

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Brian Horner
Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
Lord's Supper
Presiding: Ken Grandstaff
Serving: Eric Horne
Austin Horne
Preaching: Brian Horner
Closing Prayer: Dan Smith

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Austin Horne
Preaching: Brian Horner
Closing Prayer: Howell Todd

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
Devotional: Brian Horner
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Howell Todd
Preaching: Howell Todd
Opening Prayer: Dan Smith
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

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

Potter's Food Drive:

Have all items here by Wed!
Aluminum Foil
Cheerios
Toilet Paper
Chunk Pineapple
Shortening

Singing Night!

Potluck afterwards. Invite your friends!

Pantry:

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

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
Sunday (<i>Epistles</i>)	Romans 1-2
Monday (<i>The Law</i>)	Genesis 1-3
Tuesday (<i>History</i>)	Joshua 1-5
Wednesday (<i>Psalms</i>)	Psalms 1-2
Thursday (<i>Poetry</i>)	Job 1-2
Friday (<i>Prophecy</i>)	Isaiah 1-6
Saturday (<i>Gospels</i>)	Matthew 1-2

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

In Heaven...

Will Christians Know One Another in Heaven?

If we are to see those who we love and are faithful to God no more, who have left the land of the living, who have passed beyond the door of death never to return to earth again, if there is no future recognition, then the moment of parting at the grave becomes the hour of final separation. Furthermore, if there is no recognition in Heaven, then all faithful souls will be total strangers, every memory we now possess will be obliterated, and every bond severed, and as strangers, we will enter Heaven and live forever and ever. It cannot be, that when our loved ones leave our physical hands, and our hearts make testimonies to the love and affection we feel for them, and the memories that are deeply established in our hearts, that it is all for vain. The fact is that, the soul longs for the assurance of a happy reunion beyond the door of death. Therefore, we search for evidence in the scriptures that such a longing is not a delusion nor a fantasy. And it is in the Bible where it tells us that heaven is a place of reunion.

Notice the expression, "*and he was gathered to his people*" as it is mentioned in regards to the death of: Abraham (**Gen. 25:8**), Ishmael (**Gen. 25:17**), Isaac (**Gen. 35:29**), Jacob (**Gen. 49:33**), Aaron (**Numb. 20:24**) and Moses (**Numb. 27:12-13**). Now while some say that this just means that they died and were buried together, this does not fit the facts because Abraham was buried in a cave at Machpelah (**Gen. 25:9**) which was not the burial place of his ancestors! They had been buried in Ur of the Chaldees (**Gen. 11:26**) which at the time, was on the other side of the known world (roughly 900 miles by foot). Also, Moses died by himself on the mountain by which no man knew the place where he was buried (**Deut. 34:6**).

Next, notice David's reaction to the death of his son in which he says, "*Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me*" (**2 Sam. 12:23**). David was showing that he would be reunited with his son showing personal recognition.

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Then, notice the mount of transfiguration where Peter, James and John recognized the identity of Moses and Elijah whom they had never seen before. (Lk. 9:33) Interestingly, Luke records that they were called "men," not spirits.

Then, there is the Rich man and Lazarus. Now, some say that this is just a parable and not fact. Yet, whether a parable or fact is irrelevant. It shows mankind what happens at death otherwise, it would be worthless for these truths (Jn. 17:17) to be mentioned in the Bible. Notice that the Rich man knew Lazarus, he knew Abraham, he remembered his brothers, he had sight, he cried, and Abraham told him to "remember his life that he had lived" (Lk. 16:25).

Finally, notice Matt. 8:11: Jesus said, "That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven." Now, what would be the point of sitting with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob if we had no idea of who was who in Heaven? No, This further proves full recognition.

When faithful Christians come together in Heaven, we will know each other by name including all those we have never met from the beginning of time until the very end of it. Therefore, when we die, it is never goodbye because there will be a day, when we will gather together once again in Heaven with God, forever to stay.

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BLESSINGS:

The blessings of God are abundantly bestowed on all those who follow Him. God's blessings are not simply a reward for godly living but a gift from a loving Father. Life's blessings are not a measure of who we are but of who God is. God promises personal blessings to those who follow Him in obedience and exhorts His people to be a blessing to others (Gen 12:2-3). Christians need only to reflect back over their own lives to discover blessings from God. While blessings are experienced in different ways, provision, protection, and salvation are among God's greatest blessings. The goodness of God is also apparent when Christians look around at present blessings. Health, family, friends, and ministry are among God's choicest blessings. Christians can also look ahead to future blessings. God promises continual blessings on earth and eternal blessings in heaven. The wonderful blessings of God should be remembered, not forgotten. The same gracious God who forgives sin, heals diseases, redeems lives, and bestows mercy, also promises abundant blessings (Psalms 103:2-5).

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What is Personal Work?

1. It is discussing the truth with a friend or neighbors either at your home or their home.
2. It is giving someone you know a gospel tract.
3. It is telling your neighbor about the happiness you have found in Christ.
4. It is inviting the mailman, the plumber or someone else to attend services with you
5. It is picking up your phone to inquire about some member that has not been in services for awhile.
6. It is setting up a regular Bible study in your home.
7. It is going from house to house inviting everyone to worship.
8. It is diligence in inviting friends to Gospel Meetings, etc.
9. It is feeling the need to help the lost understand their need of Christ.
10. It is using your automobile to bring friends to services of the church.
11. It is consciously serving and glorifying God.

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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
Edna Forbes
Janice Garrett
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister
Lila Kirk
Wanda Gates - cancer
Kathy Greer
Jeff Greenblatt - auto accident

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

January Birthdays:

2 - Virginia Laudeman
12 - Mary L'Heureux
16 - Leslie Hembree
23 - Eric Horne
26 - Dorothy Bryan

Anniversaries:

12 - Deloris & Jackie Wright