

# 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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www.Charlestownroadchurchof-  
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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:

Larry Beckham 502-777-7720  
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## Happy in Faith

**A**lexander Campbell was a great man of faith. He was a preacher, a writer, an editor, a debater, a college president, and a man of God. Through his labors, hundreds of people returned to the ancient paths of the New Testament. Campbell died in 1866. Joseph King wrote a memorial discourse about his mentor and friend.

He said about Campbell: "...Mr. Campbell, in time of public worship, if he himself was not in the pulpit conducting the services, always knelt during prayer. He never stood. He literally "bowed his knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." He was pre-eminently a religious man, pious, spiritual and devout at all times...His faith made him happy."

On one occasion Campbell



"No, he hasn't finished his sermon, but he has scored 35 points."

proclaimed, "What a happy thing it is to be a Christian."

*Millennial Harbinger*, May 1866

What a wonderful thought. "His faith made him happy." We don't hear that much these days. For some, watching sports makes them happy. Others would say, money or buying stuff makes them happy.

**For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not burdensome (1 Jn 5:3)**

Maybe we would do better if we looked at things differently. Instead of thinking how hard it is to be a Christian, we ought to think "How great it is to be a Christian." Rather than thinking of all the things we can't do, think of all the things we CAN do.

His faith made him happy. Such a person delights in the study of the Bible. He will love to be with others who share the same hope that he does. Such a person will give often, and generously, because his faith makes him happy. He is one who brightens up a congregation.

How about you? Does your faith make you happy or miserable? Are you glad to be a Christian or is it something that you HAVE to do?

A Christian has Christ. A Christian has forgiveness. A Christian has an inheritance and a crown awaiting him. A Christian has a worthwhile mission. A Christian has direction. A Christian has a large spiritual family. A Christian has prayer. A Christian has heaven.

***His faith made him happy!***

# Worship Tips for Parents

## Before Services:

- Go to the bathroom and get a drink.
- Sit near the front so your child can easily see what is happening.
- When visiting with others, introduce your child to those around you.
- Provide writing materials for your child. Encourage your child to write down things he or she sees. As they get older, encourage them to use the sermon note cards.



## During Services:

- Let your child hold a song book. Run your finger under the words so your child can follow along.
- Let your child put some money in the collection plate.
- Encourage your child to be quiet during services.
- Worship with your child: bow your heads and fold your hands during the prayer; let them sit in your lap and look in your Bible.
- Do not let your child write in the song book, or on the visitor cards.

## After Services:

- Compliment the good things your child did ("You really sang out today." "You were really quiet during the Lord's Supper.")
- If your child drew a picture during services, ask them to tell you what it is. Display the picture on your refrigerator.
- Talk about what went on during services in a positive way. (Ask your child, "What was your favorite song today?" or, "What do you think the preacher was trying to teach us?")
- Before the noon meal, take out the current "Family Connection" and pray for those who are sick or out of town.
- Ask your child what things he would want to pray about. Let him lead a prayer.

*Services can be a stressful time for parents with small children. Bringing them is the right thing to do. They see things. They are learning.*



## Family Connections

### News for You

- The **Lee Quinn** family is out of town today.
- Congrats to **Patrick & Misty, Samatha & Jonathan** who were married this past weekend.
- Congregational meeting at 4:30 pm this evening. COME and find out what's going on.

### For your Prayers:

- **Debbie Bechkam's** aunt passed away. Larry & Debbie are in Bowling Green for the funeral.
- Continue to pray for **Jeanie Wilder** as she recovers from surgery
- **Marvin Loughmiller** continues to need prayers

**Group 5 meets this evening at Bill Densford's home**

### Special Gospel Meeting on the subject of MARRIAGE

- Nov 16-18
- David Thomley preaching

## Good Things Happen When the Gospel is Preached:

- We learn the will of God
- We are reminded of the great blessings of God
- We come to realize that we all have sinned
- We understand God's plan to save us through Christ
- We become stronger spiritually when the gospel is preached