## Pastor Albrecht's Mid Week Message Wednesday October 24, 2018

## DARKNESS IS ON THE INCREASE

Ever since my TV days when I reported the weather on the early morning and noon newcasts, requiring to drag myself out of bed at 3:00am, I have never considered myself an "early riser". I don't particularly care to get up when it is still dark outside, but that's getting harder and harder to do as the sunrise times draw closer and closer to 8:00am. Fortunately, for me at least, there is some relief in sight, as we will change from Daylight to Standard Time in a week and a half. Many of us see another type of darkness increasing around us, in the form of Godlessness. Our secular society seems to have removed God from His position of absolute authority in all places except the Church, and it's working on that as well. But the truth is that God WILL NOT be removed from authority, both in the Church and in the world. He gives us power through the Holy Spirit to shine light into dark places, and that light is Christ Jesus; the Light of the world. We have the opportunity, even the command, to take Him with us wherever we go. That might cause us a bit of friction and heat, as the world pushes back against us, but we can take courage because of just who is with us, and for us. The 19th century author Frederick Douglas put it this way "One and God make a majority. "If God is for us, who can stand against us?" (Romans 8:31b) That's a good question...with a very clear answer!