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It does everyone good to sit and contemplate once and a while. As I began this article, that is what brought me to this point. Staring at a blank page and wondering what words need to be put there. To communicate a truth that may make a difference in someone's life is an awesome responsibility. Pastors or ministers have this responsibility each and every week. There is much time, thought and work in the preparation and delivery of a sermon. Please pray for each pastor as they plan to share a "Word From God" from week to week.

The end of April and the beginning of May brought back memories of the floods of 2010. However, it appears the floods of this year are going to surpass the previous floods. The tornados and their destruction have brought many to prayer and thoughtfulness. These acts of nature have once again given Southern Baptists and other Christian groups the opportunity to get outside the walls of the church and reach out into the community in the name of Christ. Lives have been turned upside down and changed forever. Once again, this points us to Christ who is our only hope. Things, possessions and even life are temporary. No one knows the day, or the hour that death will invade and steal life from us. Therefore, the Boy Scout motto and the Gospel of Mark are mottos we should all ascribe to. Both state, "Be Prepared". If we are prepared, nothing will catch us by surprise. Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5, that we are not children of the night but of the day. The darkness should not overtake us. He warns us to watch and be sober.

I have read and seen where people have been helping others during these uncertain days. A catastrophe should not be the thing that causes us to see our neighbor in a different light. With our eyes open, we see people who are in need: physically, materially, and spiritually. We will help with the first two much quicker than the last one. Remember the words of Matthew 28:19-20 and as we go, let us make disciples and be light and salt in a world of darkness and a world that has lost its taste.

Doing together what we cannot do alone.

