

## Will Heaven be Worse than Hell?

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The renown Science Fiction writer, Isaac Asimov once wrote, “I don’t believe in an afterlife, so I don’t have to spend my whole life fearing hell, or fearing heaven even more. For whatever the tortures of hell, I think the boredom of heaven would be even worse.”

I think Asimov not only summed up his own thinking about heaven, but he also summed up the thinking of countless others as well. Many people, like Asimov, envision heaven as an eternal worship service wherein the saved will sit on hard wooden pews, wearing uncomfortable neck-ties, suits, and dresses. There we will sit for all eternity singing every song in the songbook from cover to cover, only to then start all over again. In a word, many people think heaven will be BORING!

While I cannot tell you all the things the saved will do when we get to heaven, I can assure you that it won’t be “boring,” and one won’t prefer hell over heaven. How can I make such an assurance? Because I trust God.

Had I been with the Israelites when they were backed up against the Red Sea with the Egyptians approaching, I would not have known how God was going to save them, but hindsight revealed he parted the Sea so the Israelites could escape.

Had I been present when God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, I would not have known how God was going to resolve that situation, but hindsight revealed that he provided a ram.

Had I been present when Jesus was murdered on a cross, I would have been so confused, but hindsight revealed the resurrection.

Likewise, while I don’t understand how God is going to make heaven the place of eternal joy and happiness devoid of sorrow, pain, and death, I have full faith that someday, hindsight will reveal the answer to that question as well.

As for me, I’m homesick for a city to which I’ve never been. As for Asimov, he has changed his thinking about preferring hell over heaven, but sadly, he changed his mind too late.

*Steve Higginbotham*

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*His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14*

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Joe and Teresa Freund, Ervin Hill, Gaele Jackson, Molly Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Marilyn Mayben, Sherry Merrill, Foy O'Neil, Mebyl Privett, Tina Rasbury, Bryan Reiboldt, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney.

Charlie Phillips is in the hospital in Springfield with pneumonia due to Covid. He is improving. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

Continue to pray for the other members of our church and their families who are recovering from Covid at home.



**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we purchased a car seat for a new baby. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

If you are not able to be at church, continue to visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Tonight is our **back to school ice cream fellowship** in the activities center after evening services. You are asked to bring an appetizer. Sundaes and drinks will be provided.

**Summer Youth Series** is Tuesday at 6:00 at Jim and Kathy Friend's home. Guys are asked to bring drinks and chips and girls are asked to bring desserts.



## Today's Sermons

- A.M. *The Scene at Sinai*  
(Exodus 19, Danny Boggs)
- P.M. *Mountain Memories*  
(Danny Boggs)

### WORSHIP LEADERS

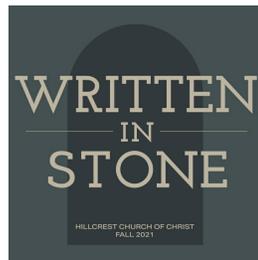
#### Today

#### This Wednesday

AM Opening Prayer: Caleb Boggs  
AM Closing Prayer: Alec Fehring  
Communion Prayers: Carl Thomlinson  
  
PM Opening Prayer: Glen Honeycutt  
PM Closing Prayer: Fred Bukowich

Announcements: Wayne Douthitt  
Singing: Pat Andrews  
Invitation: John Johnson  
  
Opening Prayer: Danny Boggs  
Closing Prayer: Miles Wolgamott

Today we start a **study of the Ten Commandments** that will take us all the way into November. Besides sermons, you'll get a daily devotional book to read, and we'll grow closer to God and closer together in smaller Sunday night groups beginning in September. Get ready, and invite others to join us!



**BBQ** **Men's BBQ** is Thursday night. The van leaves at 6:00 for Woody's Smokehouse.

If you helped in any way with VBS, please fill out a blue **VBS survey** from the welcome desk and leave it in the box today.

Neosho Christian School needs your help to provide pre-packaged snacks for the **after-school program** this year. They are also in need of Dixie cups since the drinking fountains will not be open this year. If you can help, please drop off items at the Ladies' Corner.

The **wedding shower/fellowship** meal for Cheyenne Black and Ethan Murray will be August 29 after morning services. If you would like to contribute to the money tree before then, you may give your money gift to Brenda Kimbrough or Molly Cobb.

You are invited to a **50th wedding anniversary celebration** for Lowell and Twyla McInturff on Sunday, September 5, from 2:00 - 4:00 at Hidden Grace, 11936 Hammer Road, Neosho. Omission of gifts is requested. Their anniversary is on September 3.

Please pick up dishes from the Ladies' Corner.

*Hillcrest Family,*  
*Sage and I can't tell you how much we appreciate your love and support. Your generosity blew us away when we recived the money tree and the sweet cards! It has been so helpful getting us started here in Nashville. I can't express how much I will (and already do) miss you all! You mean so much to us! Love,*  
*Sage and Whitney (Thomlinson) Hendrickson*

| RECORDS      | 8-8-21     | 8-9-20     |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| Bible Study  | 128        | online     |
| AM Worship   | 165        |            |
| PM Worship   | 103        |            |
| Wednesday    | 134        |            |
| Contribution | \$8,320.77 |            |
| Budget       | \$8,000.00 | \$7,864.15 |