

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

It is truly wonderful to be serving in the Kingdom of God at such a time as this! Some may say it's the best of times and the worst of times. You could strike up a conversation with almost anyone in the country and they would wholeheartedly agree that the economy, banking system, mortgage crisis, unemployment, universal health care, and infinitum, are in a tangled web of political mayhem. Some would make the argument that these in fact are the worst of times.

But I'd like to remind all of you who are twice born, fire baptized, filled with the Holy Ghost, on their way to heaven anyhow, citizens of the most high, that we never have been, nor will ever be residents and citizens of this world's economy. Remember we are sojourners traveling through this land. Remember, our Father is rich in houses and lands and he holds the power of the world in His hands! Our Father owns the cattle on a thousand hills. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof the world and they that dwell therein. This states my case and closes my argument that these are in fact the best of times.

I'm so excited about what God has done in the midst of Mud Pike Baptist Church I can hardly contain myself. First of all, I have a church full of God fearing, bible believing, law abiding citizens, who genuinely love each other and me. As a new pastor one of my main prayers has been for God to give me a heart and desire to love those whom I serve. To love someone or something denotes desiring the best possible result or outcome for that individual or thing. Therefore, love is sometimes rejected when you are challenging and pushing those you love to go higher, reach further, do better, love more, and to seek first the kingdom of God. There's nothing tougher than tough love. However, it is no secret that the biggest room in our lives is the room for improvement! If you've never had a chance to stop by and look in, we are having a series of summer events we'd love for you to check out. But most of all come and feel the love that saturates our sanctuary on Sunday. I believe that you'll be blessed.

In His Service,

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