Church of Christ

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Worship Schedule

<u>Sunday</u>

Bible Study 9:30 AM Morning Worship 10:30 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Preacher: Zac Hall E-mail: olathecoc@gmail.com Phone: 913.764.2325

Are You a Christian? Do you know what you must do to be saved? Hear – Romans 10:17 Believe – John 8:24 Repent – Acts 17:30 Confess – Romans 10:9-10 Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21 Live Faithfully – Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible Question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

The Tark Street Informer

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Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook and Drew Shinn.

Prayer List

Mike Katosh, James Jones, Tom Thrasher, Robert Hook, Sandra and George Rowell, Tina Thomas, Millie Robertson and Jill Fick.

Shut-Ins

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

Upcoming Events

Questions and Answers – 28th Singing – 31st Ladies Bible Marking – Feb. 4th (Topic: The Tongue) Ladies Bible Study – Feb. 10th at 10:00 am. Men's Meeting – Feb. 11th

Passage to Ponder: Hebrews 6:1

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Sunday Sermons

A.M	Let Us Go Unto Perfection
P.M	Questions and Answers

HEAVEN REVEALED

by Kevin V. Rutherford

The book of *Revelation* is a book filled with signs and symbols (**Revelation 1:1**). Through a series of symbols this book shows the triumph of Christianity over evil. While that is the main theme of *Revelation*, we are also treated to some symbolic glimpses of heaven.

In *Revelation* chapter four we see a figurative picture of the throne of God. God is represented as jasper (perhaps like a diamond) and sardius (red) stones in appearance. Around the rainbow throne is а with the appearance of an emerald. Surrounding God's throne are twenty-four thrones with twenty-four elders dressed in white, and wearing golden crowns. From the throne comes lightning and the sound of voices and thunder. Seven lamps of fire burn before the throne and a sea of glass spreads out in front. Surrounding the throne are creatures having six wings, many eyes, and each with a different appearance. The creatures and the elders worship God.

In chapters twenty-one and twenty-two heaven is figuratively pictured as a beautiful city. It is pictured as a city with a glow as clear as crystal. There is a wall made of gold that surrounds the city. In the wall of that city there are twelve gates which are never closed. Each gate is made of pearl, and the gold of the walls is so pure it is transparent. The streets and buildings of the city are of the same transparent gold. The twelve foundations of the city are adorned with gems of various colors. There are various shades of green, turquoise, blue, red, yellow, etc. This city is lit by the glory of God and running through the city is the river of life with the tree of life on either side of the river.

One does not need to go in depth in an effort to figure out what all of the symbols mean to understand one basic

truth. Heaven is a place more beautiful than we can imagine. It is the glorious home of God and His angels. It is the final reward and resting place of the righteous. The figurative pictures given to us of heaven in the book of *Revelation* ought to motivate us to faithfully serve the Lord. After all, heaven is only for those who do (**Revelation 21:27**; **20:11-15**).

This great beauty is not the only aspect of heaven which should draw men to that place. That which shall not be found there ought also to motivate men to sacrifice anything necessary to obtain a home in heaven. Tears, death, sorrow, pain, and sin will all be absent (**Revelation 21:4**, **27**). Surely we suffer enough from those things now. Surely we would want to be in an eternal place where sorrow does not exist.

The book of *Revelation* reveals only a little bit about heaven. However, what it does reveal ought to be enough to create within us a determination to live there forever. Are you on your way to heaven?

Those To Serve January 28th, 2024

Morning Worship

Announcements Zac Hall Song Leader George Thomas Opening Prayer Ed Hanson Preside Steve Phillips Assist Ed Hanson Closing Prayer George Thomas

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer Ed Hanson Closing Prayer Steve Phillips Lord's Supper George Thomas

Wed. Jan. 31st, 2024

Song Leader Singing Invitation George Thomas