

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Lannie Key

Opening Prayer: Greg Lowery

On the Table: Head - David Key  
Servers - Bradley Box  
Charles Berryhill  
Billy Box

Closing Prayer: Ralph Burleson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Lellie Dickinson

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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# *The Value of Having A Heavenly Hope*



*The  
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Beacon*



**This World is not My Home**

By David Hersey

As the words of a popular song say, “This world is not my home; I’m just a passing thru. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue”. Jesus says, “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:20-21). We must lay up our treasures in heaven, not here on the earth. The Bible says, “And as it is appointed for man to die once, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). When we draw our last breath, what we have accumulated here on the earth will go to someone else. After we pass from this life our fate is sealed and we will be judged by what is written in the word of God (John 12:48).

Life here on earth is so temporary and short. Life passes so quickly. James 4:14 says, “Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.” Many people are living their lives as though they will live forever here on the earth. One day this earth and all of its possessions will be burned up. No one knows when this will be. “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness” (2 Peter 3:10-11).

As the words of the song continue to say, “If heaven is not my home, then Lord what will I do?” For the vast majority of people, heaven will not be their home (Matthew 22:14). Their home will be a real and never ending hell in which they will be “tormented day and night forever and ever in burning fire and brimstone” (Revelation 20:10, 15). But for the few whose home is heaven, “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4).

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: has been diagnosed with cancer, please pray that it will be treatable

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury and is in Shepherd’s in Atlanta, please keep him and family in your prayers

Randy Pickard, Sr.: dealing with some health problems, please pray that the doctors will be able to help him

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Wyatt Spann: found new spot on his brain and lower spine, please pray that he will win this fight and defeat this cancer

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: (Lindsey's son) diagnosed with arthritis he is 2 years old, pray that he will receive successful treatment for this arthritis

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian's Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Judy Shirley: had part of her lung removed because of cancer and is waiting to hear from the doctors, please pray that she will receive good news

Mary Box: recovering from cracked ribs and some other health problems, please pray that she will get better

Ren Garrison (Donna Martian's Nephew): will have an operation October 17<sup>th</sup> dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that surgery will be successful in dealing with this problem.

Tyler Upton: obtained severe injuries from a recent automobile accident and is showing signs of improvement will be going to Shepherd's in Atlanta, please keep him and his family in your prayers

DeWayne Wilkinson: had surgery for blood clot in his leg, please pray that he will have a successful recovery

Hollie Wayne Spiller: dealing with some health problems, please pray that the doctors will be able to treat his problems successfully

The apostle Paul was longing to leave this world and go home to heaven. He says, "For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you...For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:23-24, 3:20).

As mortal human beings we cannot begin to imagine how great and wonderful heaven will be. We cannot comprehend its glory. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:9. "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." We have, "an inheritance incorruptible and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:4), "knowing that you have a better and enduring possession for yourselves in heaven" (Hebrews 10:34). As human beings we are eternal in that we have a soul that lives forever in one of two places. Our home will be either heaven or hell. We make the choice as to where we will go while we are here on Earth. If one is not preparing to go to heaven he will end up in hell.

Jesus taught, "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..." (Matthew 6:33). Our number one goal in this life must be for heaven to be our home. "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). No one will accidentally go to heaven.

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*This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through  
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue;  
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door,  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.*

**Where is Heaven?**

By Robert Notgrass

Heaven is a real place, but often it is overlooked because it cannot be seen. Solomon asked, “Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth” (Eccl. 3:21)? By this verse, we know that there is a difference between the beast of the field and the sons of men. As with mankind, “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it” (Eccl. 12:7). So, the spirit is to go back up to God and also, heaven is a real place up there. But, to know that this is true, consider the following:

God has prepared heaven for us. Jesus said, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (Jn. 14:1-3). Would God create some place that could not be located? Certainly, heaven is a spiritual realm, but this does not mean that heaven is fake! Christ said that heaven is very real.

The Bible teaches that Christ ascended into heaven. It states, “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:9-11). The apostle Paul said that Christ had ascended far above all heavens (Eph. 4:8-10). And when Jesus returns, he will descend from heaven once again. “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:” (2 Thess. 4:16). Yet, one is left wandering exactly where Jesus went and will return from if heaven is not an actual place.

Isaiah said that the high and lofty One, whose name is holy, inhabits eternity and dwells in the high and holy place (Isa. 57:15). John wrote, “After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter” (Rev. 4:1). The fact is that Jesus has promised to prepare a special place that

cannot be denied (Jn. 14:2). Furthermore, it cannot be denied because that which exists in heaven is greater than what is found on earth. The Hebrew writer penned, “For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount” (Heb. 8:3-5). “For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:” (Heb.. 9:24). Now, this point would be unnecessary if heaven were not a real place.

Therefore, heaven must not be thought of as one’s figment of their imagination, nor should it be thought of as just a feeling or an emotional sentiment. It is a real place. It is the place where God abides (Matt. 7:21; 10:32-33). Heaven is where the Messiah is and the wonderful truth of it all is that heaven is the place where the faithful of all the ages will abide throughout eternity. So, the fact that heaven cannot be touched with hands, heard with our ears, seen with our eyes, smelt with our noses or tasted with our mouths does not in any sense of the word make heaven any less real. Perhaps we are spending too much time contemplating if heaven is real or not and miss the most important question about heaven which is: How can I get there? It matters not exactly where heaven is located. It matters that it is there and that we need to be in the right relationship to Jesus and to heaven.

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**Upcoming Events**

Today	Turn In Change Can’s For Potter’s Home
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nursing Home 2:00 pm
October 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Gospel Meeting {Byron Longcrier}