

Upcoming Events

Meet Up Open Bible Study:
New location: see church website

GREAT NEWS!
Andrea Chandler was baptized!

October Birthdays

3 Betty Heitmeyer 28 Allan Brown

November Birthdays

2 Mike Atkins 6 Ashley Tanner
10 Daniel Brown 27 Lupita Guzman

November Anniversaries

2 Shannon & Susan Hudson

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This World is not My Home

By David Hershey

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

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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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).

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.

God's Embrace and Mine

By Gerald Cowan

*I wish the world could be a friendly sort of place
Where smiles instead of frowns would sit upon each face
And every heart would feel the warmth of God's embrace.*

*I wish that all could share the faith of God's dear Son,
Redeemed and joined together perfectly in one
Great body by His cross, to share in what He's done.*

*His bloody cross has made us able to be free
From failure, guilt, and shame for what we've come to be.
We now can walk with him, and heav'n we yet may see.*

*But wishing that the world could share the Savior's grace
Will not enable one to see the Father's face,
Nor will it help one soul to find his proper place.*

*No one saves another's soul. Each one must save his own.
By walking true within the path the Lord has shown
We show the way to others. No one walks alone.*

*The Lord is always with us. With his perfect love
He binds us all. Each will continue drinking of
God's Holy Spirit 'til we're safe in heav'n above.*

*I want to make the world a friendly sort of place,
And so I'll try to keep a smile upon my face
And hope that others feel God's love in my embrace.*