

Afterlife Confusion and Encouragement

God doesn't tell us much about the afterlife. He prefers for the details to be a mystery, to be something that we believe in based on faith.

Even the apostle Paul is not permitted to tell us what he knows. In 2 Corinthians 12, Paul explains in vs 4 that he *was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.* Why isn't he permitted to speak these the words he heard there? Simply put, God won't allow it.

In verse 2 of the same chapter, Paul refers to the place he went as the *third heaven*. He doesn't want to even speak of his experience, and he only reluctantly does, to prove to the church in Corinth that he is a legit apostle. And while this knowledge of Paul's journey is very interesting, it doesn't do much for our understanding.

We do know that the third heaven is the realm of God. The first heaven, we call sky, the second heaven is all that we refer to as outer space, and the third heaven is the unseen realm of God, what we simply call, heaven. The Jewish people simply referred to all of the above as "the heavens," and then specified as to which one they were referring.

The Bible calls the realm of the dead, Sheol in the Hebrew and Hades in the Greek, but tells us little about this place. To those who don't belong to God, it describes the place those souls go as, down in the earth (Numbers 16:33), as a place burning with fire (Deuteronomy 32:22), as a place of darkness (Job 17:13), as a pit (Job 33:18), as a place that is deep (Proverbs 9:18), as a powerful stronghold (Matthew 16:18), as a place of torment (Luke 16:23) and to top it all off, it's described as a place that will thrown entirely into a lake of fire (Revelation 20:14).

The Bible describes the place where souls go that belong to God as Paradise, heaven, the third heaven, and Abraham's

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bosom or Abraham's side. There is little said about this place as well. It says that to be there is to be home with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8), that the tree of life from the Garden of Eden is there (Revelation 2:7), that it is a place of comfort where other followers reside (Luke 16:25), as a place of reward (Matthew 5:12), and finally we know that Jesus and one of the thieves that was crucified alongside Him went there together on the day that they died (Luke 23:43).

The Bible describes the place of God's people as eternal and wonderful beyond description. The Bible describes the place of the people who do not belong to God as eternal and terrible beyond description.

Much more important than any question we can imagine about the afterlife is the question you must ask yourself: When I die, where will I go? God has provided a way for us to go to Him, but it's His way or no way. The way is His, the choice is yours.

Much love to you all! And to those not present due to health concerns, we miss you and we are thinking of you.

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MY PART

God didn't put me on this earth to have an easy time.

He put me here to fight a fight: to hold a battle line.

He put me here to help the weak and myself to grow strong.

He put me here to lend a hand and help the world along.

He didn't put me here to whine, stick out my lips and pout.

He put me here to do His work and Satan's evil rout.

He only asks that I do my best to carry out His plans;

Forget rewards and starry crowns, and leave all in His hands.

—Author Unknown

PRAYER LIST

Kevin Hunt—son of Carol Norris, continues to have health issues and has been moved to ICU at St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. Please keep Kevin as well as Carol in your prayers.

Roger Brownlee—is home. You can send him cards of encouragement to his address is 245 W. 10th Ave. N., Wellington, KS 67152

Kendall Brundage—is improving and doing well. His address is 1372 W. 20th Ave. N., Argonia, KS 67004

Hailee Moyer—daughter of Maria Moyer and granddaughter of Marsha Dugan, was in a bad car accident and needs prayers for healing. She will need many surgeries to repair a lot of damage. Hailee attended our youth group on and off over the last several years. She graduated this year.

Melinda Miller—wife of Chris Miller, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had some good results from tests. She will be having another surgery on December 2 to remove some precancerous spots. She would appreciate prayers on her behalf. Her address is Melinda Miller, 14 LaCrumbre Close, Tauranga 3110, New Zealand. Remember there is extra postage for cards sent out of the US.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Brad Stocking. Brad was a nephew of Sherry Kline and a brother-in-law of Linda Wartick. Brad passed away Monday. His services were held Saturday. Please keep this family in your prayers.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Konnor Clark—30th

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Kelley—8th

Richard Wartick—8th

Ell Mae Watson—11th

Lila Francisco—14th

Craig Bradbury—15th

Aaron Hines—15th

Bobbi Newberry—16th

John Rayl—17th

Victoria Sandoval—17th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in **NEED** of volunteers for Children's Church. If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney.

WE NEED YOU!!!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*The tongue has no bones,
but is strong enough to break a heart.
Be careful with your words.*

**Royal Revelations, Part III: Jesus Reveals the
The Strength of the Foundation
Matthew 16:18-20**

Church definition -

Gates represent _____.

Sheol or Hades is the _____ of the _____.

The _____ I build will be _____ than
_____.

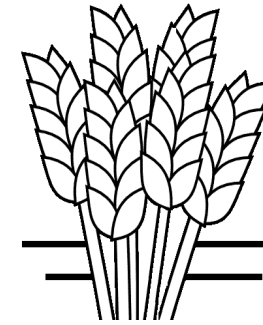
Notes:

THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY A.M.	29-Nov	6-Dec	13-Dec
Elder in Charge	E. Newberry	T. Norris	T. Norris
Opening Prayer	J. DeJarnett	M. Neal	L. Lewis
Song Leader	A. Shields	D. Pierce	D. Pierce
Communion Prayer	R. Harris	M. Kline	E. Newberry
Contribution Prayer & Collection	W. Pierce D. Pierce	A. Hines J. DeJarnett	A. Hines J. DeJarnett
Ushers	A. Hines T. Kirkwood	J. Willson L. Turney	J. Willson L. Turney
Closing Prayer	E. Newberry	T. Norris	T. Norris
Deacon in Charge	D. Pierce	A. Shields	A. Shields
SUNDAY A.M.	20-Dec	27-Dec	
Elder in Charge	T. Norris	T. Norris	
Opening Prayer	A. Shields	W. Pierce	
Song Leader	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	
Communion Prayer	T. Norris	R. Harris	
Contribution Prayer & Collection	A. Hines J. DeJarnett	A. Hines J. DeJarnett	
Ushers	J. Willson L. Turney	J. Willson L. Turney	
Closing Prayer	T. Norris	T. Norris	
Deacon in Charge	A. Shields	A. Shields	

Note concerning COVID-19: During this month we are asking all public non-speaking participants to wear a face covering while performing their duties. This applies to ushers and to the men collecting our contribution. If you are unable to fulfill your assignment for any reason, please call the Deacon in Charge.

ELDERS		DEACONS	
Rex Harris	Marvin Kline	Kevin Dodds	Aaron Hines
Ed Newberry	Tom Norris	Leroy Lewis	Mike Neal
		David Pierce	Alan Shields
MINISTER			
Wes LeFlore			



*“Reaching Inward, Outward
Upward, Downward”*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 29, 2020

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song #555 “Seek Ye First”

Song #144 “O Worship the King”

Song #318 “O Sacred Head”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #916 “What a Day That Will Be”

Closing Prayer

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children’s Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.