

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Josh Berryhill

Opening Prayer: Eddie Dickinson

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery  
Servers - Ralph Burleson  
Billy Box  
Bradley Box

Closing Prayer: David Key

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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Elders: Leonard Key / David Key  
Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

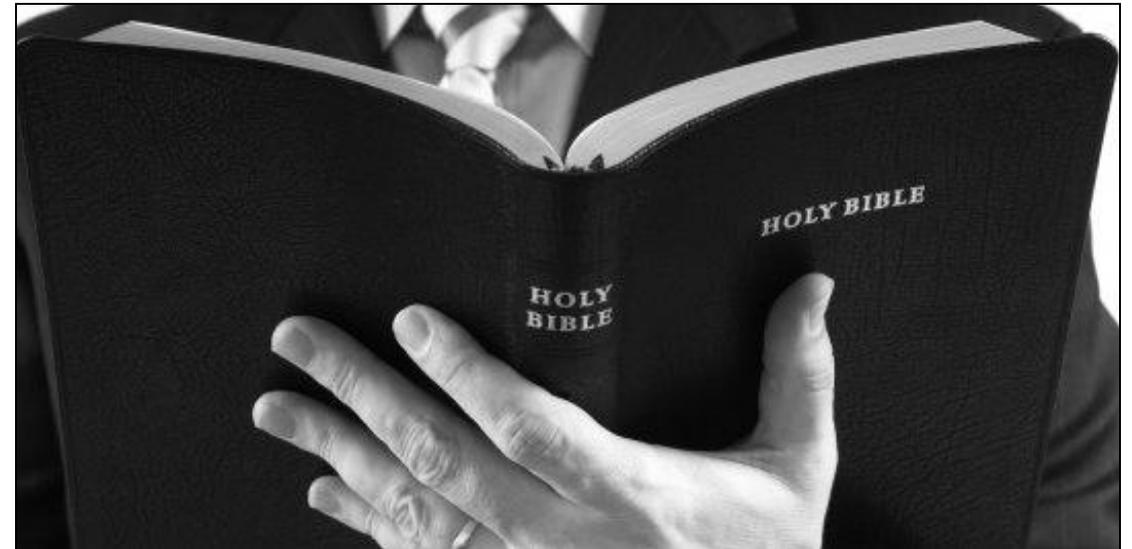
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# Gospel Meeting



*The  
Brilliant  
Beacon*



**Giving Up Glory**

By Lee Parish

Heaven is the place we all want to go. Heaven is the greatest place imaginable because it is the dwelling place of Deity. Why would anyone willingly leave heaven?

I once had a discussion with someone who feared sinning and being cast out of heaven. I suggested that while angels were cast out (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6), it was not possible for us to sin and thus be banished from God’s presence.

Sin requires temptation (James 1:14, 15). There will be no temptations for us in heaven, and thus no possibility to sin. This is a great comfort to me, for I desperately want to live forever with my Lord. Once my glorified body is taken to heaven I can not imagine ever wishing to leave.

But one was willing to leave heaven. One was willing to give up glory. One was willing to temporarily abdicate his eternal position to enter the temporal realm.

We often focus on the great sacrifice of the cross, and with good reason. The cross is the central focus of God’s redemptive plan. In salvation we reenact the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (Romans 6:3, 4).

Christians are compelled to look back to the death of Christ each Lord’s day (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7). The power of forgiveness resides in the power of the cross. We must not neglect it.

But should we increase our focus upon the sacrifice of leaving heaven? Not the incarnation itself, that beautiful act has our focus, but rather the initial act of the sacrifice of heaven.

The Word is eternal. He had all glory, all power, all prestige. Jesus prayed to the Father, “Glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed” (John 17:5).

**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

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

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin’s Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Ruth Addison: ongoing health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

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Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on traveling to Italy for gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Tony Lawrence: please continue to pray that he will continue to improve

Virgie McMillan (mother of Ann Box: dealing with complications from a recent stroke, please keep her in your prayers

Don Lawrence: had a temporary knee replacement because of an infection. He will be taking antibiotics to clear up the infection and then will have a total knee replacement; please be praying that the infection will clear up

Karen Chaffin: has had fainting spells, please pray that the doctors can determine what is wrong and that she will have no serious problems

Nelda York Bishop: is scheduled to have spinal surgery in a few weeks, please be praying that the surgery will be successful

Jamie Long: scheduled for hernia surgery October 19<sup>th</sup>, please be praying that there will be no complication with the surgery

**Upcoming Events**

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| Today           | Fellowship Meal                              |
| Today-Wednesday | Gospel Meeting<br>(James Wyers)              |
|                 | {Remember tonight's service time is 7:30 pm} |

When we read the visions of heaven granted to a select few, we see a glimpse of the majesty of God. He is so glorious as to be praised continually. Yet our Lord freely emptied himself of that glory (Philippians 2:6, 7).

Without the cross there is no salvation. Let us not diminish the sacrifice that Christ made, the suffering, the humiliation, and the agony of it. But without the Word leaving heaven, there is no cross.

Knowing this world I cannot imagine leaving heaven for it. Our God did just that for me and for you. Ponder that before you praise him in prayer and song. What a sacrifice! What a Savior!

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**Why I Want to Go to Heaven**



Heaven is a Prepared Place for a Prepared People!

- BECAUSE THE GODHEAD WILL BE THERE
- BECAUSE OF ITS NATURE
- BECAUSE MY TREASURE IS THERE
- BECAUSE MY CITIZENSHIP IS THERE
- BECAUSE MY HOPE IS THERE
- BECAUSE IT IS FAR BETTER
- BECAUSE MY REDEMPTION WILL BE REALIZED
- BECAUSE ALL THE REDEEMED WILL BE THERE
- BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO MORE SUFFERING
- BECAUSE HELL IS THE ALTERNATIVE



**He Will Provide the Food**

By Dan Jenkins

God has not promised us T-bone steaks for every meal, but He has promised us that He will provide the food for us.

He provided the food for Elijah during the 42 months of famine. With Ahab and Jezebel seeking to destroy this prophet, God supplied him food the entire time. As long as the brook Cherith had water, the birds brought him two meals each day with bread and meat. When the drought became so severe that the brook dried up, God provided him and widow of Zarephath with food.

He provided food for the Jews on their forty-year journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. Before they arrived at Mt. Sinai, He gave them manna in the morning and quails in the evening (Ex. 16:13). The psalmist described it this way, "He also rained meat on them like the dust, feather fowl like the sand of the seas" (Psa. 78:27). As soon as they entered the Promised Land, the manna ceased (Josh. 5:12).

David understood that God would provide food for His people. "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread" (Psa. 37:25). Think of David who spent years fleeing from King Saul. Yet in spite of all the adversity the evil king brought into David's life, God took care of him. God provided the food he needed. David saw that God fed His people.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes a great contrast between how saints look toward food and the way that unbelievers look at it. "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all of these things the Gentiles seek" (Matt. 6:31-32). Those who are not God's children must, of necessity, be fearful that they might not have food. Those empty shelves in Publix are a major concern to them. Our Lord says that we should not have a single concern and then He gives the reason. "For your heavenly Father knows you have need of all these things."

Later in that sermon, Jesus discussed how an earthly father would not give a stone to his child who asks for bread. The Lord's prayer says we should ask every day for daily bread and with firm assurance He will provide. "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will you Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him" (Matt. 7:11)!

Our godly grandparents dealt with the Great Depression and not one of them starved. How did this happen? Because they took seriously the final thing Jesus said about this. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Think about this in these trying days as you pray that He will provide daily bread.

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**Putting God First**



**"But seek you first the kingdom of God"**  
Matthew 6:33



**"You shall have no other gods before me."**  
Exodus 20:3

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**PUTTING  
GOD  
FIRST  
INVOLVES  
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- **LOVING HIM ABOVE ALL ELSE AND OTHERS**
- **CONFORMING ONE'S LIFE TO HIS PRINCIPLES**
- **STUDYING HIS WORD DILIGENTLY**
- **SERVING FAITHFULLY IN THE CHURCH**
- **LETTING HIM HAVE THE GLORY FOR YOUR WORK**
- **ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICES FAITHFULLY**
- **BEING REGULAR IN PRAYER**
- **GIVING OF YOUR FINANCIAL MEANS AS YOU HAVE BEEN PROSPERED**
- **MAKING HIM KNOWN TO OTHERS**
- **NEVER COMPROMISING HIS TRUTH**
- **BEING THE BEST CHRISTIAN YOU CAN BE**



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