

It is the end of an era, that is if you want to call just over a year an “era”. It was an amazing run but now things are changing and thus many are forced to find ways to adapt. It is not easy to make significant life changes, but it is during these times that the character of a person shows its true colors. And the era-ending moment in which I am referring, it is the closing of business of Two Daughters Coffee 😞 (Somewhere my wife is rolling her eyes).

*Is Pastor Eric being serious here?*

Well, if you know me, you already know the answer to that question. But I am also being serious in sharing this “light-hearted” example. (“Light-hearted” is in quotes because coffee is very serious for me, but I digress, again). Anyway, things do change and thus people must adapt. Sometimes it is easy to fill the void (I have already ordered from a new coffee supplier), but at other times, it can cause significant upheaval and stress.

It is June and hence our “summer season” is upon us. Families are taking advantage of the summer weather and school summer vacation to enjoy the lake, take family vacations, etc. And there are a host of other reasons why it is easy to note the significant change happening around here. The result, therefore, is decreased worship attendance and hence a drop in offerings.

*Oh great, the Pastor is talking about money again.*

I only say this because that even though it is summer and activities at church have slowed down, ministry is still happening here. The church does not have a summer break, nor do we want the church to take a break. We are still worshipping and caring for souls. We are still planning activities and ministry opportunities. The building is still open, and the electric meter is still running. Granted, an “era” is not coming to an end, this is just a temporary season (I hope), but adjustments need to be made all the same. And so, I urge you to remember your church and church family this summer, but also, remember your own souls:

(1) Care for yourself by staying connected with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Satan loves solo-flying Christians because they are easier to pick off.

(2) Remember your financial support. Unfortunately, bills do not take a summer break.

(3) Pray for me and this ministry (I am still preaching, writing, and teaching).

(4) Pray, pray, and pray some more, spending quality time with God.

(5) Read your Bible.

(6) Worship, if not here then wherever you are vacationing.

(7) And finally, in all that you do, do it for the glory of God.

Have a happy and great summer everyone and praise be to God.