

attention to themes that appear frequently. We do the same thing. When we say something more than once we want people to notice. God speaks to us this way too.

Over the last two months or so, I've been noticing a frequent theme in the Old and New Testaments. It relates to the sphere of God's reign and work. Something about God will be mentioned and followed by "heaven and earth." Here are some examples:

- God is the maker of Heaven and earth (Isa. 37:16)
- God is the possessor of Heaven and earth (Gen. 14:18-23)
- God has dominion over everything that is in Heaven and the earth (1 Cor. 29:11-12)
- God is the Lord of Heaven and earth (Acts 17:24)
- God fills the Heavens and the earth (Jer. 23:23-24)
- The Heavens and the earth praise God (Psa. 69:34)
- Everything in the Heavens and earth belongs to God (Deut. 10:14)
- Jesus has all authority in Heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18-20)

There are plenty more but even this short list drives home the power and sovereignty of God. Sometimes we limit the power and influence of our Maker to Heaven and we forget that He is also Lord of the earth. He is the God of both. Whatever power I believe that God has in the realm I cannot see He also has in the realm I can see. Whatever order God commands in one place He commands in the other.

We are saying all of this to remind us that God is still in charge. No matter how bad the world seems and no matter how terrible the decisions that people make, God is over all. The earth and everything in it belong to Him. He sustains us daily. All the wrong we see in the world is because of the world's rejection of Him. But no matter how far the world goes in another direction God remains the Lord of Heaven and earth.

So in our moments of reflection, meditation and prayer, let us call on God's help. In our moments of distress, let us acknowledge that the world is never beyond God's control. He is the Lord of Heaven and earth. This is our peace and our hope.

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**“Lord of Heaven and Earth”
David B. Smith**

Any time the Bible makes a statement, even just once, it is important. God tells us that every word is inspired (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Holy Spirit guided the writers infallibly (2 Pet. 1:20-21). So not only is the Bible free from mistakes but it means that every word is exactly what God wanted us to have. We are reading His mind on page (1 Cor. 2:6-13). In your study of the Scriptures, have you ever noticed that sometimes things are mentioned more than once? Again, every word is important, but we can't help giving extra

Prayer List

James Anderson	Danny Curvin	Judy Lusk
Patricia Anthony	Tommie Grandfield	Tony Miller
Jim Bethune	Bill Greer	Lexi Owens
Nancy Birch	Fred Hafley	Carlos Shannon
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Jennifer Bradford	Susie Hargis	Bessie Smithson
Isaac Cooper	Grayson Ledbetter	Diane Stacy
	Loretta Leffew	John Webster

Our Sick and Recovering

- **Vickie Rector** is pleased that this coming week is scheduled to see the end of her physical therapy, following her recent knee replacement surgery.
- **Darryl Meeks's** physician is in the process of scheduling back surgery soon to relieve the extreme pain Darryl has been experiencing.
- **Pat Pursley** continues suffer from shingles that have been present for an extended period. Most know this condition can be very painful, so pray that Pat may soon have relief.

Sympathy

Carol Fox, the wife of Boodie Fox and the sister-in-law of Joan Holloway and Johnnie Perry, passed away Friday morning. Both she and Boodie are well-known in the community and here at North Hamilton. We express our sympathy to Boodie and the entire family. Arrangements are not known at this time, you will receive a telephone call as soon as arrangements are completed.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

14 – Lisa Bolus
16 – David Griffith
17 – Kali Laster
21 – Ryan Bellomy
23 – Jo Hargis
24 – Judy Lusk
25 – Jimmie Ruth Wilson
28 – Barbara Benford,
Karl Bolus,
Kathy Castleberry,
Kathy Douglas
29 – Michael Jackson
30 Loretta Leffew,
Becky Actkinson

Anniversaries

18 – Gene & Sue Grindstaff
Curt & Jessica Stewart
22 – Harold & Nancy Birch
26 – Jesse & Alisha Lowman,
Jerry & Norma Wright
29 – Ken & Ginger Wilson

Announcements

Last week's bulletin contained the announcement that **Eddie Tumblin** was deployed to Washington D.C. as a member of his Army Guard unit. This week it's good to announce that this deployment was very short, and Eddie is now back at home.s