

**Second Baptist Church of Doylestown**  
**40 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING**  
**DAY 30 – June 5, 2017**

**An End Time Church**

*“The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.” 1 Peter 4:7*

Have you heard the story about the man who woke up early in the morning, looked at the clock, and the time was 3:33? He looked over at the calendar and noticed it was the third day of the third month. As he rose from the bed he remembered that he lived on Third Street in the third house. When he read the morning paper he became even more excited because at the horse races that day there was a horse named Trio in the third race. He rushed to the bank, withdrew his life's savings and rushed to the racetrack. He went to gate three and sat on the third row. He bet it all on Trio to win in the third race. Guess what – Trio placed third. Sometimes things do not work out the exact way we think they will or want them to.

The recipients of Peter's letter were in the same situation. They had bet it all on Jesus and believed they had a winner. But they were severely persecuted for placing their faith in Him, and wondering if being taunted and persecuted by unbelievers every day was worth it. Knowing the difference Jesus made in their lives, they answered yes! This affirmative answer still begs another question – “How can we endure until the end of the world?”

God will prepare His people before the Lord returns; the church will return to its position of power. We are beginning to witness a Pentecostal power on the church again. The tides are hitting the shores, but a tidal wave is coming! God will deal with the church as a bride as He did when she was a babe. Not everyone wants to be part of an end-time church, content to be in a safe ministry and disturbs no one. Many would love, in these last days, to sit at the feet of those preachers who will tickle their ears with “sweet Jesus” sermons and tell them all is well with their sin filled lives. End-time churches want to pray relentlessly, give tremendously, witness powerfully, and worship constantly.

**Prayer Focus:** Pray that our church is an end-time church. Ask the Lord to help us to do our utmost for Him as a church body and as individuals.