

**2023**  
**SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE**

**In The Heavens-**  
**Matthew 6:9-15**

“Teach us how to pray”;  
 “Our Father who is in heaven”.  
 1<sup>st</sup> heaven= the sky, 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven= the stars and planets (solar system), 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven= God’s abode, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 12  
 What does it mean that we have “Our Father in (the) heaven(s)?

1. God is Great- Isaiah 40:15-26
  - A. no wonder the Psalmist cried in Ps 145:3 ,  
 “Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.”
  - B. HE can handle whatever I am (you are) going through...
2. God is Near-- "Our Father who is all around me."
  - A. “so that men would seek him and perhaps find him, though he is not far from each of us. For in him we live and move and have our being..” Acts 17:27,28
  - B. “I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!” Psalms 139:7
  - C. ...I am with you always, to the very end of the ages. Matthew 28:20
3. There is a reality beyond what our eyes can see.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> King 6
  - A. “Don’t be afraid!” Elisha told him. “For there are more on our side than on theirs!” Then Elisha prayed, “O LORD, open his eyes and let him see!”

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? “(Romans 8:31)

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**SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**  
 Bible Classes for all ages 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
 Bible Classes for all ages 6:30 p.m.

**ELDERS AND STAFF**

**Elders**  
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**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Bible Hour  
 Ann Thompson

ELDER for July Eric Bliss  
 LADIES COMMITTEE for July Cheryl Bliss



**JULY 16 2023**

**Order Of Worship**

Song Leader: Russell Capshaw

Welcome.....Eric Bliss

717 Victory In Jesus  
 716 Walking Alone At Eve

Prayer.....Jerry Hopkins

473 Oh How I Love Jesus

Lord’s Supper.....Mike Cottam

924 I Am Mine No More

Offering.....Russell Capshaw

402 Living For Jesus

Scripture Reading.....Dale Brand

Morning Service.....”In The Heavens”..... David House

50 Are You Washed In The Blood?  
 745 Where Could I Go?

Closing Prayer.....Bob Donald

Potluck Directly Following Morning Services.....

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**July 16th** Morning Class @ 9:30 AM  
Worship @ 10:30 AM  
Potluck & Devo Directly After AM Worship  
**19th** Evening Service @ 6:30 PM  
**22nd** Men's Breakfast @ Tom's @ 8:30 AM  
Bridge House Meal To Be Served  
Russell Capshaw's birthday

**MONTHLY POTLUCK**

Our monthly potluck is today after morning services. If you have any questions, please see Cheryl Bliss. A short devo will directly follow & conclude our services for the day. If you have any questions, please see one of the Elders.

**BRIDGE HOUSE**

There are sign up sheets in the foyer for the meal that is to be served to the Bridge House Saturday, July 22nd. Please take a moment & see how you can help.

**LOVE RECOGNIZES NO BARRIES. IT JUMPS HURDLES, LEAPS FENCES, PENETRATES WALLS TO ARRIVE AT IT'S DESTINATION FULL OF HOPE.**

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

Never apologize for having high standards. People who really want to be in your life will rise up to meet them.

**SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY**

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.*  
~Romans 12:2

**PRAYER IS IMPORTANT**

-**Jimmy Williams** passed away Friday afternoon after suffering another major health crisis. Please keep **Bari** & the entire extended family in your prayers following their loss of **Jimmy**.  
-Please keep **Danny Donaghe** in your prayers. He received a heart late Thursday evening. He has a long road of recovery ahead. Also keep **Dale & Sharon Donaghe** in your prayers as they continue to look after **Sharon's** dad, as he struggles with his health.  
-**Jan Hayes's** daughter in law **Andrea**, lost her brother this past weekend. Please keep her & the extended family in your prayers through this loss.  
-**Loretta Bower** took a bad fall last Sunday evening & ended up in the ER with an overnight stay. The doctors kept her for observation her since she suffered a brain bleed. Please keep her in your prayers for a swift recovery & little interruption to her visit.  
-It is great to have **Debbie T Nelson** with us for a few weeks. She is always a welcomed blessing here!  
-**Bob & Robin Murray** asked for prayers for their daughter **Bonnie**, who has an esophagus issue that is not allowing food to get to her stomach. Please keep her in your prayers as the doctors determine a course of action to resolve her issue.  
-**Ann Thompson** asked for prayers for her daughter **Stacy**, who is experiencing chest pain & numbness in her arm. Please keep her & **Ann** in your prayers as she is very concerned about her.  
-Please keep **Mike Cottam** in your prayers as he sees a gastrologist about his ongoing issue.  
-**Riley Yargus** asked for prayers for guidance in life choices with others. She also asked for prayers for her friend **Joshua** that he may have nothing but blessings for he & his family.  
-**Kassie Gladden** asked for prayers for her friend **Jesi**, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. She is in the hospital with pain. Please keep her in your prayers.  
-**Jinny Donald** asked that we remember **Julia Denton** & her son **Matt** as they continue to struggle with health issues.  
-**Laura Crownover** is in LA to be with her brother **Joe** as he started his cancer treatments. Please keep him & the extended family in your prayers.  
-**Aaron Chadwick**, a former member here was in a bad car accident Wednesday night. He has some mobility issues, but so far no traumatic brain injury symptoms. Please keep he & his family in your prayers for a swift recovery.  
-**Alora Cottam** gave a report on her sister **Cheri** & her surgery being successful Prayers were answered!  
-Please keep those of our number traveling that they have blessed visits & safe return, i.e., **Loretta Bower, Laura Crownover, Jerry & Sandy Hopkins & Roy Senior**.  
-Please remember **Veda Battison** & the extended family in your prayers. As she remains on hospice care.

**ENCOURAGING WORDS**

**What is Going On?!**

It is time for determined Christian adults, parents, and grandparents to take a stand and hold their position on the God-fearing morality that must characterize our lives, our homes, our families, and our congregations. The moral principles so clearly detailed in Scripture and exemplified so beautifully in the life of our Savior must be the sole guide and focus of our existence on this earth! If we choose to compromise or even to waver from them for but a moment, the schemes and sway of the devil and his worldly influences are set to pounce.

It would appear that many people today have seemingly lost all sense of personal dignity, propriety and prudence in their daily choices and actions. (Watch the news!) It's been a steady progression of the unthinkable! Pornographic magazines cornered the market for some time. Then came videos. Then came the internet. All of these were means to **view** the immoral images. But, with the advent of the world wide web and the ease of not only receiving data but sending it as well, young people (and it's **not** just limited to young people) began not only viewing these lewd images but **sharing** their own as well...they call it "sexting" – a practice similar to texting with the cell phone but sending naked pictures or such of themselves instead. That's right!

And now we are faced with the gender identification issue which has been both promoted in the media and introduced in our classrooms. Just when you think that you've seen it all, you realize that you haven't!!

I have no idea **where** this will all end, but I know **how** it can end. We **must** take a firm stand for the God-fearing morality that is outlined so explicitly in the Bible. I know this has been kind of explicit, but we must know what we're facing and then be determined to confront it! R. Senior