

Church of Christ at New Boston

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## **Reservations?**

It's funny how some words in the English language can mean two opposite things. These words are called contranyms. The word "cleave" can mean "to divide" or "to remain united." The word "reservations" is kind of like that. It can mean that you want something, like making reservations for a dinner. It can also mean that you don't want something as in "I have reservations about that." Not too long ago, I was planning a trip. I had reservations about planning too soon until I realized that there were few reservations left. So, I started making my reservations and let go of my reservations about it!

I wonder if some people feel that way about going to heaven? They must, because they keep putting it off. The good news is that, while the world continues, heaven is never going to run out of reservations. A man may call upon God at any time to be saved. Ananias said to Saul, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). The water is always ready at our building to baptize someone who so desires to call upon the name of the Lord! The Christian has his reservations made in heaven. Peter wrote that we have an "inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:4).

The bad news is that one day, the time for making your reservations in heaven will be no more! God is going to judge the world in righteousness (Acts 17:31). If one has not made his reservations, he will not have a place in the eternal kingdom. This is one reservation about which you must not have reservations!

God bless you, and I love you. Kevin Cauley

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (Joh 14:1-2)

OUR FAITH IN ACTION
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Bible Class

SUNDAY, June 13, 2021
AM Bible class53
AM Worship 77
PM Worship 43
Contribution\$6,937.00
Average to Date\$2,983.27
Budget\$3,100.00

June 20, 2021 Servants			
Announcements: Dave Conley			
AM Prayers	PM Prayers		
Thomas McGee	Scott Overstreet		
Blake Tyndell	Jody Thomas		
Lord's Table			
Ben Dooley	Johnny Thomas		
Mike Raney			
PM Communie	on: Mike Raney		
Pick up cards	s: Logan Wages		
June 27, 2021 Servants			
Announcements: Dave Conley			
AM Prayers	PM Prayers		
Jim Patterson	Derrell Patterson		
Ernest Shelton	Jimmy Smith		
Lord's Table			
Ben Dooley	Johnny Thomas		
Mike Raney			
PM Communie	on: Mike Raney		
Pick up cards	Pick up cards: Maddux Tyndell		

If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572

F	Please Pray for	Wyvon May
	Don Grider	Faith Salfen
N	/lary Hankins	Gerald Watkins
N	leg Shelton	Robin Upson
V	Vinnie Tucker	Blake Drinkard
N	/larie McPherson	Keith & Helen
J	lames Love	Clark
0	Clara Inman	Ginger Plumlee
J	luanita Higginbotham	Mary Hankins
A	Amanda Georgakis	Kimberly (Shute)
0	Charles Downs	McDaniel
S	Stephanie Wages	Cayden Harris
1	Norma Crawford	Henry Murray
S	Stephanie Lebsack	Vince Hardage
J	lames Posey	Linda Roberts

Notices and Reminders

- 1. Jimmy Smith will preach for us on June 20. Scott Hobson will preach June 27.
- 2. Van will leave for Summer Youth Series at Jefferson at 5:50 pm Monday, June 21.
- 3. SW Arkansas Youth series meeting is hosted by Dierks church of Christ June 22.
- 4. Potluck luncheon is next Sunday, June 27.
- 5. We have a 5th Wednesday coming up the last day of June.

Birthdays	
Johnny Thomas	June 21
Mike Raney	June 25
Anniversaries	
M/M Russell Tyndell	June 21



## Coming to God

When the Hebrews writer mentioned Enoch early in chapter 11, he reasoned that Enoch must have had faith, because it is impossible to please God without faith. The passive voice is used to indicate Enoch "was translated", but we ascertain from the text Enoch actively believed that God is, and that God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. By works was faith made perfect, just like was said of Abraham a few generations later. (James 2:22). His belief enabled him to come to God—His faith made the translation possible!

Many Bible characters well demonstrated faith by their actions, and the exhortation of the writer of Hebrews is that we should all persevere and run the race before us faithfully, like Jesus did (and does 12:1-2) All of the comparing and contrasting elements of the Old and New Testaments he cites were brought forth to persuade the Brethren <u>NOT to give up</u> faith in Christ. He made it clear we can stumble through unbelief (chapters 3 & 4). He told us some of what we should do to prevent this (3:13-"exhort one another daily").

The book of Acts told of many conversions— people came to God because they believed the truth. They had resolved that God always keeps His promiseshistorically and currently. The Gospel prompted them to obey Him in order to receive the promises (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 4:2,4; 5:12,14; 6:7; 8:6; 9:18; 10:46-48; etc.)

If Jesus was part of fulfillment of promise made to Abraham (He was), and His statement in John 14:6 was correct (it is), we must listen to Him and follow His teaching to successfully come to God. His unique qualifications as God and man (John 1:1-14) Himself allow for Him to be the only mediator between God and man 1 Timothy 2:5. He came to seek and save that which was lost. His invitation to come to God is universal. Acceptance for our part involves our faith and obedience. (Mark 16:15,16). jp

A couple of cards we have received this month:

To the church family here in New Boston

Thank you so very much for the help when we arrived in town last Friday. For Kevin and his sons' help, Michael and his help unloading and the food and cookies brought that afternoon. <u>David and Vicki Ford and family</u>

Thank you for the ice cream social, cards, and all the thoughts and well wishes, and the Bible. In Christian love, <u>Daniella Conley.</u>