

## Serving This Week:

### Sunday Morning

**Announcements:** Howell Todd  
**Song Leader:** Kyle Richardson  
**Opening Prayer:** Howell Todd  
**Lord's Supper**  
**Presiding:** Ken Grandstaff  
**Serving:** Eric Horne  
Kyle Richardson  
**Preaching:** Howell Todd  
**Closing Prayer:** Kyle Richardson

### Sunday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff  
**Preaching:** Howell Todd  
**Closing Prayer:** Brian Horner

### Wednesday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Kyle Richardson  
**Devotional:** Howell Todd  
**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

### Serving Next Sunday:

**Lord's Supper:** Brian Horner  
**Preaching:** Brian Horner  
**Opening Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff  
**Closing Prayer:** Howell Todd

**To all our visitors - Welcome!**  
**We hope you will come back**  
**and worship with us soon!**

## TEAM MEETINGS

**Correspondence** - Sunday evenings after worship see Kyle Richardson.  
**Visitation/Bible Study** - For assignments see Brian Horner.  
**Member Care** - Regarding Member needs contact Kyle Richardson.  
**Flower Request** - Please call Lynda Ann Sparkman: 444.0938(h) 587.8187(c)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sign Up!

Plenty of spots open for cleaning the building and yard work.

## Pantry:

Please let Howell know of anyone in our community who needs help!

## Building Fund:

**Collected:** \$6,178

**Goal:** \$20,000

All money donated will go towards roof repair.

## God's Plan of Salvation

**Hear** the Word

(Rom 10:17)

**Believe** in Jesus

(John 8:24)

**Repent** of your sins

(Luke 13:3)

**Confess** faith in Christ

(Rom 10:10)

Be **Baptized** for forgiveness of sins

(Acts 2:38)

Live **Faithfully**

(1 Cor. 15:58)

## Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
<b>Sunday</b> ( <i>Epistles</i> )	Romans 15-16
<b>Monday</b> ( <i>The Law</i> )	Genesis 28-31
<b>Tuesday</b> ( <i>History</i> )	Judges 12-16
<b>Wednesday</b> ( <i>Psalms</i> )	Psalms 21-23
<b>Thursday</b> ( <i>Poetry</i> )	Job 15-16
<b>Friday</b> ( <i>Prophecy</i> )	Isaiah 40-44
<b>Saturday</b> ( <i>Gospels</i> )	Matthew 20-22

# Bethel church of Christ

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM  
Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

## Is It Hell or Hades?

The titled question is asked a lot these days. Since the Bible uses the term "hell" with some frequency, it is important that we understand its meaning. Depending on the Bible translation one is using, the term "hell" may represent one of two things: (1) Hades, or (2) Eternal Punishment. For example, the King James Version uses the term for both.

In **Matthew 16:18** (KJV) it says, "*And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*" Being that the New Testament was written in Greek, we look to the original language – and what we discover is that the word "hell" in Matthew 16:18 is actually "Hades" in Greek. Hades is defined as "the common receptacle of disembodied spirits" (Online Bible Greek Lexicon); "the abode of departed spirits" (New American Standard Greek Lexicon); "the place of departed souls" (Strong's Complete Dictionary of Bible Words). Some occasionally refer to Hades as "the grave of the soul" because that's where a person's soul goes when they physically die (**Lk. 16:19-31**).

Since most English speaking Bibles rely on the Masoretic Text for the Old Testament, the original language of the Old Testament (in those Bibles) is based on Hebrew (with some Aramaic) as the original language. As a result, the word for "the place of departed souls" in the Old Testament is not "Hades" but "Sheol." Both are a reference to the same exact place (**Ps. 16:10; Acts 2:27**).

Without question the most detail given in the Bible of this "common receptacle of disembodied spirits" is found in **Luke 16:19-31**. While some believe this is simply a parable, it nonetheless offers insight into what happens to the soul (between now and the Judgment Day) when a person dies physically. In that passage Jesus describes two people who physically die. Both of them (their souls) went to Hades (**vv. 23-26**). One of them, a beggar named Lazarus, was comforted there, whereas the other one, a rich man, was tormented there (**v. 25**). The passage reveals that those in torment (the condemned) are separated from

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those comforted (the saved, **Lk. 23:43**) by a great impassable gulf so that none can cross from one side to the other (**v. 26**).

It is worthy to note that when Jesus died on the cross He did not go to heaven – nor did He go to hell (Gr., gehenna), as some suppose; rather, He went to Hades. Peter confirms this in **Acts 2:27** when he quotes David's prophecy concerning Christ: "*For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*" He added, "*he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption*" (**v. 31**). Additional proof that Jesus did not go to heaven when He died is seen in His statement to Mary Magdalene in **John 20:17** after His resurrection: "*Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father...'*"

In a nutshell, this is what the Bible teaches about where souls go when people physically die between now and the Judgment. The Bible mentions nothing of "Purgatory," "Limbo," "Nirvana," etc. (these are all man-made concepts).

Please look for "Part Two" in this small series as we continue to answer the question, "Is there really a Hell?"

Aaron Veyon - [churchofchristarticles.com](http://churchofchristarticles.com)

## How Are You?

When somebody greets you with a friendly, "How are you"? Think about that question from another point of view. How are you spending precious time God gives you every day? How are you at making certain you're not wasting it away?

How are you showing others in your heart you really care? When they need a helping hand, How are you at being there? How are you at overcoming life's temptations filled with sin? How are you at telling Satan that he's not invited in?

Each time we hear that greeting may our conscience proudly shine, so when we're asked, "How're you" we can say, "I'm doing fine".

Rob Tranmer  
Rockmart church of Christ

## Jamaica Report

Our days began with a devotional given by one of the men of our group. After the devotionals every morning, our group went to the Sandy Bay Church building to meet with Jamaicans to start the door knocking. We split up into groups of two and were then dropped off in one of the surrounding neighborhoods. Palmedow Meadows, Inverness, and Green Bottom are some of the areas we worked in. There were 40 students as a result of our efforts, and a total of 95 Bible studies were conducted with these students. At three o'clock our Bible studies and door knocking or "Gate Hollering" as we called it came to an end for the start of VBS. Our first day we had a total of 45 children, we continued to grow each day. The second day our attendance was 101, the third day attendance was 129, the fourth day attendance was a record breaking 148, our number dropped just a little to 138 for the last day of the Sandy Bay Church of Christ's VBS. During the second week of our work we had a teachers work shop for the ladies of the Sandy Bay and Old Harbor congregations. We had an attendance of about 21 ladies, with some women as young as 20 attending. We had a total of 5 baptisms while on the island, but shortly after our return to the U.S. There were 2 more baptisms as a result of our work. We are very excited about the work we were able to do, and we hope to return next year to help continue the evangelism of the Jamaican people. We thank you so very much for all of your support and prayers for this trip. Bryanna and I couldn't have done it without your help. I am planning to return next year, and all support would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute please send a check made out to Bethel Church of Christ marked for the Jamaica mission. The address is 2427 Sparta Pike, Lebanon TN 37090.

Rissa and Bryanna Morris

## Remember in Prayer

### Shut Ins:

Fannie Bell Warren  
Janelle Arrington  
William Wells

### Others:

Hollis Cluck  
Muril Todd  
Karen Hudson - cancer  
Christy Garrett  
The Bryan Family  
Annie and JW Smith  
Margie Taylor  
Priscilla and Patrick Graves  
Jessica Richardson  
Dan Smith  
Diane Grandstaff and family  
Joe Allen  
Linda Kay Edwards - surgery recovery  
Janice Garrett  
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister  
Lila Kirk  
Wanda Gates - cancer  
Kathy Greer  
Jeff Greenblatt - auto accident  
Forbes Family

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests: Kyle Richardson (495-7106) Dorothy Jean Smith (444-5437)

## February Birthdays:

24 - Delores Wright

***"Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"***

*Isaiah 40:9*