



“Being the presence of **Christ** in the world by **celebrating** the worship of God, **connecting** people to people and **caring** for others.”

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I Can See Heaven From Here

Heaven is a concept so foreign to people that even discussing it brings up questions. What will heaven be like when you get there? The discussion really runs around if this or that isn't there, then I really don't want to go. I believe that's a country song.

The media of late has been up in arms over the book "Heaven is For Real." There are questions flung at its author and the boy who had the experience of seeing Heaven. They have been questioned extensively about the truthfulness of their claim. I will begin by stating I really don't know if the little boy experienced Heaven and came back or not. It is not my place to judge or determine the efficacy of that type of claim. Nor would I care to. However, I find it fascinating that, in our increasingly secular world, that most people have been caught up by the mystique of Heaven.

For what it's worth, here is what I believe. I do believe in Heaven and Hell. I do believe in the concept of sin. Now that I have stated what I feel is obvious, I believe we experience a little piece of Heaven every day.

When I look around myself as the day passes away, I believe I see little bits of Heaven through the touch of His hand around me. The smiles and laughter of children playing, the hungry fed, comfort to those in pain, the small gesture of kindness, the little bit of help that makes the day easier, the joy of worship and the list could go on and on. I see those little pieces of life around me that reflect Heaven to me.

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Rev. 21:4)

-- Brian Logan

Mission Opportunities

- ◆ Keep in prayer our students going on mission to **Haiti** in early June as well as those students going to Jonathan Creek Crossings Camp late in June.
- ◆ Are you interested in a **mission trip to Nicaragua** in July? Contact Lee Bryant for more information on this missions opportunity.
- ◆ In May, the Missions Committee will have “**Forget Me Nots**” available again. Since May is “Mother’s Day” month, we will be focusing on our homebound and nursing home women. Take time to select a card and complete an act of kindness to one who is in need of some attention. In June we will focus on the men.
- ◆ Coming July 2-7, a **church-wide mission trip to Louisville, Kentucky**, for all ages and for families. We will be working with a Kid’s Café and with the Dare to Care Food Pantry Warehouse. For more information, contact Mike Green or the church office.

Trailblazer Outdoor Adventures
Saturday, May 31
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Christian Life Center at First Baptist

For all ages! Includes Trout Fishing Tank, Archery Range, Fishing Pole Casting Contest, Turkey Calling Booth, Crossman Air Rifle Range, Birds of Prey display, food, prizes, and lots more!

Volunteers are needed to help with activities, food and welcoming our guests. Call Lee Bryant or the church office to help!

WEIRD ANIMALS
Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind

Vacation Bible School
June 2-6
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Volunteer now to love kids in Bible study, crafts, recreation, refreshments!

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

May 11-May 17, 2014
Bill Conn - 521-4273
Steven Moses - 521-2910

May 18-May 24, 2014
John Harris - 549-3035

USHERS OF THE WEEK

May 11, 2014
Mike and Gail Bordes
Evelyne Dupier
Willard Reeves

May 18, 2014
John and Erica Harris
Tom and Tammy Stephens

SUPER CHURCH WORKERS

May 11, 2014
John and Erica Harris
Erin White

May 18, 2014
Kathy Karr
Janet Logan
Emily Perkins

MAY

Sunday, May 11, 2014
10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Super Church
12:30 pm FBC Hikes

Monday, May 12, 2014
11:30 am Adkins-Ellison Group (CLC Kitchen)
5:00 pm Zumba (CLC)
6:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Green's Home)

Tuesday, May 13, 2014
10:00 am Peace by Piece
3:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Trinity Fitness (CLC)

Wednesday, May 14, 2014
5:00 pm Zumba (CLC)
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting (FH)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 15, 2014
6:00 pm Trinity Fitness (CLC)

Friday, May 16, 2014
10:00 am Williamsburg High School Baccalaureate Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 18, 2014
10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Super Church
2:00 pm Garnet Chrisman Retirement Celebration (CLC)
7:00 pm Williamsburg High School Baccalaureate (Sanctuary)

RECORDS
April 20, 2014
Bible Study: 151
Budget: \$ 6,007
Designated: \$ 986
Budget Gifts 2014: \$ 90,324

April 27, 2014
Bible Study: 119
Budget: \$2,873
Designated: \$207
Budget Gifts 2014: \$ 93,197

Graduates will be honored in worship Sunday, May 18.

Be sure the church office has the names of any graduates that you want to honor by Sunday, May 11th!