

Save, Save, Save,

Such were the words that were drilled into us when we first started computing. Even now that there are automatic saves, I rarely forget to save what I'm working on.

But backing up my files, well, that's another story. Two weeks ago, on a Thursday, I entered my study and pushed the button on the computer and nothing happened. The switch had died and I could not access anything on my computer. I was suddenly cut off from upcoming sermons, this newsletter, benevolence records, the church directory being prepared for the printer, and more.

This experience is similar to having lost power at our house for the week following the hurricane. We survived the week, but if it had lasted much longer than that it would have taken a toll on us. While I have been able to use the church's other computers, I will need access to my files eventually. Getting this newsletter out has been a more complicated process than usual.

I know, now, that the stuff I use every day, every week, every month, should be stored somewhere else each day. I don't want to go through this again. We'll get access to my files eventually. But those files could have been corrupted by a surge, flood, etc. So I see now that I need to form the habit of backing up my files every day.

Computer crises happen often enough that we should know to be prepared. Other life crises happen often enough that we know we should be prepared for them. Spending time with God at the start of each day is the best thing I know to be prepared for the crises that come to us all. I encourage you to seek strength and wisdom for what may pop up unexpectedly soon in your life. It is the wise thing to do. Make sure you start your day, every day, seeking God to be your backup.