

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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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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1 Cor 12:27-28

Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, **helps**, administrations, *various* kinds of tongues (NAS)

- KJV: helps
- NIV: those able to help others
- ESV: helping



Helpers

*And God has appointed in the church...helpers
(1 Cor 12:28)*

God appointed in the church some very impressive folks. Just go down the list and see for yourself: apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, administrators, and speakers in various kinds of tongues. There's a certain glamour and sheen to be found in each of these words. They are folks to be looked up to and respected because of the gifts God has given them.

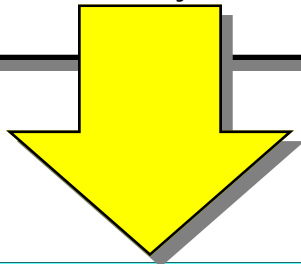
But right in the middle of such distinguished company the Lord saw the need for "helpers." And maybe that's where we can fit in. If so, we will be rubbing shoulders with some very elite folks in God's scheme of things.

I think of some helpers in the first century: There was Dorcas who sewed and ministered to practical human needs. There were four men who let the paralytic friend down through the roof of a house so that Jesus might heal him. And there were those who held the rope so Paul could slide down the outside of the city wall in a basket and escape those seeking to kill him. Apollos is said to have greatly helped those who through grace believed. Timothy and Erastus are both called helpers of the apostle Paul. And Paul says of Phoebe that she was a helper of many, and of himself as well. I even read of some who helped by praying (surely something all of us can do). And who can forget those ladies who worked side by side with Paul "whose names are in the book of life?"

There's a place in the Kingdom for you and me. We can all belong to the "Honorable Order of Helpers!" Remember the words of Paul to Titus, "*And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful*" (3:14)

What if...?

- God didn't take time to bless us today because we didn't take time to thank Him yesterday?
- God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?
- We never saw another flower because we grumbled when God sent the rain?
- God took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?
- The doors of Heaven were closed because we did not open the door of our heart?
- God would not hear our prayer because we would not listen to His word?
- God answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?
- God treated us the way we treat Him?



How God Treats You

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

God sends the sun every day and flowers every spring.

Whenever you want to talk, God will listen.

Of all the places in creation where God could live, He chose to live in your heart.



Family Connections

News for You

- Our meeting with **David Thomley** on the theme of marriage was very good. The lessons will be available to download from our website.

Meeting Attendance	Sun Class	309
	Sun AM	397
	Sun PM	235
	Mon	180
	Tues	185
	Wed	207

- If you requested CD's of our meeting, they are available on the table. (Thanks to **Stuart & Theresa** for doing this)
- **Patrick Cawthon** is in Texas today considering a preacher training program there
- This evening is our ***song service***
- Meeting for Bible class teachers (Kid's classes) Dec 14th
- Winter Class will be taught Tues evening in January by Roger @ building. All welcome.
- **No** Ladies class this Thursday @ 10:30 am
- **Jordan Shouse** is preaching at Shoals

Group 9 meets this evening

The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.
(Psalms 28: 7)

For your Prayers:

- **Tom Schellenberg, Sheila Gardner, Ellen Whipple, Jeannie Nalley's** sister are having some health issues
- There will be many traveling this week with the holiday. Pray for safe journeys of our church family.