

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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Sunday

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

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Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Our motto for 2010:

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



March Madness

It's high school and college tourney time. For folks in Indiana and Kentucky that's a big deal.

Basketball is big. The expression, "March Madness" brings excitement to the atmosphere. People fill out brackets anticipating which of the college teams will reach the Final Four. Even people who do not follow college basketball throughout the season get caught up in the excitement of who will go to the "big dance" as the final four is often called. It's hard not to get excited about this! Those in the Shouse house have all gotten our brackets filled out. Everyone has picked a different team to win. It is interesting how we chose which team we think will win. Some look at the rankings and use that. Some go by tradition, knowing that certain schools are known in the past to be powerhouses. Others use a less scientific method, they pick a team because they like their colors. The tourney is called "March Madness" because anything can happen. The underdog team that barely made the tourney often will upset a team with a great record. It is "madness."

The teams that ought to win often don't. The unexpected happens. It's all up in the air and no one knows how it will end up.

Unlike the NCAA basketball tourney our journey to Heaven is a sure thing. It is not madness and it is not guess work.

2 Tim 4: 7-8 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will award to me on that day; and **not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.**"

2 Pet 1:10 "Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for **as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble.**"

We can have confidence and assurance about Heaven. It's not up in the air, nor will the unexpected happen. Thus, we can sing, and we can live, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" If you continue to walk with Jesus Christ in purity and holiness you will go to Heaven. Isn't that awesome!

Hold to God's unchanging hand is more than a hymn, it is a truth and the means of our assurance. There is no madness in following God. It all makes sense!



Jump Start Daily

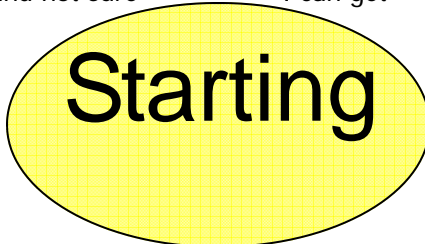
Many of you are receiving our daily email devotionals that we call "Jump Start." I want to say a few things about these.

First of all, thank you for reading them! All writers hope that people will read what they write. When we started this I wasn't sure what the reaction nor the reception would be. I've been amazed. So many of you are passing these on to others and are using this as a way to introduce the gospel and open doors to teach others. Our simple idea has spread and grown to many outside this congregation. That's impressive and thank you. I appreciate the encouragement and warm reception to these daily writings.

Secondly, today, we have our first 30 **Jump Starts** in a booklet form that we have entitled, "Starting with Proverbs." We are hoping that we can use these to pass on to those who are in hospitals or are looking to reconnect with God. Our **Jump Starts** are intended to be an easy read that makes us look inward and upward. They are about our relationships with God. We have found in the past a need to give someone something to read, but didn't feel like spending \$15 for a devotional book. Here is a tool that fits that need. Currently we have 150 copies available. If there is a need for more we will print more. Pass these out to co-workers and family members. Encourage them to read one a day. This is a quick and easy way to get our hearts thinking about the Lord. After next week, Lord willing, the series on Psalms will be completed and we will print the next thirty, "Starting with Psalms" as our book number two.

Thirdly, later this year I have asked some of our men to write a few **Jump Starts**. This is for two reasons: first, I will be gone and not sure I can get these sent out, and secondly, this is something that is part of all of us, not just Roger.

If you are not receiving the



Family Connections

News for You

- Tonight we finish our series on Shepherds. The elders have given me permission to have a "Question & Answer" period at the end of the sermon concerning this series and the concept of elders/shepherds. Hope you will come!

For your Prayers:

- **Eva Floyd** had surgery on Friday. Keep her in your prayers.
- Remember in your prayers: **Steve Kirchgessner, The Mann's, Dauphus Crase, Rex Hauger, Gene Fleming, Gail Stein, Paul Smith, Louise Morris, Dick Dewhirst, Shirley Roberts.**

Mary Quinn's Mother Passed Away
Joyce Farmer, the mother of Mary Quinn passed away last Sunday morning. Funeral services were held on Tuesday in Paris, KY. Our thoughts are with Mary, and her family.

Personal Work Group # 6 meets today

Our Gospel Meeting is Coming Up

Rick Lanning will be here April 18-21 for our Gospel Meeting.



- Mark you calendars
- Make a list of people you want to invite
- Pray for good crowds, good preaching, good hearts

