

This World Is Not My Home
via the church of Christ at Grandby, MO

As the words of a popular song say, “This world is not my home; I’m just a passing thru. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue”. Jesus says, *“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:20-21).* We must lay up our treasures in heaven, not here on the earth. The Bible says, *“And as it is appointed for man to die once, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).* When we draw our last breath, what we have accumulated here on the earth will go to someone else. After we pass from this life our fate is sealed and we will be judged by what is written in the word of God (John 12:48).

Life here on earth is so temporary and short. Life passes so quickly. James 4:14 says, *“Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”* Many people are living their lives as though they will live forever here on the earth. One day this earth and all of its possessions will be burned up. No one knows when this will be. *“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness” (2 Peter 3:10-11).*

As the words of the song continue to say, “If heaven is not my home, then Lord what will I do?” For the vast majority of people, heaven will not be their home (Matthew 22:14). Their home will be a real and never ending hell in which they will be *“tormented day and night forever and ever in burning fire and brimstone” (Revelation 20:10, 15).* But for the few whose home is heaven, *“God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4).*

The apostle Paul was longing to leave this world and go home to heaven. He says, *“For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you...For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:23-24, 3:20).*

As mortal human beings we cannot begin to imagine how great and wonderful heaven will be. We cannot comprehend its glory. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:9. *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”* We have, *“an inheritance incorruptible and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:4), “knowing that you have a better and enduring possession for yourselves in heaven” (Hebrews 10:34).* As human beings we are eternal in that we have a soul that lives forever in one of two places. Our home will be either heaven or hell. We make the choice as to where we will go while we are here on Earth. If one is not preparing to go to heaven he will end up in hell. Jesus taught, *“seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...” (Matthew 6:33).* Our number one goal in this life must be for heaven to be our home. *“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14).*
No one will accidentally go to heaven.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Class	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
* Sunday PM Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday PM Bible Class	7:00 PM

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*** There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.**



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please silence cell phones and any other noise making devices during worship.

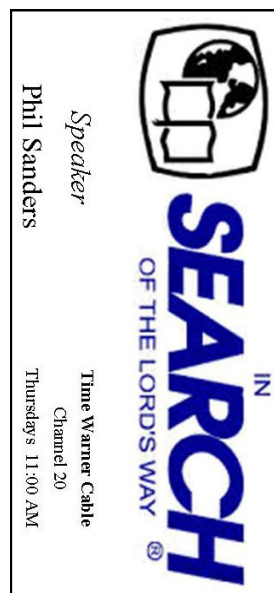
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A Place of Worship and Healing

2016 Theme

How To

Love
Let Go
Live
Learn
Lead
Laugh



Condolences:

Egla Grana’s sister Ruth Roque age 91 passed away Monday Aug. 8 in Puerto Rico.

Prayer List *In our prayers let’s praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Let’s Keep These Folks In Our Prayers: Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Red & Goldie Crow, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Tony and Egla Grana, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Willow, Darlene Reed, Leo & Jeanne Johns, Butts & Edie Sumner, Rick & Fran Fees, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Bev McArthur, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Ron & Jean Cameron, and Jodie Kelly.

Updates

Joyce Cameron continues with rehab at Kenmore Mercy. She is in room 2202. Visiting hours are 11 AM-8 PM. You are encouraged to come after 3 PM due to therapy in the morning and meals.

Jean Cameron had a pacemaker installed Monday at St. Mary’s and was released to go home on Tuesday.

Carol Jones has been dealing with pain in her right shoulder. She hoped to have surgery this month but it has been postponed. She has a workers comp hearing on the 18th. Prayers are appreciated on Carol’s behalf.

Glory Marten. At this time - no visitors please.

Charles Bennett tore a calf muscle while at camp and is off work and on crutches. He is scheduled to see the orthopedic doctor in ta few weeks.

Brenda Nelson is asking for prayers to help her deal with struggles in her life.

Jennifer Walters, daughter of Jeff & Debbie Seevers in VA (friends of Mark & Audrey) continues to deal with health issues. She recently had surgery and is now home recovering.

Renee Kinney continues to deal with cancer.

Diane Fritton, a friend of Diane Mellott, has been diagnosed with a very aggressive type of breast cancer. It is difficult to treat but after surgery she will have chemo and radiation therapy.

Billy Stine, Sonny & Linda’s son, has some major heart issues and also has a kidney stone.

Wednesday Rahelich, George and Peggy Golias’ granddaughter, is having stomach issues and is still at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. The doctors are unsure what is going on with her stomach issues. She had some more tests done Thursday.

Congressman Ted Poe, (from Texas, a member of the Lord’s church, father in law to Grana’s grandson Anthony), has leukemia. He is being treated at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Denise Garlitzs’ daughter’s mother-in-law **Betty Leistner** Her cancer has spread to her lungs. Chemo is not working. They are going to try radiation again. Prayers for her are needed and appreciated.

J. P. , a good friend of Wayne Carter’s youngest brother Ralph in VA had surgery July 8 for a brain tumor the size of a baseball. They were not able to get it all. He is showing signs of improvement. He is undergoing therapy. The doctors are pleased with his progress. He was released this past week from the hospital.

T.J. , Anna Brink’s nephew (Bruce’s cousin) in PA was taken to the ER. He is diabetic and his kidneys are failing. He is now home from the hospital and his dialysis treatment went well.

Connie Stewart (in Fairmont, WV, sister in law to former member here Janet Smith who is now living in Charlottesville, VA) Please see posted e-mails from Janet Smith to Wayne & Sherry Carter. Connie and her family need our prayers.

Ray Hoffman in Ohio, friend of Leo and Jeanne, recently had a massive heart attack and is on life support.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)* (see web site for extended list)

- Aug. 19** Ladies Devotional at the building. 6:30 PM Lisa Nichols is facilitating. Please bring a snack.
- Aug. 21** Men’s Business Meeting
- Sep. 04** **Potluck** (Groups 1, 2, & 3 to setup & cleanup)

Sermon Topic Today: How To Let Go....
The Fears of Doubt

Trays Today: *Sharron Gantt*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:10-12

Sun. AM Adult Class - 1 Corinthians
Tonight - Potter Mission Trip report.



HTH is a new evangelism tool we are going to be using starting this fall to reach out to the LaSalle community.

Each issue, we will mail approximately 1,000 copies to families in the LaSalle community.
We will need your help folding and addressing the newsletters.
Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Update - Tim & Stephany Nelsen

Tim and Stefany Nelsen and family have arrived in Knoxville and are settling in to school life.

Notes of encouragement can be sent to their new address at:
8541 Harold Duncan Way
Knoxville, TN 37931

The address is posted on the back message board.

Please check the
“Love One Another” and “Answered Prayers”
boards in the back of the auditorium.



Trip to Letchworth State Park by bus Oct. 6 to see the fall foliage.
The cost is \$75 per person. See Denise Garlitz for details.