

## What Is Heaven Like?

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Heaven is a real place described in the Bible. The word *heaven* is found 276 times in the New Testament alone. Scripture refers to three heavens. The apostle Paul was “caught up to the third heaven,” but he was prohibited from revealing what he experienced there (2 Corinthians 12:1–9).

Since a third heaven exists, there must also be two other heavens. The first is most frequently referred to in the Old Testament as the “sky” or the “firmament.” This is the heaven where weather happens, clouds float, winds whirl, and birds fly. The second heaven is what we call outer space, the region of the stars, planets, and other celestial objects (Genesis 1:14–18).

The third heaven, the location of which is not revealed, is the dwelling place of God. Jesus promised to prepare a place for His followers in heaven (John 14:2). Heaven is also the destination of Old Testament saints who died trusting God’s promise of the Redeemer (Psalms 16:11; 23:6; 73:24–25). Whoever believes in Christ shall never perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

The apostle John was privileged to see and report on the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10–27). John witnessed that the new earth will possess the “glory of God” (Revelation 21:11), and the very presence of God will be among men. In the eternal state, there will be no night, and the Lord Himself will be the light of the city. The sun and moon will no longer be needed (Revelation 22:5).

The New Jerusalem will be filled with the brilliance of costly stones and crystal clear jasper. The city has twelve gates (Revelation 21:12) and twelve foundations (Revelation 21:14). Paradise is restored: the river of the water of life flows freely, and the tree of life is available once again, yielding fruit monthly with leaves that heal the nations (Revelation 22:1–2). The Bible gives us a glimpse of heaven, but the reality of that place is beyond the ability of finite man to imagine (see 1 Corinthians 2:9).

Heaven is a place of “no mores.” There will be no more tears, no more pain, and no more sorrow (Revelation 21:4). There will be no more separation, because death will be conquered (Revelation 20:6). The best thing about heaven will be the presence of our Lord and Savior (1 John 3:2). We will be face to face with the Lamb of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Because of His sacrifice, we can enjoy His presence for eternity.

## Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Kay Young will have a procedure Wednesday that is supposed to cure her infection.
- ◆ Dale Strong has been vomiting for a few days. His appendix was inflamed, and Friday he had surgery to remove it. Hopefully this will help. He is taking rehab for at least another week.
- ◆ Coe Hamm, young son of Brad and Kurston Suter Hamm, has been diagnosed with a rare genetic disease Leukodystrophy.
- ◆ A memorial service for Sam Exline, former Gainesville resident and brother of Carol Ann Morrison, will be held here at church on Saturday, November 15 at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Dorlene and Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Vernon James, Ruth Strain, Bob Robbins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Lisa Langston, Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Jim Kirkland, Wayman King, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry’s sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg’s sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Jenny James, Debbie Eslinger, Sharon Fox, Bill Agee, Joy Cutbirth.
- ◆ Those in nursing homes and/or homebound.

We were blessed to witness the baptism of Waylon Strong last Sunday morning by his Uncle D. E.



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
11-5	Bill Cockrum	11-4	Jim and Debra Lane
11-5	Melissa Rumenapp	11-16	Tinker and Karen Langston
11-7	Wanda Beard	11-16	Cayce and Rebecca Gosdin
11-13	Kay Young	Birthdays	
11-15	Kelly Lemberg	11-24	Lincoln Gosdin (4)
11-21	Merle Scott	11-25	Henry Flaugher
11-22	Larry Butler	11-28	Andrew Hambelton
11-24	Clifford Lansdown (85)		

Marsha is serving taco salad and dessert for our Wednesday night fellowship meal at 6 p.m. Come join us!

Date	Event	Details
Wed. Nov. 19, 6 p.m. No supper or class here	Community Thanksgiv- ing Service with potluck supper after	Halbert speaking at Lilly Ridge Church—Bring food to share
Dec. 22, 6:30	Christmas Play	Kids presenting play

Prayer request for Lisa Langston, sister-in-law of Tinker and Karen, because a recent scan showed her cancer had moved to her brain.

Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have.



"Veterans Day" is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have.



### November Worship Assignments

#### Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

11-2 Don Luna  
11-9 John Abraham  
11-16 Mark Lane  
11-23 David Stevens  
11-30 Don Luna

#### Communion & Closing Prayer

David Stevens  
Don Reynolds  
Tinker Langston  
Titus Smith  
Paul Wade

**Song Leader: John Abraham**  
**Greeters: Dana and Marsha Crisp**

## The Family News

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### Gainesville Church of Christ

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### A Place to Call Home

*We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.*

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: *The Kingdom of Heaven is Like*

#### Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for all ages

#### Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up front

#749, *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*; #957, *This World Is Not My Home*

#332, *Lead Me to Calvary*; Communion Service

#643, *Sowing the Seeds of the Kingdom*

Sermon and Invitation

#940; *Only a Step*

#71, *As the Deer*; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

*We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.*

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