

# University Heights Messenger

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## GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)
- Believe Jesus is the Christ (John 3:16)
- Repent from sins (Luke 13:3)
- Confess faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9-10)
- Be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- Live worthy of the calling (Ephesians 4:1)

## IN NEED OF PRAYERS

### Recent Additions:

**Taylor Osterling** is receiving dialysis as he awaits a kidney transplant. **Doris Baker** continues her recovery, as does **Edith Tirey**. **Alexander Litmer** is scheduled to have his tonsils and adenoids removed on July 3.

### List:

**Our members:** Jeff Howerton, Glenn Kimberlin, Paul Atkisson, Ron Tirey, Julie Patton, Amy Sims

**Others:** Gaye Brassom, Paul Ayres, Charlene Antle, Lala Whitson, Rita Pagan, Vina Krassow, Courtney and Aubrey Reeves, John Bennett, Robert and Sarah Brundige, Donald Dawson, Jean Gartland, Gail Stein, Michael Poynter, Taylor Osterling, CJ Nash, Sandy Childress, Edith Tirey, Nilma Covington, Mary Wilson, Ed Byers, RJ Stevens, Charlie Little, Rose Curtis

<p><b><u>WEEKLY READING</u></b></p> <p><b>Sun:</b> Ps 133, Nu 13-14, Is 52:13-53:12, 1 Th 1</p> <p><b>Mon:</b> Ps 134, Nu 15, Is 54, 1 Th 2:1-16</p> <p><b>Tue:</b> Ps 135, Nu 16-17, Is 55, 1 Th 2:17-3:13</p> <p><b>Wed:</b> Ps 136, Nu 18-19, Is 56-57, 1 Th 4:1-12</p> <p><b>Thu:</b> Ps 137, Nu 20-21, Is 58, 1 Th 4:13-5:11</p> <p><b>Fri:</b> Ps 138, Nu 22, Is 59, 1 Th 5:12-22</p> <p><b>Sat:</b> Ps 139, Nu 23-24, Is 60, 1 Th 5:23-28</p>	<p><b><u>LEADERSHIP</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><b><u>ELDERS</u></b></td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><b><u>DEACONS</u></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garry Banks</td> <td>Troy Antle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Collins</td> <td>Richard Brundige</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Thompson</td> <td>Neal Erickson</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Adam Litmer</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><u>EVANGELIST</u></b></td> <td>Bill Morelan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adam Litmer</td> <td>Jim Parsons</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Pat Seabolt</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Matt Thompson</td> </tr> </table>	<b><u>ELDERS</u></b>	<b><u>DEACONS</u></b>	Garry Banks	Troy Antle	David Collins	Richard Brundige	John Thompson	Neal Erickson		Adam Litmer	<b><u>EVANGELIST</u></b>	Bill Morelan	Adam Litmer	Jim Parsons		Pat Seabolt		Matt Thompson	<p><b><u>SERVICES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday</u></b></p> <p>Bible Study: 9:45 AM</p> <p>Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday</u></b></p> <p>Bible Study: 7:30 PM</p> <p><b><u>1st Fri. of Month</u></b></p> <p>Singing: 7:30 PM</p> <p><b><u>3rd Fri. of Month</u></b></p> <p>Bible Study: 7:00 PM</p> <p>(Ask for location)</p>
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### **There's A Lesson Here**

Buildings constructed of brick and stone are some of the most lovely to look at and admire. Mortar holds

the individual bricks and stones in place. Not only is mortar essential in producing the end result, a functional building capable of standing intact for years and years to come, it also adds to the overall beauty of the structure. The mortar's precise horizontal and vertical lines portray regularity and symmetry; they outline the stones and brick, highlighting their natural beauty. Yet, the individual bricks and stones are viewed as a single structure because of the interconnectedness of the lines of mortar. It is only when the mortar begins to deteriorate, cracking and crumbling, that the beauty of the building fails.

*“But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.”*  
Hebrews 11:16

The church, as pictured in the Bible, is a glorious building constructed of individual stones, i.e. Christians. These spiritual stones are held together by spiritual cement. Please consider the following passages of scripture:

1 Peter 2:5, **“You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”**

Ephesians 2:19-22, **“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”**

1 Corinthians 3:9, **“For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.”**

What is it that holds these stones together? Two additional scriptures provide the answers. Ephesians 4:1-3, **“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord,**

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**implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** Colossians 3:14 says, **“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.** Let not our bonds of peace and love begin to crack and crumble.

The Elders

### **Let Me**

Let me see myself in heaven,  
to help govern my steps below.  
Let me see streets of burnished gold,  
when the enemy's darts are thrown.

Let me hear angel's shout "Holy!"  
Let it drown all of this world's noise.  
Let me breathe the hope of glory,  
so I may face this life with poise.

Let me feel the hand of Jesus,  
holding fast to my very own.  
Let me hear His words of comfort,  
in everything I've reaped and sown.

Let the voice of saved one's singing,  
fill every dream at evening's sleep.  
Let their melody uplift me,  
when life's highway becomes so steep.

Let the light that is the Father,  
pierce the darkness of here and now.  
Let the lamp that is my Savior,  
illuminate me as I bow.

Let the throne of gleaming jasper,  
compel my eyes of faith to sight.  
Let the gates eternal opened,  
present my trembling heart new might.

Let the river's healing waters,  
beckon me forward as I roam.  
Let the glories of heaven smile,  
to welcome this grateful saint home.

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How often do we think of heaven? How often do we dream about it? How many times during our day do we take the time to visualize the glorious descriptions of the heavenly city as described to us in Scripture? How often do we discuss with our families the wonders awaiting faithful saints when they finally get to their true home? How intently are we looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God? How seriously do we consider ourselves strangers and exiles on this earth? How zealously are we seeking a homeland, one far different from the places we dwell now? How strong is our desire for a better country, that is, a heavenly one? With how much longing do we anticipate the place that Christ has gone to prepare?

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. Yet our hope reaches far beyond the borders of this life. Heaven is the end for all saints. Every point of doctrine would mean nothing if there was not an eternal reward awaiting the faithful. Do not forget why we do everything that we do. Remember the heavenly city!

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### **Sermon**

AM The Heavenly City  
PM Book, Chapter & Verse

### **Reading**

Mark 11:15-33  
Mark 12:1-17