

NEWS



About Our
Charlestown
Road Family

When you pray, please remember...

- **Becky Book:** dealing with pancreatitis
- **Paul Hoke:** dealing with a variety of health difficulties
- **Brian Holder:** recovering from a recent fall
- **The Berthold family:** celebrating the birth of Archer Lane
- **The Sheppard family:** grieving the passing of Brian Sweeney
- **Marge McElwain:** recovering from surgery in her battle with ovarian cancer
- **Steve Kirchgessner:** recovering from open heart surgery
- **Brad Winsatt:** being helped at home by hospice care in his battle with cancer
- **Billie Dewhirst:** scheduled for surgery on December 5 to remove a mass on her bladder
- **Pregnancies:** Erin Goldman (**Dec**); Lauren Keller (**Dec**); Mary Stuart Boser (**Jan**)

THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH DIFFICULTIES:

David Ables
Nancy Blacketer
Debbie Bratcher
Betty Chastain
Doris Chittick
Billie Dewhirst

Teresa Evaline
Martha Fleming
Yvonne Jones
Lisa Martin
Bob & Marge McElwain
Shirley Roberts
Brad Winsatt
Freedia Zurschmeide

Friday, December 9 (6:30 PM):

- **The Young Couples Group** will meet at the Stocktons' house

SMALL
groups



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on social media

The **Heaven Bound** podcast
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

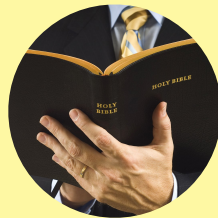


Sundays:

9:30 AM - Worship
10:45 AM - Bible classes
5:00 PM - Worship

Wednesdays:

7:00 PM - Bible classes



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The Best Is Yet to Be

Gary Henry

"But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them." (Heb 11:16)

All of the faithful people of God in the Scriptures were forward-looking people. They looked for "a better, that is, a heavenly country." And such a dream was not merely a dream; they looked forward to something that is one day going to be an objective reality. God "has prepared a city for them." If anything, it will be more real than the city in which we live right now.

For those in a right relationship with God, it is always true to say that "the best is yet to be." History is moving toward a grand culmination. In God, there is meaning and significance to this life. There is a vision of great goodness ahead and progress toward the realization of that vision. In God, there is the hope of total joy!

To say that the best is yet to be is to say a lot, because the present can be very good indeed. And certainly, no one ought to enjoy the good things in this world more than God's people. But what is coming is so much better! With regard to the blessings God has in store for those who are found "in Christ," we really do have a wonderful problem: trying to stretch our imaginations wide enough to take in just how good it's going to be. As Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote, "God's best gifts put man's best dreams to shame."

So our focus needs to be forward. After all, life only moves in one direction: from beginning to end. And since the end is the goal that everything else is reaching forward to, we can honestly say that the "end of a thing is better than its beginning" (Eccl 7:8). For those who are in God through Jesus Christ, the best is always yet to be. On even the best day we've ever enjoyed in this present world, the best is still yet to be.

To our guests...

WELCOME

We're glad you're here today. Here's what you can expect in our **Sunday morning assembly:**

- Welcome
- Song
- Prayer
- Song
- Lord's Supper song
- Lord's Supper
- Song
- Sermon
- Invitation song
- Closing song
- Closing prayer
- Announcements

We're thankful you're here. You matter to us because you matter to God. If we can be of any help, please ask.



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I'm not fully _____ if I'm not wearing _____ (5:5-7)

- Peter could remember:
 - The _____ (Mark 9:33-34; 10:35-37, 41; Luke 22:24)
 - Being humbled under the mighty _____ of God (John 13:1-17)
- Now the Lord uses Peter to tell us: " _____ on, all of you, lowliness of _____ toward one another" (Eph 4:1-3; Col 3:12-15; Phil 2:3-5). "But," we might object...
 - "I'll be _____" ...casting all your anxieties on him (Mark 9:35)
 - "I might fall _____" ...that at the proper time he may exalt you (Mark 10:45)
 - "I don't _____ what will happen" ...because he cares for you (John 13:15)

Shepherds of the chief Shepherd help me experience that care (5:1-5, 8-9)

- Shepherding work is care-for-_____ work:
 - Paying careful _____ to the flock
 - Feeding the sheep
 - Strengthening the _____
 - Healing the sick
 - Binding up the _____
 - Seeking the lost
 - Bringing back the _____
- } Acts 20; John 21; Ezekiel 34
 ...that the sheep might not be "scattered, because there was no shepherd," becoming " _____ for all the wild beasts" (Ezek 34:5)
- Ultimately, the choice(s) to resist the devil, firm in my faith, will be mine.

The God of all _____ will _____... (5:10-11)

- _____ you
 - _____ you
 - _____ you
 - _____ you
- } ...that you can say, " _____ am _____, and _____ is _____."

Bible classes for ALL AGES begin 7 minutes after our morning assembly has ended and we'd love to have you join us. **ADULTS have two options:**

Auditorium Class

ACTIONS OF THE APOSTLES

Room B2 Class

SEARCHING FOR THE KING

This Evening
5:00 PM

THE BLESSINGS OF CHRIST

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

- MONDAY** - 2 Samuel 6 & Luke 14
- TUESDAY** - 2 Samuel 7 & Luke 15
- WEDNESDAY** - Psalm 95
- THURSDAY** - 2 Samuel 8 & Luke 16
- FRIDAY** - 2 Samuel 9 & Luke 17
- SATURDAY** - Proverbs 28
- SUNDAY** - Psalm 96