

## HEAVEN —HOME OF THE SOUL

Heaven will be a sweet type of home (Ecc. 12:5). It is the home that awaits us beyond the grave, a place of eternal bliss. There the friendships on earth, which cruel death has severed, will never more be broken. In heaven, parted loved ones and friends shall meet again, never to be separated.

It is an inspiring hope that when we become separated here on earth by death, and when a few more years have rolled over the heads of some of us remaining, that we, if we have been faithful Christians “unto death” (Rev. 2:10), shall meet again in heaven. This will be our eternal home. There we will dwell in the presence of our heavenly Father forever. Death will never knock on the door of those mansions. In that land there will not be a single grave or a funeral service.

Aged parents rejoice very much when on special days, like birthdays or holidays, they have their children back home for visits. There is almost always a son or a daughter absent, absent from the country, or perhaps absent from the world. But how our heavenly Father, who created the earthly home, will rejoice in that day in heaven, the eternal home of the soul, when He and all His faithful children are with Him in glory! How glad parents, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and cousins will be to meet again after a long separation. That will really be a great “family reunion.” Perhaps a score or two years ago they parted at the grave. Now they meet again, never to be separated. May the circle be unbroken.

Jesus is now preparing a place for us. He said to His disciples., “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.” (John 14:3) Home! “O, think of the home over there”. No sorrow, no crying, no tears, no death. Home sweet home! Beautiful home! Glorious Home! Home with each other! Home with the angels! Home with God and Christ, our dear Savior, Home! Through the rich grace of our Lord and by our obedience to His will, may we all reach our heavenly home (Rev. 22:14). —Bulletin Digest

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SUN: 9:00am - Worship

10:15am - Bible Study

6:00pm - Worship

WED: 6:30pm - Bible Study

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## CARL'S THOUGHTS:

Once again, we are elated with 206 staying for our Bible classes. What a great way for us to know about the one God that we worship.

We are so happy with the activities of all our young people. So many of our parents are actively involved in the planning of these activities. Fellowship is so important for our young people. They need to be with other Christians as often as possible.

The Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes is one of the great programs of the Main Street church of Christ. It equips our young people with the knowledge and skill to become Bible teachers, personal workers, effective speakers, song leaders. April 22-24th of this year there are 6 convention sites—Atlanta, GA, Dallas TX, Indianapolis, IN, Memphis, TN, Nashville, TN & Orlando, FL. The theme this year is based upon John 14:21: “*He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me. And he that loveth me and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him*” Encourage our young people!

**Keep your eye on the cross of Jesus Christ!**

Wednesday February 9, 2011

**FOR THE RECORD**

Morning Worship: (Feb. 6) .....	276
Bible Study .....	206
Evening Worship.....	169
Midweek Bible Study (Feb. 2) .....	159
Contribution: (Feb. 6)) .....	\$6,314

**HOSPITAL**

**Jodi Middlebrook**, Vanderbilt, Rm. 1020  
(daughter of Glenda West)

**Ricky Milburn**, Select Specialty Hos., Rm. 4517  
(father of Stephanie Vaughn)

**AT HOME**

**Dessie Taylor, Fairy Johnson, Sally Owens,  
Beverly Vanover, Kenneth Poff, Polly Gibson,  
Michael Smith, Dan Mullins, Clara West,  
Sandy Penwell, Susie Hastings, Garland Brown,  
Charles Berry.**

**PANTRY ITEMS**

**Cereal, Crackers, Corn Muffin Mix.**

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Sterling Wayne Shelton whose graveside service was Sunday, Feb. 6th @ the Holland Hill cemetery in Normandy.

Also, our sympathy is extended to the family of Kim Eden who passed from this life Monday night. Her memorial service will be here at Main St., March 3rd @ 5:00pm.

**CARE TEAM MEETING**

Coy & Jewell Noblitt's Care Team #1 breakfast meeting has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 12th @ 8:30am @ Emma's.

**LADS TO LEADERS**

There will be a Valentine party for the Lads to Leaders, Sunday, Feb. 13th following Bible Study in the fellowship hall. Pizza will be provided. After lunch, Valentine baskets will be assembled and delivered to local nursing home patients. Anyone **participating** in Lads to Leaders, please plan to attend.

**MEN TO SERVE**

**THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. FEB. 13:**

**9:00AM**

**Announcements:** Bob Kerce  
**Song Leader:** Wayne Rigney  
**First Prayer:** Jayson Little  
**Scripture:** Don Gregory  
**Closing Prayer:** Chuck Henegar

**6:00PM**

**Song Leader:** Wayne Rigney  
**First Prayer:** Tim Brown  
**Scripture:** Don Gregory  
**Closing Prayer:** John McInturff

**A.M.: "One of the Seven"** (Acts 6:8-15)

**P.M.: "Reformation—Restoration"** (Acts 20:17-31)

**PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. FEB. 13:**

Blake Williams & Aaron Vaughn

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. FEB. 13:**

Dawn Willmore & Betty West

**THOSE TO SERVE, WED. FEB. 16:**

**Devotional:** Carl Sims  
**Announcements:** Carl Russell  
**Opening Prayer:** Adam Willmore  
**Closing Prayer:** Frank Penney  
**Song Leader:** Michael Broadrick

**Please remember to notify David Sullivan @  
607-1580 if you are not able to serve at your  
appointed time.**

**V.B.S. PLANNING MEETING**

There will be a V.B.S. planning meeting Sunday, Feb. 20th following pm worship in the fellowship hall. Anyone interested in helping with V.B.S. please plan to attend. Please bring finger foods.

**BAPTISM**

Our hearts were made to rejoice over the recent baptism of David Wilkerson. He & his wife Wendy live at 151 Hendrixson Dr. Phone: 615-653-8711. A7/15, M5/20, F11/30.

**CD INFORMATION**

If you are getting a CD of the Sunday ser-

vice, we are no longer mailing them, locally. You will need to pick up your CD in the foyer the next Wednesday night or Sunday morning.



Our family is grateful, lifted, touched and encouraged by your prayers, phone calls, visits, preparing of food, hosting the repast and other acts of kindness during the recent sudden loss of our beloved son, Neal. The ladies of the church that welcomed us and served us at the repast truly set a tone of wonderful Christian hospitality. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL**

George & Evelyn Maxwell & family

**KNOW YOUR BIBLE MEMORIAL**

A donation has been made to "**Know Your Bible**" in memory of Sterling Wayne Shelton & Neal Maxwell by Jim & Peggy Thompson.

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE**

Lessons Graded (2/2-2/8).....	1,15
Requests For Personal Contact.....	0
Students served .....	406

**STUDENT COMMENTS**

I am learning a lot in this course and the questions helps me understand the Bible better. (Ville Platte, LA)

I am enjoying these studies. Thanks! (Baton Rouge, LA)

**CORRECTED FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY**

12-Mallory Rogers

**READ THE NEW TESTAMENT THRU:**

Barbara Kinslow & Jim Thompson.

**JUST MAYBE**

How many times have you let a really good opportunity pass by? We all probably have tales we could share with each "One-upping" the next. And who knows how many

got away that we never knew about!

God expects His people to be opportunistic. Paul instructed, "*Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially those who are of the household of faith*" (Galatians 6:10). Now, I understand Paul's context here. Clearly he means as occasions to be generous and do good things come, do it. Some brethren would have us to place restrictions here that the Holy Spirit did not place. Frankly, it's a pretty straightforward command that is quite easy to understand. When the opportunity is there, seize it! Don't let the occasion get away. There's nothing real tough there. Well, nothing other than opportunities to do good, be it benevolence or evangelism. How can we prepare ourselves for the opportunities God grants? I like Jonathan's approach.

Jonathan and his armor bearer went against a Philistine garrison, declaring, "*it may be that the Lord will work for us*" (I Samuel 14:6). They didn't know what God would do, but they also did not know what God wouldn't do. So they decided to find out. If God chose to do nothing, things would not go well for them. But on the chance He would do something they decided to act.

Have you ever stepped up to serve God based on what "may be?" If you are like most, the answer is "no." They want assurances that God does not feel obliged to grant. He did not owe Jonathan an explanation or promise other than what He gives to all His people; "Be faithful until death, and I will give you a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Jonathan saw the Philistine garrison as an opportunity, so without any special assurance, he attempted to seize it.

Jesus told the one-talent man (Matthew 25) that he should have seized the opportunity to see what God might do. He even told him that He would have been happier if he'd failed at trying rather than succeeded at doing nothing. As he should have done, so we must look for opportunities to serve God, and once we have come to the best course we can figure out, move ahead to see if "*it may be that the Lord will work for us.*"

—Tom Lynch