

# 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** was scheduled to return home late last week. **Julie Patton** received a good report Thursday and has been given permission to increase her activity. She has made 28 weeks, which was very important for the twins. Let us praise God and keep praying! **David Morrow**, a member of the Westside congregation (Salem, Indiana), is confined to the ICU at UK Hospital awaiting a heart transplant. His wife's name is Lisa and they would appreciate prayers and visits. Bear in mind that young children are not permitted in the ICU.

### List:

**Our members:** Jeff Howerton, Glenn Kimberlin, Paul Atkisson, Louis Harrod, Sandra Russell

**Others:** Lenny Shepperson, Debbie Parker, Lala Whitson, Rita Pagan, Vina Krassow, Courtney and Aubrey Reeves, John Bennett, Robert and Sarah Brundige, Donald Dawson, Jean Gartland, Gail Stein, Michael Poynter, CJ Nash, Sandy Childress, Nilma Covington, Mary Wilson, Charlie Little, Doris Baker, Edith Tirey

<u>WEEKLY READING</u>		<u>LEADERSHIP</u>		<u>SERVICES</u>
<b>Sun:</b>	Ec 9:11-18, Jo 16-17, Jer 9:23-10:25, Mt 24	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<b>Mon:</b>	Ec 10, Jo 18-19, Jer 11:1-17, Mt 25	Garry Banks	Troy Antle	Bible Study: 9:45 AM
<b>Tue:</b>	Ec 11:1-8, Jo 20, Jer 11:18-12:17, Mt 26:1-29	David Collins	Richard Brundige	Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM
<b>Wed:</b>	Ec 11:9-12:8, Jo 21, Jer 13, Mt 26:30-75	John Thompson	Neal Erickson	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Thu:</b>	Ec 12:9-14, Jo 22, Jer 14:1-15:9, Mt 27:1-26		Adam Litmer	Bible Study: 7:30 PM
<b>Fri:</b>	SS 1:1-8, Jo 23-24, Jer 15:10-16:21, Mt 27:27-66	<b>EVANGELIST</b>	Bill Morelan	<b>1st Fri. of Month</b>
<b>Sat:</b>	SS 1:9-2:7, Ju 1, Jer 17, Mt 28	Adam Litmer	Jim Parsons	Singing: 7:30 PM
			Pat Seabolt	<b>3rd Fri. of Month</b>
			Matt Thompson	Bible Study: 7:00 PM
				(Ask for location)

### **“The Ancient Paths”**

*“While we remain true to the principles on which we started out, there is no earthly power that can impede our progress. But the day we leave these walls and go out to take counsel with the world, will mark the day of our decline. We have nothing to fear from without. Our only danger lies in the direction of indifference and compromise. While we are true to God in the maintenance of these principles, the divine blessing will be upon our work. But should they ever be surrendered, ruin will certainly follow as that the Bible is true.”*

The preceding quote is from F.G. Allen. It can found in the January 23 edition of the *Gospel Advocate*, 1896. At the time that paper was the strongest proponent of New Testament Christianity to be found in the country. Sadly, times have changed.

However, the words of F.G. Allen prove as true today as they did when he first penned them. *“Thus says the Lord: ‘Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.’ But they said, ‘We will not walk in it’* (Jeremiah 6:16).

In the early to late 1800’s congregations of the Lord’s church were springing up like wild fire throughout this country. The plea was simple: Let’s go back to the New Testament and stand upon it alone. Let’s refuse to speak where it does not, but refuse to remain silent where it does. That biblical plea had been largely abandoned and when it was rediscovered it truly turned this country upside down (Acts 17:6).

Armed only with truth and a burning desire to see it defended, poorly educated Christians ventured forth like whirlwinds to cast down and destroy the arguments of men of much higher educational attainment (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). Their opponents and detractors cried out, “How is this possible? They’ve not been

### **Reminder**

Check out the sample songbooks in the back and offer your feedback to the elders. Their decision is imminent.

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to the Universities or Seminaries!” No, but they *had* sat at the feet of the Master Teacher and before long all their opponents recognized “*that they had been with Jesus*” (Acts 4:13b).

Sadly, many of the congregations that came into existence then began to cast longing looks at the world around them. Truth alone was no longer good enough. *Respectability* in the world and among its denominations became the order of the day. The distinctive plea was surrendered as they became like all the nations (1 Samuel 8:6).

You and I must cling to that plea as a drowning man clings to driftwood, for in that direction salvation lies.

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### Oh Yes, You Will!

By Joe Fitch

A cynical sage muses, “Nothing is sure but death and taxes.” We all nod and smile wisely, but is that true?

Well, even certain death seems distant and unreal—at least for me. Not even a host of funerals has changed it. It is other folks who die. I just cannot visualize myself as the guest of honor instead of guest speaker at a funeral. Yet “...*it is appointed unto man once to die...*” (Hebrews 9:27). Only two men in all history have been excepted—Enoch and Elijah. Someday I will join ranks with the dying. Oh yes, I will!

“There is nothing after death. At death, everyone will be finished. I will never return from the grave.” Oh yes, you will! “*The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation*” (John 5:28). The empty tomb of Jesus guarantees his power and promise. You may not believe it or understand it. You may wish it were not so. Resurrection offers no consolation to the wicked but alas, you will return—yes, you will! Resurrection is as sure as dying.

“You will not convince me. I will never believe that stuff about God and the Bible.” Oh yes, you will! No atheist will stand on the last day. All will be confirmed believers. You have taunted and ridiculed, asking for a tangible demonstration of

God? You will get it. On that day you will behold the majesty of His presence and hear His voice. Oh yes, you will believe then, sadly, if He says depart!

“I will never believe a man will be lost just because he does not believe in Jesus and do exactly as the Bible says.” Oh yes, you will! You should already know it. Jesus plainly said, “*If ye believe not that I am he ye shall die in your sins*” and “*whither I go you cannot come*” (John 8:21). He also said, “*Not everyone...but he that doeth the will of my Father*” will enter the kingdom (Matthew 7:21). You will believe it at the judgment. Oh yes, you will!

“Listen! Nobody tells me what to do. I will bow to none!” Oh yes, you will! God seeks by persuasion and incentive to get you willingly to submit to Him (Philippians 2:13). You can rebel and defy Him today, but you will eventually submit. Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess Jesus as Lord (Philippians 2:9-11). That includes you! When He calls you to judgment, you will come. If He says, “*Depart into everlasting fire,*” you will surely obey. Oh yes, you will!

“Nobody will ever know.” You are wrong. “...*be sure your sin will find you out.*” (Numbers 32:23). “...*all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do*” (Hebrews 4:13). Every word, every deed, even the most private thought must accounted for. Oh yes, you will face them!

God does not forget the righteous nor their labor of love (Hebrews 6:10). The “*exceeding great and precious promises*” will be kept (2 Peter 1:4). When he comes again we will receive our crown (2 Timothy 4:8). Oh yes, we will!

### What Did We Do Last Week?

How many of us spoke to someone about Christ?

How many of us mentioned our brethren in our prayers?

How many of us read from our Bibles every day?

How many of us called on the sick?

How many of us took time to meditate upon the condition of our souls?

How many of us paused to consider what more we can do for the Lord’s cause?

How many of us let a brother or sister know how much we appreciate them?

How many of us thought to encourage a fellow saint?

How many of us considered if we are doing our part for the church?

**Sermons:** (AM) Love Is Not Rude

(PM) A House In Ruins

**Reading:** (AM) Luke 2:36-52

(PM) Luke 3:1-22