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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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I BELIEVE IN HEAVEN

Abraham knew about heaven. In fact, it was heaven that motivated him to obey God and go out, “not knowing where he was going (Hebrews 11:8-10).” He waited for that “city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” In the same way, Sarah, Noah, Enoch, and Abel were all motivated by their hope of heaven (Hebrews 11:13-16). They understood that heaven was their true home, and that they were just strangers and pilgrims on this earth. They knew that heaven was that better country, and the prepared city in which they truly belonged. They knew that heaven was for real.

Jesus said those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness can “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you (Matthew 5:12).” We know that Jesus presented a message from God (John 3:1-2; Acts 2:22). Because He presented the truth, we believe what He says about heaven.

Peter taught us that heaven was real. He said our inheritance is in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9). I believe heaven is real because Peter spoke about it. I believe in heaven because of the testimony of Paul, Jesus, and even Abraham. I believe in heaven because of the testimony of God. The Bible is God’s will to mankind (2 Timothy 3:15-17). As such it can be completely trusted. The Bible itself is the greatest witness to the reality of heaven.

Paul’s conviction of the truthfulness of the Gospel, was made evident by that which he was willing to suffer for those convictions (2 Corinthians 11:22-28). He spoke of a man who was caught up to the third heaven, and “heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter (1 Corinthians 12:3-4). Paul was a man of integrity and conviction who gave his life for the cause he lived by. Paul spoke of heaven as real. I find it very interesting that Paul said this individual could not speak about what he had heard, yet so many books have been written by people who have said they went to heaven.

Perhaps the most popular of all such books is the one entitled, *Heaven is for Real*.¹ Ten million copies of this book have been sold and the book has been made into a movie and a children’s book.² Boxofficemojo.com reports the movie cost \$12 million to make and grossed over \$101 million. The website, “heavenisforreal.org” now offers the book for sale in 39 different languages, and has recently added a “... DVD based curriculum for churches and small groups.” HIFR (Heaven is for Real Ministries) is most certainly raking in vast amounts of money based on a story told by a little boy (Colton Burpo) who said he was in heaven for three minutes during an emergency appendix surgery.³

¹ Burpo, Todd and Lynn Vincent, *Heaven is For Real: A Little Boy’s Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back*, HIFR Ministries, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, 2010

² McCoy, Terrence, *The Boy Who Didn’t Go to Heaven – And How “Heaven Tourism” Conquered the Publishing World*, Washington Post, January 22, 2015, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/01/22/the-boy-who-didn-t-go-to-heaven-and-how-heaven-and-how-heaven-tourism-conquered-the-publishing-world>

³ Burpo, 76

It may well be the case that young Colton Burpo had some very interesting dreams while under the influence of drugs on the operating table. However, so much of what he and his family have claimed about his experience just does not go along with clear Bible teaching. A similar book entitled, *The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven*, has also received recent media attention because the boy in that story just admitted the story was all made up.⁴ In response to this news Colton Burpo has made it clear he is sticking by his story.⁵

The Burpo's book makes several claims about what Colton saw in heaven. For example, he claims to have seen John the Baptist, and Jesus riding on a rainbow colored horse.⁶ He also says everyone has wings in heaven.⁷ Of course, the Bible speaks nothing about Jesus riding a rainbow colored horse, nor does it say people in heaven have wings, but where the Burpos really start getting into Biblical trouble is when they begin to talk about Colton's encounter with "Pop." Pop was Colton's great-grandfather. He died in a car accident at the age of sixty-one. Pages 89 and 90 of the book tell us that Pop was saved by raising his hand at a Church of God revival meeting. The Bible has a very different teaching with regard to how someone is saved. If we trust what Jesus said in Mark 16:16; and what Peter said in Acts 2:38 we must conclude Pop is not in heaven.

Heaven is for Real, reveals further Scriptural ignorance when it takes so much of what the book of *Revelation* says as being literal. The book of Revelation begins by showing us that what was given had reference to things "which must shortly come to pass (as of the writing of the book)" and that such matters were spoken of in signs (Revelation 1:1). Ignoring this, the Burpos take the symbolic images of heaven in Revelation 21 and make them literal.⁸

In addition the Burpos ignore Bible teaching with regard to miraculous knowledge (1 Corinthians 13:8-13). Colton's dad claims to receive divinely inspired miraculous messages from Christ through the Holy Spirit. He says his son Colton saw this happen while he was in heaven. It was described as Jesus shooting down power to his dad when his dad preaches.⁹

I believe heaven is for real. I believe it is for real because Paul, Peter, and Jesus spoke of it as being real. I believe it is for real because the Bible tells me it is real, and the Bible can be established as an accurate and credible witness. The Bible is the only true and accurate source for information on heaven, despite what "Heaven is For Real Ministries" may claim.

⁴ LeClaire, Jennifer, *Colton Burpo: I Still Remember My Experience in Heaven*, January 19, 2015, [charismanews.com,http://www.charismanews.com/us/47938-colton-burpo-i-still-remember-experience-in-heaven](http://www.charismanews.com/us/47938-colton-burpo-i-still-remember-experience-in-heaven), 2015

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Burpo, 63

⁷ Ibid, 72

⁸ Ibid, 105-107

⁹ Ibid, 125

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

November 5 - Heb. 2
November 6 - Heb. 3
November 7 - Heb. 4
November 8 - Heb. 5



November 9 - Heb. 6
November 10 - Heb. 7
November 11 - Heb. 8



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Madelene Holbrook is in the Forsyth Hospital and is being treated for pneumonia and fluid in her lungs. She is in Room 8114. Please keep her in your prayers.

Nita Kirkland is doing much better at this time in her recovery and will soon be back with us.

Daryl Cook's surgery went well. He is in some pain but overall, doing okay. He appreciates prayers.

Ian & Savannah Quinn's sister and husband now have their Happy and Healthy baby girl. Thank you for your prayers.

Please pray for **Dennis Kalz**, David and Gale Queen's son-in-law. He was cutting some downed trees and fell and broke his ankle and leg (Yvonne's husband, Also, the Queen's grandson, **Austin Queen**, has a broken toe (April's son).

Please pray for **Melia Sheets**, daughter of our late Kim Sheets. She will have surgery on Monday. She is 26 years old and has autism.

Mary Ellen Dull moved to Trinity Elms this past Monday. She would appreciate visits, calls and cards. Her cell phone is 336-971-6899. Her address is: Trinity Elms, 3750 Harper Road, Clemmons, NC 27012.

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.**



~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Hazel Bailey**, who passed away on Friday, Oct. 26th and especially to Hazel's daughter, Carolyn Griffith. A graveside funeral was held at Boyer's church of Christ on Tuesday, October 30th.*

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Kim Matthews
Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of November:

Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, etc.) Also, please add Ramen noodles to list. 125 items were delivered this past week to the pantry, which makes a total of 2,000 items for the year 2018.



WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A COVERED DISH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY IN THE ANNEX NEXT DOOR FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUEST!

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Nov. 4-7 - Gospel Mtg. with Brother Glenn Hitchcock from Hampton, VA. The topic is "The Bible is Still Right" There is a copy of the schedule and topics on the credenza in the foyer.

Nov. 4 - Congregational Fellowship meal following this morning worship service. Everyone is invited.

Nov. 5 - Preacher's Meeting in Annex 9:30 - Noon. Brother Hitchcock will be the speaker.

Nov. 8 - 50 and Over Class will meet in Annex at 11:00 a.m.

Nov. 30-Dec.1 - Congregational Singing Workshop - The classes will be conducted by BJ Bruce, a member of Southside church of Christ in Galax, Virginia. There are sheets available giving information on the workshop on the credenza in the foyer.

Dec. 2 - Baby Shower for Walter & Nancy Cruz from 2-4 p.m. in the Annex. They are registered at Target. (they are expecting a baby girl)

AREA EVENTS:

Nov. 9-11 - Indescribable Revival at the Oak Forest church of Christ with Neal Pollard speaking. Topic: God Love Reconciliation.

Nov. 10 - Ladies Day at the Oak Forest church of Christ with Kathy Pollard speaker. Visit our website for details: www.oakforestcoc.church

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - October 28, 2018	120
Sunday Worship Service	158
Contribution for October 28, 2018	\$6,224
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	37
Chapters Read:	517
Sunday Evening Worship Service	107
Wed. Evening Bible Study - October 31, 2018	92

Lord's Day Appointments For November, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For November:

Joe Everett

David Moore Ian Quinn
Allen Cooper
Gina Strickland
Andy Santiago
Jim Harrison

Preparing Communion for November:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - November 11, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Michael Cooper	Morning - Mark Roy	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Michael Cooper
Song Leader - Roger Allen	Evening - Steve Martin	P.M. - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Prayer - Tim Allen		Wed. - Charley Belch	

Greeters for November:

Shawn & Terrie Thomason

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - November 11 ~ Rick Clemmons
Wednesday: - November 14 ~ Rick Clemmons

Lord's Day Appointments - November 4, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Randy Warner	Morning - D. C. Mock	A.M. - Charley Belch	A.M. - Shawn Thomason
Song Leader - Gene Southern	Evening - Adam Warner	P.M. - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Gene Ruark
Prayer - Caleb Rutherford		Wed. - Allen Cooper	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - November 4 ~ Todd Hinson
Wednesday: - November 7 ~ Todd Hinson

Greeters for November:

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Nursery open for small children during all services.

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service	7:00 PM
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“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

DEACONS

Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner	Gene Southern
Keith Warner	Shawn Thomason
Mark Minor	Mark Roy
Jason Allen	Adam Warner
Jody Everett	Jacob Woodbury