

# 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*

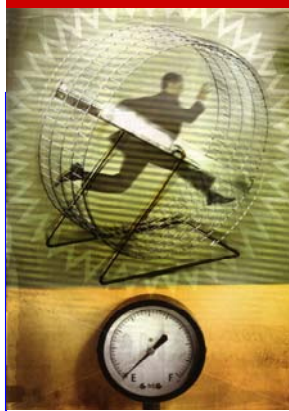
Bible Study 7:00 pm

#### *Our Preachers:*

Roger Shouse 816-260-1257  
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#### *Our Elders:*

Larry Beckham 502-777-7720



## Family Pressures

There are many pressures that face families today. Struggles and worries weigh us down. Here are some challenges facing many

families:

**NO TIME.** Parents are working longer and harder, and kids are busier than before. Families end each day exhausted. They rise the next day with a full schedule of running to various activities. Families are doing more things but are not any closer to each others.

**TOO MUCH MEDIA.** Silence bothers many of us. From the clock radio playing music to wake us up to music in our cars, TV's on as soon as we walk in the house, to often falling asleep with the TV on—many are saturating their lives with noise. The media influences has a way of wearing down our sense of right and wrong. It can numb us to offenses of society. Where is there room for meditation in such a crowded and noisy lifestyle? In many homes, family time means everyone going into their own room to watch a TV show alone. Gone is sitting on the deck listening to birds.

**TOO LITTLE JOY.** Tired and stressed families find fewer things to laugh at and more occasions to be critical of each other. Laughter is good for the soul. It has a way

of smoothing out the rough bumps in life.

This picture can be rather depressing. Many of you feel it already. Identifying the problems isn't hard. What needs to be done is finding a way to change all of this. Try some of these suggestions:

- **Turn the TV off.** Also turn off the radio, iPod, cell phone, cd players and any other distraction. Gather the family in one room.

*Play a board game together  
Sing some songs together  
Be silly and make each other laugh*

Thirty minutes of family fun is greater than two hours of TV. Twenty years from now, your family fun will be remembered much more than a TV show.

- **Spend 15 minutes once a week thinking.** Some may call this "doin' nothing." We are so busy going places we don't have much time to just "think" about things. What will you think about? Use this time to set goals. Do some praying. Think about your church family. Count your blessings, name them one by one. Look out your window. What do you see? Look harder, what do you learn? Just relax. It's good for your body, soul and spirit.

The merry-go-round of pressure and stress can ruin your family. Make some choices to rescue yourself and your family. You'll be glad that you did. God will be too!

# Ten Things You'd Love To Hear in Church



10. "I can't believe all the seats in the front are already taken."
9. "I decided to contribute my entire bonus."
8. "Do we have to go home? Can't we stick around and sing some more?"
7. "I really hope the preacher has a long sermon today."
6. "I'd like to volunteer to be the pre-school teacher for all of next year."
5. "I've invited everyone at my office to come to services this morning. I think we will have 20-30 extra people this morning."
4. "I need 10 copies of today's sermon. I am going to mail one to everyone in my family."
3. "I'm taken an extra personal day this week. Do you have some work that I could do down at the church building?"
2. "I want to invite all the elders and their wives over to my home for dinner. I appreciate what they do."
1. "Since we are all here, can we start services early?"

*I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord' (Ps 122:1)*

*Let us have an attitude of gratitude. Instead of thinking, "Do we have to..." let us be thinking, "Can't we..."*



## Family Connections

### News for You

#### Gospel Meeting Cancelled

- Our gospel meeting was to start TODAY with **David Thomley**. David was in a car accident last week and banged up. The elders have cancelled the meeting.
- Our services tonight will be at the usual time: **5:00 pm**. Roger will preach a lesson entitled "The choice of forgiveness."
- Many thanks to **Gary Adkins** for the new sign in the yard (to be used for meetings)
- Also, thanks to **Greg Bloyd** and **Brian Guinn** for their work on the powerpoint projector. Just a note to parents, try to keep your little ones out of the pulpit area. There are all kinds of wires and remotes that they shouldn't be touching. We appreciate your help in this area.
- Teachers are needed for 2-3 yr olds; ages 4- kindergarten; grades 5 & 6; grades 7 & 8. See **Brent** TODAY.

#### For your Prayers:

- **Shirley Roberts** has been in the hospital. **Kenny Able** was also in the hospital and has been checked out ok.
- **Bill Roberts** had eye surgery due to an accident
- Colleen Jeffers daughter, **Julie** has been in the hospital.
- **Shawn Quinn** was in hospital in Knoxville. He'll be coming home for treatment.

**Group 4 will meet this evening in room B 2.**

New quarter of classes begins in **2 weeks**. Start thinking about which class you want to be in.