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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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## TIMES OF SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

## WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM

(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

## Today's Sermons:

*AM: By This All  
Will Know*

*PM: Justice, Kind-  
ness, Humility*

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## Decisions For Graduates

Kent Heaton

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This time of year is filled with anticipation and excitement as young people who have spent more than half of their life in school will graduate and move on to the next phase of their lives. With eagerness graduates will enter the world with naive expectations and goals. There will be many lessons to learn from the "university of hard knocks" and without proper guidance, these decisions will lead to life long regrets. How can the young secure their hearts to make decisions that will offer a life time of rewards? The answer lies within the pages of God's word.



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The fifth book of the Bible is a place of transition for a newly formed nation. From the days of Abraham in Genesis through the stories of the Exodus, the nation of Israel was formed and delivered from the bondage of Egyptian oppression. Because of rebellion, the nation had spent forty years wandering through the wilderness. Joshua has taken the lead of the nation following the death of Moses. The Lord's advice to Joshua in Joshua 1 is an important foundation that young people should build their lives upon.

In verse two, Jehovah says to Joshua – *"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel."* Joshua needed to recognize that the days of Moses were passed and that a new day dawned. There was a time of mourning for Moses (Deuteronomy 34) but those days were passed. There was work to be done and goals to accomplish. The Jordan River needed to be crossed to conquer the land. Joshua should focus on the task at hand without the regrets and disappointments of yesterday.

Someone once said, "We are victims of our past, prisoners of the present and judges of our future." The days of High School are over and the expanse of life is before each graduate. An eye of anticipation should prevail as each graduate begins to set the course for his or her life. There may be regrets in life and disappointments but what matters now is establishing solid patterns of decisions that will lessen the regrets of the future. "Now therefore" signifies the face being set for the challenges of tomorrow.

God tells Joshua to *"arise and go over this Jordan."* This is the importance of action and direction. Talking about conquering the land of Canaan did not get the job done. Crossing the Jordan and going about the work of God's plan required action. In life, there will be many Jordan's to cross. There will be Jericho's that give us great victory (Joshua 6) and there will be failures as in the day of Ai (Joshua 7). The difference between Jericho and Ai is whether one trust in the Lord and

obeys him.

Joshua was promised by God that in obedience, no man would be able to stand against the people of God nor would God forsake them. (Joshua 1:5) The most valuable tool the graduate can take with them in life is the promise of God given to Joshua. If one will fully trust in the Lord and seek His guidance in life, great victories will be achieved. Forsaking Jehovah will only bring failure. It takes courage to face the uncertainties of the future. *"Be strong and of a good courage."* (Joshua 1:6) Be alert to the wiles of the devil (1 Peter 5:8) and follow the admonition of Paul in Ephesians 5:15-16 – *"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."*

The final advice is never to let the word of God depart from your life. *"Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left ... not depart out of thy mouth ... meditate day and night ... observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."* (Joshua 1:7-8) The decision is yours graduate. Let Jehovah God rule in your life and guide your steps.

## *Full Mouths, Empty Souls*

*Gary Henry*

***"All the labor of man is  
for his mouth, And yet  
the soul is not satisfied."  
(Ecclesiastes 6:7)***

**What is most important to most people  
is the satisfaction of their worldly desires.**

Even if they acknowledge that there are some spiritual realities over and beyond the concerns of this world, most people spend most of their time trying to satisfy the latter rather than the former. Basically, as the writer of Ecclesiastes observed, *"the labor of man is for his mouth."* And maybe we wouldn't put it so strongly, but when Paul described some by saying that their *"god is their belly"* (Philippians 3:19), he might easily have been commenting on our own culture.

And yet, for all our effort, we end up being distinctly UNSATISFIED. No matter what we manage to enjoy, the question still seems to be: IS THAT ALL THERE IS? So frankly, what should be our attitude?

First, we need to admit the transitory nature of all temporal pleasures and possessions. Yes, it's right to enjoy what God has created in this world, but we shouldn't expect more from this enjoyment than it was intended to deliver. We may "hold" these things, as long as we're willing to let go of them at any moment.

Second, we need to spend less time pursuing these things and more time seeking God. With our words we may say that God is our most pressing priority, but if our schedule books show that on most days we spend very

little time on that pursuit, who are we fooling? Where our heart is, there our "To Do" list will be also.

Ultimately, we can't "get" anything more out of our existence than what we "want." And so we need to be careful what we want. Eventually,

all of our alternatives come down to two choices: (1) We can live for no higher fulfillment than our worldly desires, and having got-

ten them, find ourselves still empty inside, or (2) we can hunger and thirst for righteousness and find ourselves "filled" where it counts the most (Matthew 5:6). To the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus said, *"Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life"* (John 4:13,14). It's worth asking whether we really believe that or not.

## *"Naught but God can satisfy the soul"*

*Philip James Bailey*

*This is a story about 4 people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.*

*There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it.*

*Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.*

*Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.*



## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Song Leader</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Scripture</b>	Daniel 7:1-14
<b>Reader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Prayer</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Don Coen, Jr.
Fruit of the Vine	Chuck Isinghood
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Blake Headen
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.

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

### Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Scripture</b>	Daniel 7:15-28
<b>Reader</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Don Coen, Sr.
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Earl Miller

### Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	
<b>Invitation</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.

## *News N Notes*

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

#### **Recovering:**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| - Joyce Coen    | - Marie Roberts |
| - Vicki Renshaw | - Ann Rudolph   |

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Bud and Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Cary and Grace Lancaster
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father

#### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

##### **Nursing Home:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

##### **At Home:**

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

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