

Heaven

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"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:20 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Our motto for 2010:

**"Do you
know my
Jesus?"**



Starting Over



One of the greatest blessings we have from God is the privilege of starting over! Each new day represents the opportunity for a new beginning; each new season speaks to us of the possibility of rebirth and renewal; each new year offers us the opportunity for reflection and rededication to the will of God. We are not stuck on a certain track always having to do the same thing each time. God allows us to start over. Maybe we've had a bad day. That doesn't mean the next day has to be the same. Maybe we've wasted a day being lazy and didn't accomplish much. The next day doesn't have to be that way. Habits can be formed and changed.

Consider a number of ways we can start over:

In our daily lives. In so many ways, a new year offers us the opportunity for self improvement. There is great value in making resolutions. Nothing great was ever accomplished without first making plans. Did you read your Bible every day last year? Did you make prayer a daily part of your life? If not, START OVER. Make some time. You'll benefit greatly from doing this. Aren't you glad that you can START OVER?

In our family relationships. So often our schedules become so full that all we do is meet one another coming and going. When was the last time you had a "date" with your spouse? How about a real conversation with your child beyond "How was your day?" Don't sink in guilt, START OVER. Turn off the TV, get out a board game, pop some corn, and enjoy the relationship you have with each other. You'll be so glad you chose to START OVER.

In our church attendance.

Perhaps you have given up on Wednesday evening Bible study with your church family. You know that the fellowship and time spent thinking about the Scriptures is profitable but you find yourself just too tired or too busy. Well, God allows you to START OVER. For one month, try to come to every service. Not only will it benefit you, but it will be a jolt of energy to everyone else. Simply, START OVER.

In our service to God. It is easy to get so caught up with life that we forget to live. We can major in minors and forget the big things in life. Has it been a while since you invited someone to services? START OVER. Been a while since you have invited another family from the church in your home? START OVER.

The preacher Henry Emerson Fosdick once preached a lesson entitled, **"NO man need to stay the way he is!"** The good news of the gospel is that you do not have to stay the way you are. Christianity is not a philosophy but a new birth (Jn 3:3,5). It is a Starting Over. Paul described it as a "Walking in the newness of life" (Rom 6:3-4).

Too late must be one of the saddest statements ever made! The rich man in Luke 16 and the farmer in Luke 12 understood the grief of "too late." Too late to change. Too late to make things right.

Are you happy with your relationship with the Lord? Are you where you want to be? Before "too late" is spoken START OVER. The best time to START OVER is RIGHT NOW!

COMING SOON

This year promises to be a busy year for us. We have many things planned. Here is a brief overview of some of our plans. You will be getting a magnet soon with several of these dates.

Planned Events

Gospel Meetings:

Rick Lanning (April)
Don Truex (Nov)

VBS:

Todd Chandler (June)

YPL:

Tommy Peeler & Kenny Moorer

Summer Lectures:

Paul Earnhart, Mark McCray, Zack Lee

Daily Jump Start

Beginning tomorrow, a daily (Mon-Fri) email will be sent with a passage and a brief thought. In January our "Jump Starts" will come from Proverbs. Later on we will identify a book so you can read and be encouraged.

Daily TXT

Very soon, for those who sign up, a brief one sentence thought of the day will be sent to cell phones.

Tuesday Class

This will be held for six weeks. It will be taught twice a day: Tuesday mornings and Tuesday evenings. For those who are retired, or are available you can come Tuesday morning. Our theme is: "Those fascinating & unusual stories in the Bible." This will begin in a few weeks.

There is a lot going on. These are all opportunities for you to learn and grow in the Lord. We want to help you and your family. It's a great time to be a Christian!



Family Connections

News for You

- Today begins our new quarter of adult classes. Our Sunday classes will keep the same format: you stay in your room and the teachers will rotate each quarter.
- Our Sunday Theme: Jesus
 - Teaching like Jesus
 - Having a Heart like Jesus
 - Being a Disciple of Jesus
 - Understanding Jesus
- This evening Roger is going to preach a lesson about **angels**, "Angels Among Us".

For your Prayers:

- Remember in your prayers: **Cathy Lee, Rex Hauger** (it was great seeing Rex out last Sunday)
- **Gene Fleming** was in the hospital last week
- **John Quinn** is in Autumn Woods. Continue to pray for John and his family.

A Worm in an Apple



How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside. No. Scientists have discovered that the worm comes from the inside. But how does it get in there? Simple—an insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats it's way out.

Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works out through the person's thoughts, words and actions. Jesus said, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness. "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man" (Mk 7:21-23). David wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Ps 51:10).