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State of the Church Report

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We are a kingdom-minded church. If the State of the church is going to change then those that have changed been changed through-by the power of the Holy spirit of God must continue to read, study the word of God and above all to apply God's word by pray. Psalms chapter 86 and verse 11 say to teach me thy way O' Lord, and I will walk in your truth: unite my heart to fear your name and in 2nd Chronicles chapter 7 verse 14 reads: If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then i will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sins and heal the land. Truly this world is filled with people whose minds are full of chaos and confusion. God is speaking to the church to turn away from the wicked ways and he will give us what we are praying for through the church and in the world. In the last two years there has been more rioting, killings, injuries, bombs being planted in the front door of people's homes and assaults on the black community toward the black male and female. The black male population is slowly becoming extinct due to imprisonment and a heavy gay population. Above all there is the President of the United States that contributes to all types of wickedness and racial disturbances because of his upbringing, and his psychological problems.

In the past few months there have been pastors that have turned the table on their congregations and have given their consent to seat themselves around the table with the main contributor to much of the unnecessary problems in the world today which is the current president. He is showing the world that he has control and uses his abusive power to do so in the world. He has sat in privacy with the President of Russia and to this day there is no privy to the conversation but instead the people that voted him in whether saved or not and from every political community in standing in awe as to what will happen next if we do not find a way to disconnect him from the seat of President of the United States. It seems as tho every way he turns he has a trick up his sleeve and that is where the church comes in.

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The church has the key to all answered prayers which is prayer. The church universal is called to be a watchman on the post. The tricks of the enemy of this world can be made to be brought to its lowest state. Where ever the enemy is placed in this world the church cannot be passive. The clergy of church must be actively engaging their congregations on the circumstances and conditions in this world and actively combat against anything that is not like God until it is brought low. So therefore these recommendations are to be considered that the clergy and its congregations

1. As much as needed and necessary stay current on the local and national level of events that are going on in the world.
2. Continue to study, meditate and pray God's word
3. Not only be a watchman but be the disciple God has called you to be and lead others to Christ.

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