

# 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:

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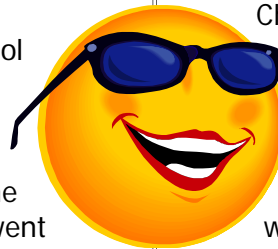
### Our Elders:

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## August Already?

Can you believe it? It's already August! Summer's about over. It's time to think about getting back to school. Stores are full of back to school supplies. College students will be moving to campus soon. The lazy dog days of summer are almost over. Where did the time go? Kids cry, "Summer went by too fast!"



**Time moves the same.** It doesn't speed up in the summer and slow down in the winter. It doesn't go faster on vacation and slower in church services. Time moves the same. The time is the same for the person who has a schedule full of errands as it does for the bored teenager as it does for the dying cancer patient. What makes it seem to go faster or slower is our activities and our state of mind. A 30 minute sermon can seem like forever and a 2 hour movie seems to fly by. The difference is our state of mind.

**Did the summer help you spiritually?** We often don't think these kind of thoughts. We talk about vacations, painting the house, family reunions and traveling. The summer can be a time to soak up God's word.

It can be a time to visit a different congregation and be introduced to Christians you never met. It can be a time to grow closer to the Lord. The summer offers opportunity to go to lectureships, singings, summer camps with other Christians and to become a stronger Christian. Was it a good summer in that way for you?

**It reminds us that fall is soon here.** Days will be getting shorter. Winter will be around the corner. We can moan and dread it but we know that is what is happening. The same thing is happening to us physically. Winter is coming! If the Lord allows us to live, some will be retiring soon. Age and time wear upon us. All this reminds us that before long we will be facing the Lord. This is a good time to develop that love and faith in the Lord. This is a time to forgive others. This is the time to extend grace. This is the time to set your house in order.

***Summer is almost over!***

# I Quit

After many long years of struggle and endless hours of worry, I have decided to quit. I no longer can do it. I never could do it. I only thought I could.

- I have decided to quit trying to manage the universe. I can't do it. I will turn this job over to God who is supposed to do this! Instead, I will just pray to God.
- I have decided to quit trying to change my spouse. I can't do that. No one can change another person. We can influence, teach and encourage others. Often we stoop to nagging, bickering and fighting because someone won't do what we think they should. You can't change your spouse (or, for that matter, even your children).
- I have decided to give the care of raising my grandchildren back to their parents. It is their role and task to do, not mine.
- I have decided to quit trying to run things at church. I will allow the elders to oversee the souls, and not me. I do not have to know every detail of what is going on in the lives of every member.
- There is only one thing left for me to do. I can manage my attitude, allow Christ to dwell in my heart and work on myself! That is something I can do. I have found that it is easier to try to manage others than it is to manage myself. I have also found that the free advice that I so easily gave to others, is hard to apply to myself. When I quit trying to do these other things, and focus upon myself, I find my attitude to be more understanding and my heart at peace.

*Isn't it about time for you to Quit?*



## Family Connections

### News for You

- **Robert Smith** is out of town today
- Marriage Get-away will soon be here. August 15-16. See Larry Beckham for details.
- Teenage study Monday @ Shouse's 7:00 PM
- Ladies class Thursday @ 10:30 am (building)
- Deacons meeting today at 4:00 PM
- Young People's Lecture follow up meeting—next Sunday after PM services (room B-2)

### For your Prayers:

- **Gene Whipple** remains in the Clark Memorial hospital.
- **Jeanie Wilder** will be having more surgery on Thursday.
- Continue to remember **Kevin Lee, Dauphus Crase, Rich Mullins** in your prayers.
- **Barbara Carter** has had some tests done recently. Remember her in your prayers.
- **Brandy Hodges** has had some recent health issues. Remember her in your prayers.

### How to win friends for Christ

- Show yourself friendly to others
- Show yourself interested in others
- Be what you should be around others.
- Remember not to compromise.
- Don't be argumentative, but be firm.
- Show your concern for truth.
- Don't quit!

**Group 2 meets this evening @ Paul Hoke's home**

**Tonight's Lesson:  
Going through the Valley**

