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Search
of ...*

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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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AM Worship 10:45 AM
PM Worship 6:30 PM
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Bible Classes* 7:00 PM
(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

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Equipping the Saints
AM-Diversity of
Function
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ing what we teach and practice,
please feel free to ask*

God Help Me

By: Author Unknown

I asked God to take away my habit.
God said, No. It is not for me to take away,
but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.
God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.
God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations;
it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.
God said, No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.
God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from
worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
God said, No. You must grow on your own,
but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.
God said, No. I will give you life,
so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.
God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

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Two Ways to Keep Members Faithful

By: Bill Hall

There are two ways to keep members of the church “faithful.” The first way is to be sure everyone is involved. Have a project for each member, and make sure that he feels important in his role. Praise him for the good job he is doing. Make him feel needed; make him feel that the well-being of the whole congregation rests firmly on his shoulders. That will keep him “faithful.”

There are two problems with this method. In the first place, it encourages the creation of projects that are not remotely related to the work of the local church. One member plays on the church ball team; another leads the Boy Scout troop; another is an active member of the “Dorcas Society”; another plans the program for the men's luncheon. Everybody is busy all right, but in activities that are not authorized in the New Testament.

In the second place, members are often given roles for which they are not qualified. A lady is chosen to teach a class, not because she is qualified, but because she needs to be involved. A man is appointed a deacon to help him to be “faithful.” Another man is appointed to serve the Lord's Supper for a month in order to encourage him to be present each Sunday that month. This method thus places “the cart before the horse,” for no one should ever be assigned any work in the Lord's service who is not already faithful and qualified for the work to be done (2 Timothy 2:2).

The second way to keep people faithful is to develop within them a genuine love for the Lord. When people love the Lord, they will be faithful, and it won't take some kind of “special” project to keep them faithful. They will also be involved: in worship, in study, in prayer, in godly living, in sharing the gospel

with a friend, in helping the needy. I have known literally hundreds of Christians who have never in their lives been appointed to any special work, but whose love for the Lord alone keeps them faithful. There is no superficial faithfulness on the part of these; theirs is a faithfulness that is real.

Special responsibilities are fine for those who are qualified, but the man who requires some special duty to be faithful has never learned what true faithfulness is.

Thinking of Quitting

By: Bill Hall

No doubt, someone will read this article who is discouraged, weary of struggling, disappointed in his brethren, facing severe obstacles in his service to the Lord, and is in danger of quitting. But I would make this appeal: “Before you quit, look anew at the incentives the Lord holds before you; look again at heaven.”

Heaven means victory—Victory in the strife with Satan and his allies. The battle is sometimes hard; the foe is formidable. Our own strength seems so small. We become discouraged. But lift our eyes! On our side is the Lord, the One who has already won the battle (Genesis 3:15). With His aid we can be victorious. We can be “*more than conquerors through Him who loved us*” (Romans 8:37).

Heaven means beauty—unsurpassed beauty—a street of gold, walls of jasper, a foundation of precious stones, gates of pearl, a crystal clear river flowing from the throne of God.

Heaven means home—Happiness is not found in our material surroundings, but in being with those we love. We experience homesickness, but our homesickness is not for a

house or anything material, but for wife and children, for loved ones. Similarly, we speak of the beauty of heaven, and truly its beauty enhances our anticipation, but surely the greatest joy will be found in being with our Lord, the One “whom having not seen [we] love,” and with our God, with the Spirit, with the angels, and with the re-deemed of all ages. This will be our eternal homecoming.

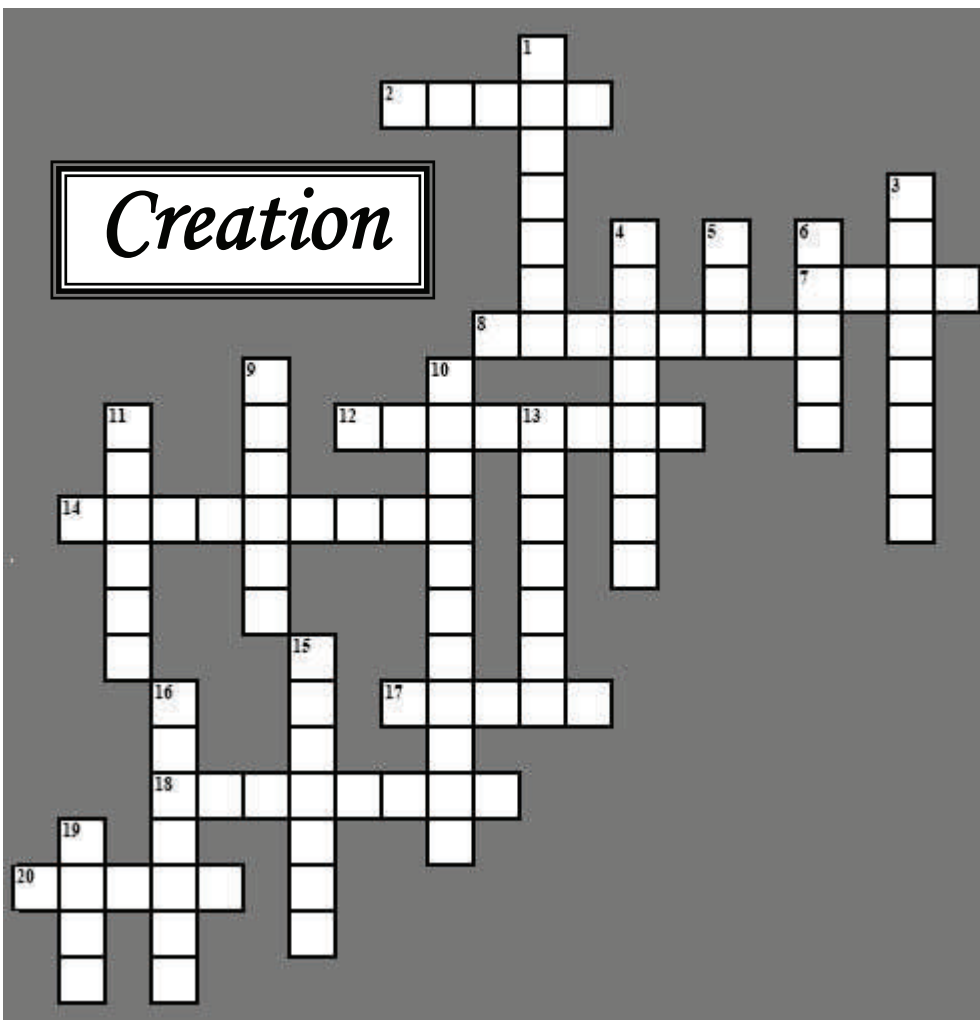
Heaven means happiness—There will be nothing there to mar our happiness. There will be no more tears, no more sickness, no more heartache, no more death, “*nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away*” (Revelation 21:4).

Heaven means holiness—Never again will we hear the name of our Lord taken in vain. There will be no more adultery, filth, guilt, murder, crime. Truth will abound. There

will be no more lying, deceit, flattery, hypocrisy. Women will no longer have to fear those who would abuse and desecrate them. Love will be pure and unfeigned. The Lord assures us, “*But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life*” (Revelation 21:27)

Heaven means eternity—This blessed state shall never end. “When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun” (Joseph Scriven).

You can quit if you so choose, for God will not force anyone to serve Him. But, remember, the day you quit is the day you forfeit all hope of eternal happiness and choose in its place eternal damnation. And eternity is a long time.



Clues:

Down:

1. Created on the 5th day
3. Caused Cain to kill Abel
4. Upon the deep
5. Taken from Adam
6. Adam's task
9. Cain's occupation
10. Mankind was this in the beginning
11. Abel's trade
13. Day of rest
15. Devil's form
16. God
19. Third son

Across:

2. First deceived
7. Made from dust
8. With flaming sword
12. Abel's sacrifice
14. Tree in middle
17. "... and there was ____"
18. Created on 6th day
20. Sin's consequence

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Earl Miller
Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Scripture	Ezekiel 20:16-30
Reader	Dan Marton
Prayer	Nathan Marshall
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Chuck Isinghood
Fruit of the Vine	Matt Ferrell
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Don Coen, Jr.
Closing Prayer	Ken Prager

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Scripture	Ezekiel 20:31-46
Reader	Harold Marshall
1st Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Don Coen, Jr.
Closing Prayer	Tim Henderson

Wednesday

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Class Prayer	Matt Ferrell
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Invitation	Don Coen, Jr.
Closing Prayer	Chuck Isinghood

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

Recovering from Surgeries:

- Terry Smith continues to recover from his surgery
- Mary Jane Myers is slowly recovering from surgery and was able to be out with us again Wednesday evening.
- Joyce Coen continues to recover well from her knee surgery and is able to drive and to be at the Sunday Morning service.

Traveling:

- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers

Sick/Infirmed:

- Trudell Tennant
- Marie Roberts continues to struggle in her recovery after breaking her back last year

Prayer Requests:

- Lucille Harless, Dave Harless' mother
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Blake Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's grandson
- Bud and Merl Frey
- Tammy Garrison, Zeda Goddard's daughter
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Pauline Midcap

A Note of Thanks:

- Thanks to all who helped set up and man the booth at the fair.