

# Heaven

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*"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for*

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## Charlestown Road Church of Christ

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## Our Services

### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am  
Worship: 10:20 am  
Evening: 5:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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### Our motto for 2010:

**"Do you  
know my  
Jesus?"**



## God So Loved the World

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).* This verse is probably familiar to many people. So often when things are seen and heard over and over and over again, they lose their meaning. Things just become repetitious and it loses its significance. I hope that's not the case with this verse. In this verse we see the true love of God demonstrated.

**"For God so loved the world."** We can't even begin to imagine how much love He has for us. So often we think that God loves only us, but actually He loves everybody. "For God so loved the world." There's no limitations on God's love. God loves everything and everyone in this world. He loves the righteous and the sinners. He loves the reds, yellows, blacks, and whites. He loves those who know Him and those who don't know Him. He loves those who mess up sometimes. He loves the rich and the poor. He loves me and He loves you. We can't put limitations on God's love.

Because of that love that he has for everybody "He gave His only begotten Son." So many times we read over this and we neglect the emotions of it. God knew and understood the pain and torment that Jesus would have to go through. But God also knew the pain and torment that He would have to go through. Some of you have children. The thought of knowingly giving up your child to be killed would be excruciating and overbearing. Watching your son or daughter be beaten and killed would be horrible, but knowing that it was

you who gave your child up to that torment would haunt you. God knew all these feelings. God knew the bond between a father and an only son.

Some of us don't understand that bond between a parent and their child. I don't have children yet, but I know that my parents would do anything for me and they would never put me in harms way. But God loved this world so much that He gave His Son. He gave up Jesus Christ so that He could walk here on this earth. He can be tempted just like we are tempted. He can feel pain just like we can feel pain. God gave Him up so that he can be arrested. So that He can be falsely accused of crimes that He did not commit. So that He can be beaten and mocked and spat upon. So that He can have a crown of thorns twisted onto His head and be beaten over the head with a reed. So that he can have nails driven through His hands and feet. And so He can die. God loved us so much that He watched His Son suffer all these things. But why?

God had a plan. After three days of laying dead in a tomb, Jesus got up and rose from the dead. So that "whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." What a blessing. God loves us so much that He sent His Son so that I can be saved. If we have heard the word of God and the story of Jesus and we believe it to be true and we are baptized for the remission of our sins then we can be saved and have everlasting life. How great to have a God that loves us that much. A God who gave up His Son so that you and I could sit in heaven with Him one day. I hope to see you there.



Kevin Harrington

## The Brick



about ten years ago, a young and very successful executive named Josh was traveling down a Chicago neighborhood street. He was going a bit too fast in his sleek, black, 12 cylinder Jaguar XKE, which was only two months old.



He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no child darted out, but a brick sailed out and - WHUMP! - it smashed into the Jag's shiny black side door! SCREECH!!!! Brakes slammed! Gears ground into reverse, and tires madly spun the Jaguar back to the spot from where the brick had been thrown. Josh jumped out of the car, grabbed the kid and pushed him up against a parked car. He shouted at the kid, "What was that all about and who are you?" Building up a head of steam, he went on. "That's my new Jag, that brick you threw is gonna cost you a lot of money. Why did you throw it?"

"Please, mister, please. . . I'm sorry! I didn't know what else to do!" Pleaded the youngster. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop!" Tears were dripping down the boy's chin as he pointed around the parked car. "It's my brother, mister," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Sobbing, the boy asked the executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the young executive tried desperately to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. Straining, he lifted the young man back into the wheelchair and took out his handkerchief and wiped the scrapes and cuts, checking to see that everything was going to be OK. He then watched the younger brother push him down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long walk back to the sleek, black, shining, 12 cylinder Jaguar XKE -a long and slow walk. Josh never did fix the side door of his Jaguar. He kept the dent to remind him not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at him to get his attention. Some bricks are softer than others. Feel for the bricks of life coming at to you. For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has positive answers. Someone needs you and is counting on you. Open your eyes to see the!

**Let us do good to all (Gal. 6:10).**



## Family Connections

### News for You

- **Roger** is preaching this morning.
- This evening is our **song service**. Come and join us in praising God.
- **Next Sunday** begins a new quarter of classes. On Sunday, adults return to the classroom that they have been in. On **Wednesday** all adults will meet in the auditorium.
- Jump Starts are still being sent out every day. Are you getting them and reading them?
- The elementary Bible classes will move up on July 4th (next Sunday).
- Thanks to all of our teachers who taught this past quarter. We couldn't do it without you!

### What's Next?

- July 11th Jordan Shouse will be preaching our PM service and Kevin will be preaching at Smedley
- July 23-24 **Youth Lectures** with Tommy Peeler and Kenny Moorer
- August 8-11 **Summer Lectures** with Paul Earnhart, Zach Lee, Mark McCrary

### For your Prayers:

- **Jamie Bagshaw** had his wisdom teeth taken out last week
- **Gene Fleming** is in the Floyd County hospital. He had emergency surgery on his colon.
- **Eva Floyd** has not been feeling well
- Remember in your prayers: **Stacie Dearth, Steve Kirchgessner, Dauphus Crase, Rex Hauger, Gail Stein, Paul Smith, Louise Morris, Dick Dewhirst.**

Group 2 Meets today