

THE GLORY LAND WAY! Pt. 7a.

HOPEFUL

The moment after we die, our souls will be perfect, and they will be happy, as we have seen in previous articles. Remember, after we die, we will not yet be in our final state. This state is temporary because something much better is coming.

That is why we call this our “intermediate” state. Our entire situation is not yet perfect. This is yet to come. Salvation is not complete until we receive our new permanent bodies!

Therefore, in the intermediate state we will be *hopeful*. Listen, as Christians living on earth, we are looking for the “last days.” In the intermediate state we will be waiting for the resurrection, the final judgment. We will be living in confident expectation and excited about the same because we will get new bodies!

What will we be doing in the intermediate state to occupy our existence in the angelic heaven? Will we play chess or video games or watch Browns football for a time? We don’t know, BUT we will be happy!

See, in the intermediate state we will know we are saved! We know that now in this life because of the cross of Christ. Yes, we have that assurance **now** but then we will KNOW. We will not have to wait until the judgment day. We will know our salvation is true!

Remember too, Biblical hope means a confident expectation. A future that is certain. On the other side of heaven, we will have something to look forward to. *Hope* means looking forward. When we die, we will still be in the passing of time.

TBC.

--In Him, *Gary*.

Medical & Prayer Needs

America

Frank Abbey – Cancer. Per Margaret.

Gwen Botson – Cancer. Per Laura. Serious condition.

Linda Caldwell – Surgery soon.

Kim Clark – Hospital. Per Margaret.

Matt Davis – Health issues. Future surgery.

Lavena Drop – Home. Aunt of Laura Kuhn. Chemo.

Pete Kois – Covid.

Laura Kuhn – CT scan 1/4.

Randy Kuhn – pneumonia.

Bill Morrison – Weak.

Glenn Priddy – Test results soon.

Elsie Smith – Cancer. 3 yrs. old. New treatments. Per Margaret.

Gail Spriestersbach – Hip surgery January 8th.

Family of **Eric Glover** upon his death.

Extended Prayer List:

Bertha Adair (Gail’s aunt), Linda Caldwell, Mitch Davis, Adele & Leroy Gall, Debbie Harris, Jessi Hruss, Barb King, Gail Spriestersbach, Dave Van Wingerden (cancer), Ruth Watson.

Notes

New Years Eve Fellowship – Sunday Dec. 31. Plan to meet following evening services. Bring an appetizer or finger food and a dessert and/or pop, a white elephant gift for a fun exchange and family friendly games!

Planning Meeting: Ladies, “Monday Night for the Master.” January 15 at 4 PM. All ladies welcome, light meal will be served. See Margaret or Jayme Jo.

Trivia Answers & Scriptures are given to Gary on paper with your name OR by texting him. C'mon, join in!

Trivia: According to Nehemiah 4, what did each of Nehemiah's workers keep by his side during construction? **Answer:** Sword.

Answerers: Linda Ropog, Terry & Gail Spriestersbach, Eileen Kerns, Becky Kois, Olivia Scarborough, Kendall Taylor, Lillian Brewer, Anita Mattingly, Sharon Woodrum, Roger & Mary Davis, Margaret Jordan.

New Trivia: According to 1 Corinthians 15, what phrase describes the **time frame** in which Christians will be changed at the sound of the last trumpet?

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Greg & Denise Anderson 31

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

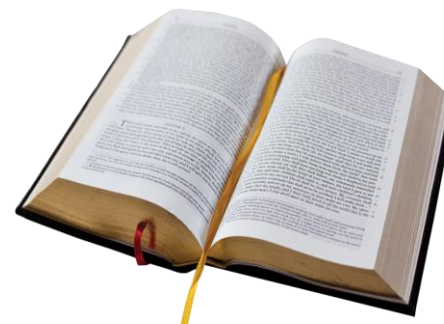
Justin Rinaldi 1
Jayme Jo Baker 2
Sue Brehm Buck 5
Joyce Brewer 10
Austin Brown 12
Laura Kuhn 18
Alex Scarborough 19
Beckey Scarborough 20
Bob Jordan 29
Gail Spriestersbach 30

Glenn & Mary Ann Priddy 25
Greg & Charlotte Brown 28

Widows & Widowers

Lola Anderson, Joyce Brewer, Frances Brown, Kathy Carter, Linda Caldwell, Joyce Fetzer, Elaine Leonhardt, Kathy Lindsey, Jerry Mullins, Shirley Sarver, Dora Talbert, Ruth Watson, Diana Wirth, Sharon Woodrum.

East Broad St. Church of Christ



December 31, 2023

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.
Philippians 2:14-15. ESV.

All the churches of Christ greet you. **Romans 16:16. ESV.**

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Assembly Times

Sun. Bible Class 10:00 am
Sun. Worship 11:00 am
Sun. PM Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

WELCOME

We welcome our visitors to the worship services today as our honored guests. Please fill out a Visitors Card and put it in the offering plate. We hope & pray you will return soon.