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Program

UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Jan. 29	Dylan Atkins to speak
Feb. 5	The omnipotent God
Feb. 12	The omnipresent God
Feb. 19	The omniscient God
Feb. 26	The just God

SUNDAY PM

Jan. 29	Who will be your preacher?
Feb. 5	Judgment Day
Feb. 12	What will happen to the Earth?
Feb. 19	Is there enough time?
Feb. 26	God will allow us to do wrong

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

January 29, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryl Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Vanalstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Tina Heinz, Jim Loper, Ronnie Morgan

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: **PM:** Micah 2:11

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Feb. 19 – Potluck and business meeting
Feb. 26 -- Singing at 5 p.m.
Feb. 26 – Business meeting

THERE IS A FAMINE IN THE LAND

Charles Coats

Famine is a terrible thing. When such happens to a land, all suffer and many die. Without proper nourishment, people become weak and sickly and life is very miserable.

But as bad as a physical famine can be, there is a worse famine that can hit a land – the spiritual famine most of the world faces day by day. In Amos 8:11, God told Israel that he would send a famine in the land, but the famine would not be of the physical kind. It would be a famine of the hearing of the word of God.

As I thought about this idea of a famine of God's word in the land, I could not help but think of those who are spiritually wick and sickly, and because of this their lives are miserable, offering no hope to them. And I also

thought about why there would be a famine in the land. Two things stand out.

1. There would be no spreading of the word. When we consider that Jesus told us to go into the whole world and preach the gospel (Mk. 16:15), it should never be the case that the word would not be spread. We have been given a great charge that will give to people God's power to their salvation (Rom. 1:16). Would it not be a shame if those who have the word do not spread the word?
2. There would be those who reject the word (Hos. 4:6). People do not always receive with gladness the message that will bring good things to them. When faced with God's word, people understand changes will have to be made in their lives and people may not like them if they make these changes. It could be that they would rather live a life of sin. Whatever the case, people will reject God's word, thus creating their own famine.

Whether there is a lack of spreading the word or whether people are rejecting the word, the end result is the same – there is no hearing of the word of God. And, when man gets away from God's word, he takes the path that will lead to his destruction (Jer. 10:23; Prov. 14:12; Matt. 7:13,14).

As we think about our lives, we need to make certain of two things as Christians. First, we must spread the word throughout this land. Secondly, we must always be sure that we do not reject the word of God.

Physical famines come and go and there is nothing we can do about those. However, there is no excuse for spiritual famine.