds The Church

**Matthew 16:18 (NIV)** — (18) And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

### II) God Has A Purpose For The Alexander City Methodist Church

### III) Remember One Day We Will All Join The Witnesses In The Clouds

**Hebrews 12:1–2 (NIV)** — (1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (2) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Psalms 90:12 (NIV)** — (12) Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**2 Corinthians 13:11–14 (NIV)** — (11) Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. (12) Greet one another with a holy kiss. (13) All the saints send their greetings. (14) May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.