

# 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 Preacher:

Roger Shouse 816-260-1257

### Our Elders:

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## Who will Remember You Were Here

**A**fter church services one Sunday morning, a dear sister drove home feeling quite alone. The dark clouds and misty rain only added to her despair. "I don't think anybody even knows I was there today," she thought.

There are times that many of us feel just like that lady did. We wonder if it's worth the effort and what good it will do if we come to services. "Who's even going to know that I was there" is the beginning of discouragement. There are times that the preacher may not remember you where here. We wonder if even the elders realize we were at services. We may ask, "Who will

Consider "who will remember"

even remember I was there?"

**1. God will remember.** God will see that you have remembered Him this day. God will gladly receive your praise and prayers this day. God remembers that you remembered the death of Jesus as you ate the Lord's Supper. Who remembers? God does.

**2. The Devil will remember.** He knows what we are doing. He knows that you are trying to do what is right by worshipping the Lord, associating with godly people and trying to make a difference in your life. The

from that influence and you are more likely to give in to temptation and become weaker. The Devil will remember you were at services.

**3. You will remember.** You are doing what is right and good. You are establishing godly habits. Maybe something was said today that made a difference in your life. Maybe you said something to someone else that made a difference in their life. Months from now, you probably won't remember the songs, prayers or sermons of this day, but like the gentle rain, each drop of goodness adds to our spiritual growth. It is good to be among those who worship the Lord.

**4. Those at home will remember.**

In some families, not everyone attends services regularly. They may have stayed in bed this morning as you left for services. They see that worship is important to you. They will remember you as one who worshipped the Lord. Your neighbors notice every Sunday you leaving for church. Even though they may not go, they admire you for doing so week after week, in good weather and in terrible weather. But when you stay home, they notice.

Don't be discouraged! You are doing a great thing by coming each service. Keep it up!

# Spiritual Thanksgiving

During this holiday season, let us not forget the great **spiritual blessings** we have in the Lord.

## Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Here are some that make my "**Spiritual Thanksgiving**" List:

- ☑ For Forgiveness (I sure need it)
- ☑ For songs books with tons of songs in them (Singing the same song, every service would get old)
- ☑ For the answer of prayers (It is awesome to not only know, but to see that God can be moved by my prayers)
- ☑ For a great church like Charlestown Road
- ☑ For 3 elders and 15 deacons (what an incredible group to work with, under, around, and beside!)
- ☑ For great books that open my eyes to the Bible
- ☑ For the privilege of preaching the gospel
- ☑ For the great people who have guided me, taught me, gave me opportunities and never gave up on me
- ☑ For Jesus Christ (need I say anything else?!)

### What makes **your Spiritual Thanksgiving List**?

A good finish often takes place at the starting line. Start right!

- ☑ Attending Bible classes regularly
- ☑ Beginning the day with a prayer
- ☑ Spending a few moments each day in God's word
- ☑ Connecting with your church family by getting to know them and inviting families into your home



# Family Connections

## News for You

- Meeting for Bible class teachers (Kid's classes) Dec 14th
- Winter Class will be taught Tues evening in January by Roger @ building. All welcome.
- Ladies class this Thursday @ 10:30 am
- **Jordan Shouse** is preaching at Shoals this morning
- Elder's will be presenting evening lesson on Dec 21st "State of the Church address" giving updates, plans, and new class concepts for 2009. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

### Question Series Begins Tonight

This evening we begin our series on your questions that have been submitted to me. Here is the line up that we will follow:

**Tonight:** Why do we say a person should "Go Forward" to confess sins?

**Dec 7th PM:** What about the covering and the role of women?

**Dec 14th PM:** What does the Bible teach about divorce?

**Group 1 meets this evening @ building**

### For your Prayers:

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

**"Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer, nor His lovingkindness from me"  
(Ps 66:20)**