

### One Day When We're in Heaven

One day, when we're in Heaven, we will be so happy we chose to be faithful to the Lord. We will be so thankful we arrived at this eternal destination, as we realize it is beyond anything we might have ever imagined.

In fact, the reason we don't live out our lives more zealously for the sake of Heaven is because our mortal minds can't fully appreciate how wonderful it will be. If we could, we would be laser-focused on bringing it to fruition with everything we do.

This past weekend, one of the speakers at the Challenge Youth Conference in Dallas was Reed Swindle, who is scheduled to be at Hillcrest for a gospel meeting in the fall of 2026. Something he said in his lesson was "God wants us to be in Heaven even more than we want to be in Heaven." Reed said He's proven that by sending His Son to die for us so that we could be in Heaven one day.

Reed is right. Obviously, God wants us in eternity with Him. If we truly comprehended what Heaven will be, as opposed to the tragic alternative, then every fiber of our being would be dead set on getting there.

Now, the fact that Jesus underwent what He did affirms that I'm not suggesting we could make it into Heaven on our own. First Peter 3:18 tells us, "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God".

God wants us to be in Heaven SO MUCH. We know the passages: Romans 5:8, "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

What will make Heaven so great? For starters, being with Him who saves us forever, 1 Thess. 4:17. Sure, we have the symbolic description of Heaven's beauty from Revelation 21, and earlier in the same chapter we're told there'll be no death, no sorrow, no more crying. We have passages that give us hope of recognizing and enjoying our loved ones who have gone on before us (2 Sam. 12:23, Luke 16:23). Heaven will be far beyond anything I can describe, and I'm thankful for the insights God gave us in His Word.

All I know is one day, when you're in Heaven, you'll be so happy you chose to serve the Lord... unless you're not. If you're not happy on that day, you won't be in Heaven.

Remember, God wants you to be in Heaven even more than you want to be there, and that's only because you can't possibly know that complete joy yet. You can't truly want what you can't fully know.

I pray that we all know Heaven one day.

*Josh King*

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*His own people, eager to do what is good - Titus 2:14*



Kay Anderson, Angela Bigbee, Fred Bukowich, Carl Cobb, David Conness, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Don Deffenbaugh, Judy Dorris, Vera Douthitt, Katherine Enfield, Joe Freund, Jason Giebler, James Honeycutt, Molly Jackson, Jean Johnson, Alice Kitch, Dan Lazure, Marilyn Mayben, Scott Neel, Larry and Vickey Owen, Noah Reiboldt, Brandon Ross, Karl Stauffer, Jennifer Thogmartin, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler, Debi Wince.

Lawrence Sanders remains in the hospital. His condition is still serious.

Carl Cobb will have surgery on February 4.

Nathan Honeycutt is having some health issues and tests are being done to find a treatment.

Fred Bukowich has moved to room 414.

**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a family with money to travel for medical treatment. If you know of someone in need, please tell Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

**Men's BBQ Night** is Tuesday evening. Join us for a trip to Boomer's BBQ in Carthage. The bus will leave our parking lot at 6:00.



## Today's Sermons

AM: *What Does the Holy Spirit Do for Christians Today?* (Danny Boggs)  
PM: *Knowing God* (Danny Boggs)

**Ladies Retreat** will be February 27-March 1 in Branson. Registration fee is \$40 for the entire weekend or \$25 for Saturday only. Please see Heather Flint for a registration form. Registration fees can be given to Heather or Coralee.

**Annie Flint** is a senior this year. She has been involved in Lads to Leaders for many years. She is striving to get the Red Coat Award, the highest honor in Lads. She could use your help with one of her last projects. There is more information and the things that she needs on the back window. Stop by and read about the project and provide her with support if you can.

Join us next Sunday at 1:30 for a devotional at **Gran Villas**.

**TriState Youth Series** will be next Sunday at Vinita. The van will leave at 2:45.

Please sign the **birthday cards** on the welcome desk for some children at TurnAround Ranch.

See the bulletin board for information on the **marriage retreat** through Polishing the Pulpit. You can find more details at [smokymountainmarriage.com](http://smokymountainmarriage.com).

Those who used the contribution envelopes, gave \$250 or more on a given day or gave through Tithley will receive the receipt for **taxes** in the mail this week. Let the office know if you have any questions.

Ladies, mark you calendar for March 14, the date of the **Ladies Seminar**.

**Affirming the Faith** is March 6 - 7 in Oklahoma City. Information is on the bulletin board.

*We would like to sincerely thank all the Hillcrest church of Christ members for all the support, prayers and love they have shown us in our time of need. And a special thanks for the ladies who served and provided the wonderful memorial lunch.*

*Ken Tyler and Family*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### Today

AM Opening Prayer: Trace Wilson  
AM Closing Prayer: Todd Tyler  
Communion Prayer: Tucker Anderson  
Prayer for the Offering: Kaed Thomas  
PM Opening Prayer: Glen Honeycutt  
PM Closing Prayer: Mike Kidwell

### This Wednesday

Announcements: Jonah Flint  
Singing: John Deffenbaugh  
Invitation: Danny Boggs  
Opening Prayer: Harold Speir  
Closing Prayer: Conner Reiboldt

RECORDS	1-18-26	1-19-25
Bible Study	124	91
AM Worship	150	134
PM Worship	120	113
Wednesday	135	121
Contribution	\$8,898.18	\$7,363.00
Budget	\$9,410.00	\$8,500.00