

August 25, 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- TODAY: HUDSON HOUSE 2:30 P.M.
- TODAY: SINGING PRACTICE: 4:30 p.m. We need you there!!!
- SEPT 1 – ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING 1 pm
- SEPT 8 – AREA WIDE SINGING – 2 p.m. @ the here at the building...please bring finger foods.
- SEPT 15-18 – BJ CLARKE – GOSPEL MEETING (Flyers are available in the back for distribution. Please also note that we will move the potluck to noon on the 15<sup>th</sup>.)
- SEPT 28 – LADIES DAY

## HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

- Hear (Romans 10:17)
- Believe (Hebrews 11:6)
- Repent (Acts 17:30)
- Confess (Acts 8:36-37)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Live Faithfully (Revelation 2:10)

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## DIFFERING VIEWS OF REST

By: Scott Thrasher

*“Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”*

(Revelation 14:13)

REST! A word that evokes a variety of emotions. Those emotions can differ depending on the time of life when experienced. This is true both physically and spiritually. Let’s take a moment to examine how our view of rest may change over the course of our life.

Take a minute to think back to your earliest memories. Did you love the idea of stopping your playtime and taking a nap? Probably not. “Time to go to bed” was also probably not a popular phrase. Young people view rest as a punishment. It is something viewed as totally unnecessarily and sentenced upon them. Youth is a time of exuberance and activity. Everything is out in the future and there’s no time for rest. Spiritually speaking, the concept of Heaven (spiritual rest) seems so far away. Solomon identified this in Ecclesiastes 11:9, *Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment.*” Rest is not a priority of this stage of life but maybe it should be!

Next, there are the years of responsibility. Years filled with careers, kids and chaos. Rest is now something so desired but rarely realized. Heaven is now a concept that has entered the mind but the waves of life push against it. It is easy to forget the importance of rest during this time. The Hebrew writer reminded those Christians about the importance of striving for that “better rest” that awaits those in Christ. *“Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest*

*anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience”.* (Hebrews 4:11). A worthy battle cry indeed!

Finally, we reach the “golden years”. Solomon describes these years well in Ecclesiastes 12. Rest is now physically demanded and spiritually anticipated. Rest is now a beautiful word that brings with it a rejuvenating emotion. It is no longer something to be avoided. Life’s hectic schedule no longer blocks its view. It is cherished and within our reach. In Proverbs 3:24, Solomon spoke of the sleep of the wise, *“When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.”*

Which view of rest do you hold? My hope is we embrace the concept of rest and long for its vitalizing benefits!

Sweet dreams!

### PRAYERS PLEASE

- Roger Allen – upcoming procedure
- Scharold Family – Levi is here!
- Mary Morehouse - eye
- Matt Turnbull
- Lovins Family
- Tabbie Jenkins – (also Steve & Cindy Dyke)
- Gene Williams
- Our youth...
- Doug Tacker - health
- Ryan Cline – surgery recovery
- Ashley Mayberry
- Valarie Gilmartin
- Kamryn Rocket
- Upcoming Gospel Meeting
- Ladies Day
- Janis Robbins - health

### SUNDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Bible Study

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Alby Bos

### COMMUNION PREP

The Richardsons

### GREETERS

Gillian Mattox & Gracie Delcour

**BIBLE CLASS:** 90  
**WORSHIP AM:** 115  
**WORSHIP PM:** 71  
**WEDNESDAY PM:** 80