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### OPPORTUNITIES OF WORSHIP

#### Lord's Day

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Services 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Services 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



More Than A Welcome  
Awaits You At The

## Church of Christ

### Brooke Haven

Vivian Lovan Room 203  
Betty Sage Room 206

### NHC

Helen Harrison Room D3

### Pleasant Valley Manor

Marie Carpenter Room 405  
Velta Hamblen Room 107  
Charlie Ward Room 407

### West Vue

Margaret Alvis Room 309  
Madge Brown Room 814

### Helen Collins

Room 608

### Bobby Jo Gish

Room 819

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Room 712

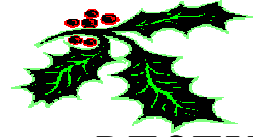
### Lois Shelton

Room 807

### Marjorie Willard

Room 613

**Members Home-Bound or with Ongoing Illness**  
Loeta Barr, J.G.Batterton, Floyd & Marcella Brown, Leota Crawford, JoAnne Eagleman, Marie Good, Connie Griffin, James Henry, Pete & Rachael Hensley, Minnie Hicks, Sue Moore, Jean Osborn, Bonnie Wallace, Leona Willard & Sibyl Wright.



## DECEMBER

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 - Letitia Wilkening
- 4 - Phil & Deborah Martin  
Josey Roberts
- 6 - Glenna Hall
- 7 - Jane Scaggs
- 9 - Rachel Hensley  
Phil Martin
- 11 - Nadine Hall
- 12 - Caleb Wells
- 13 - Louise Cook
- 14 - Ron Eagleman
- 15 - Jimmy Wood
- 17 - Connie & Nina Stafford  
Shelby Perry
- 18 - Vera Alsup
- 19 - Albert Dold
- 20 - Joe Auffert
- 22 - Allyson Kerley
- 23 - Alice Barr  
Lois J. Frazier  
Peggy Gunter  
Bill & Vickie Johnson
- 24 - Peggy Jeffrey  
June Hardin  
Jim Jones
- 26 - Cheryl Finley
- 27 - Mearl & Louise Harris
- 29 - Lance Shipley  
Cara Jacques  
Dennis & Sue Willard
- 31 - Randy & Connie Griffin  
Amanda Jones

# Church of Christ

King James Version is requested for the pulpit, classrooms,  
and scripture reading.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the  
power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;  
to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16



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# CAN I GO TO HEAVEN?

Heaven is that "prepared place for a prepared people." We can read of the beauty of heaven in Revelation 21:10; 22:5. We should all want to go there, but often times we see people who want to do as little as possible to get into that beautiful city. Taking into consideration what many try to do, let us ask the following questions:

CAN I GO TO HEAVEN on one service a week? NO! Not if I am able to attend more, but choose not to. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Hebrew 10:25).

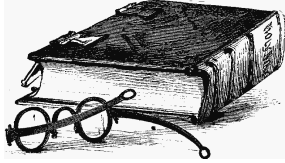
CAN I GO TO HEAVEN and love the things of the world? NO! John wrote, "Love not the world...If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (I John 2:15).

CAN I GO TO HEAVEN and not work for the Lord? NO! Listen to the words of James, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone...For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:17, 26).

CAN I GO TO HEAVEN and live any way I choose? NO! We must live "faithful unto death" if we expect to receive a crown of life (Rev. 2:10). We must live our life as instructed in Titus 2:12; "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

CAN I GO TO HEAVEN and not be obedient to the Lord's Plan of Salvation? NO! We must hear the word (Rom. 10:17); we must believe that Word (John 8:32); we must repent of our sins (Luke 13:3); we must confess Christ as our Lord (Matt.10:32); and we must be baptized for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). **IT IS ONLY BY OBEDIENCE THAT WE CAN GO TO HEAVEN!**

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## "TAMING THE TONGUE"

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**"But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:8).**

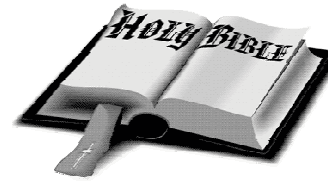
The sins of the tongue are numerous. With this in mind, we need to think before we speak and seek to mark each and every word we say. Jesus warned, "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:36-37). The Wiseman penned, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof" (Prov. 18:21). David once prayed, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14).

James likened the tongue unto an uncontrollable fire, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell" (James 3:5-6). Again, the Wiseman penned, "An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips there is a burning fire" (Prov. 16:27). With the tongue, man starts many raging fires and then continues to fan the flame and add fuel to the fire with the same. Solomon said, "As a man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, So is the man that deceiveth his neighbor, and saith, Am I not in sport? Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife. The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross" (Prov.26:18-23).

Those who learn to control their tongue, spare themselves and others much hurt and pain. The Wiseman said, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles" (Prov. 21:23). James said that the man who is able to bridle the tongue is able to bridle his whole body, "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body" (James 3:2). The Wiseman again said, "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction" (Proverbs 13:3). Prior to this he penned, "The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble" (Prov. 12:13). Solomon had much to say about the tongue. In another of his proverbs he added, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth

out foolishness. ... A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit" (Prov. 15:1-4). There is that speaketh like the piercing of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health" (Prov.12:18). "The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth" (Prov. 10:20).

We can either build others up with our tongue or tear them down. James said, "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:10). Am I building up or tearing down?



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### Sunday's Lesson & Sermon Titles

**Sunday AM Class:** The First Tour of Galilee

**Sunday AM Sermon:** Brotherly Love

**Sunday PM Sermon:** Question & Answer Night

**DAILY FAMILY BIBLE READING**

**Matthew 12: 34-37; Proverbs 25:11**

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**In Sympathy:** Our sympathy goes out to Alta Newberry and family at the passing of her husband, Ben. He passed away on Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Family Night will be on Monday, Nov. 21 between 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Robertson-Drago. Funeral Services will be Tuesday, Nov. 22, 10:00 a.m. here at the church building.

**In Sympathy:** We also want to extend our sympathy to Leland Grisham at the passing of his mother-in-law, Pauline Gann. Services for her will be held today at Robertson-Drago at 2:00 p.m.

**Please keep these families in your thoughts & prayers.**

**Restored:** We rejoice that Rebecca Eagleman Beasley has been restored. She is a sister to Don Eagleman. **Address:** 997 North Howell Avenue, Apt. 5, West Plains. **Phone:** 417-256-1140.

**Fruit Baskets:** We will be making fruit baskets on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 2:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet for items to be brought on the bulletin board.

**Workday for Widows/Widowers:** On Dec. 3, we will have a workday to assist the widows and widowers. If you are a widow or widower, please provide a list of tasks you need done to one of the deacons.

**Family/Youth Night:** Enjoy some roller skating fun at the Mtn. View Youth Center. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.