

WICK LIST:**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

Bertharine Burton, Ruby Harrison, Henry McDonald (Ridgeview, Rm 176), Vera Fike (Ridgeview, Rm 173), June Hosmer

HOME: Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Ed & Bettie Barrett, H.C. & Jimmie Nell Brown, Fred & Romaine Elliott, Nellie Windham, Bobby Myers, Bessie Files, Travis Richardson, Cynthian McMeans

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Kimberly Wilcox, Sonya Parnell, Anna Turner, Francis Rushing, Sue Hinds, Harold Walton, Larry Drummond, Jim Murrell, Louise Alexander, Donnie Bryant, Joshua Jackson, Joe Windham, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Sharon Lawson, Esther Sutton, Wilma Howell, Patsy Tucker, Rhonda Poe, Debbie Odom, Dicey Wright, Michael Pope, Dalana Tucker

W - NEIL MYERS

W - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

W - OSPEL MEETING AT CORINTH, FEB 25-26

W - OSPEL MEETING AT BURLESON, FEB 26-29

W - FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY AT ANTIOCH, FEB 26

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb 19: Margaret Barton

21: Bettye Henderson

25: Travis Richardson

THE WEST WALKER WELCOMER

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
Carlton Myers 221-0637
Leil Myers 924-9289
Bruce Windham 221-2348

DEACONS:

Danny Busby 387-0213

MINISTER:

Ben Wright 522-8004

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY 2012
Balance on hand January 1, 2012

\$38,923.12

	Contribution for January 1, 2012	3,420.00
	Contribution for January 8, 2012	2,614.00
	Contribution for January 15, 2012	2,638.00
	Contribution for January 22, 2012	2,705.00
	Contribution for January 29, 2012	2,360.00
360	ALFA (hospital insurance)	573.00
361	Ben Wright (salary)	800.00
362	Brenda Rushing (cleaning building)	350.00
363	Ben Wright (salary)	800.00
364	Townley Water Authority	20.80
365	Witcher Office Supply	68.30
366	Winkler Publications	186.81
367	ALFA (insurance on building and house)	3,506.00
368	Mars Hill Book Store	106.74
369	Viking Business Solutions	106.19
370	Tony Oravet (website)	399.00
371	Childhaven	200.00
372	Carolina Messenger	100.00
373	Vernon Church of Christ	100.00
374	Memphis School of Preaching	200.00
375	Shades Mountain Church of Christ	100.00
376	GBN	500.00
377	Sixth Avenue Church of Christ	100.00
378	Church of Christ at Laurinburg	150.00
379	Hackleburg Church of Christ	250.00
380	Hughes Internet	151.36
381	Sam's Club (Kitchen supplies)	170.54
382	Ben Wright (salary)	800.00
383	U.S. Postal Service (mailing cd's)	105.69
384	Alabama Power Co.	424.46
385	Action Office Supply	85.00
386	Spiritual Sword	61.00
387	Tony Oravet (website)	120.00
388	Ben Wright (salary)	800.00
389	Ben Wright (salary)	800.00
390	Caleb Hall	250.00
391	AT&T	105.60
	Total Balance & Credits	\$52,660.12
	Total Debits	<u>12,490.49</u>
	Balance on hand January 31, 2012	\$40,169.63

IS HEAVEN A REAL PLACE?
Mark Lindley

It has been the topic of countless sermons and the basis for innumerable songs. Infinite numbers of books and limitless lines of poetry have been written on this subject. But is it real? Is heaven a real place or just a myth invented by man? For those who believe the Bible, the question is easy to answer. Jesus said, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:1-3).

Twice in this passage Jesus refers to heaven as a “place.” It is interesting to consider how the word that is translated “place” is used elsewhere in Scripture. For example, the Samaritan woman of John chapter 4 said to Jesus, “Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship” (verse 20). Notice that the lady correctly referred to Jerusalem as a “place.” The word she used in referring to Jerusalem is the same word that Jesus used in reference to heaven. The point is that heaven is a real place, just as Jerusalem is a real place. Heaven is just as real as any city on which we might live or locate on a map.

It should be understood, of course, that heaven is a different kind of place. Heaven is a spiritual place, unlike this earth that is temporal, subject to death and decay (1 Peter 1:3-4). Nevertheless, heaven is a place... a place that is real.

In fact, the reality of heaven is tied to the reality of Jesus Himself. Observe this connection: “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” (John 6:38). If we accept that Jesus is a real being, should we not also be willing to accept that Jesus “came down from heaven”? It would be highly inconsistent to accept that Jesus is a real being, while rejecting Jesus’ claim that He came from heaven. Yes, heaven is as real as the Lord Himself.

It is exceptionally important for us to believe in heaven. When the disciples were distressed and anxious, how did Jesus calm their restless hearts? He said, “Let not your heart be troubled,” and then He spoke to them about heaven. When we are trying to cope with fear, sorrow, sickness, or pain a strong belief in heaven should inspire us to press on and to prepare ourselves for that happy land of rest.