

Vancleave Church of Christ

Sermon Title: Heaven and Hell

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:9

Prayer Requests and Announcements

July 16, 2023

Rick Whittle: Preaching minister at Spanish Fort Church of Christ, has stage 4 Cancer and needs our prayers.

Karen Hudson: Still awaiting biopsy results (hopefully this Friday) once stitches are removed.

David Robinson: Brother David still in need of prayers as he recovers from recent treatments.

Bonnie Halcome: Suffering from neck issues and in need of prayers.

Ongoing Prayers

Please be sure to update at: vcocministry@vancleavechurch.org

Larry Ishee	Charlie Tanner	Judy Stutts	Malory Glenn
Michael Schlett	Barbara Patton	Earl Kenney	Linda Kenney
Roger Hammond	Lisa Jenkins	Tara Forte	Ron Wages
Jackie Roach	Sue Flurry	Gregory Cooley	Frank Sentelle
Keondra Huddleston	Teresa Blackmon	Carla Clayton	Scott Mcollough
Zenie George	Cheryl Solla	Tommy Webb	Anita Dees
Pete Hankins	Andi Barrett	Traci Herrin	Rick Bedwell

A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead

“The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.” A.W. Tozer

“One who dwells in the shelter of the Most High Will lodge in the shadow of the Almighty.”
(Psalms 91:1, NASB)

Announcements / Other:

- Thank you brothers Rob Lyons, Ron Webb and Parker Lyons for filling in while our regular preaching minister is away.
- Gulf Coast Bible Camp was a huge success with many studies resulting in 17 baptisms!
- East Side Church of Christ is hosting VBS and Digital Parenting Workshop July 16-19, each night beginning at 6:00 pm
- FOOD PANTRY: For now, we have an adequate supply of vegetables. We are in need of: PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, CEREAL AND BOXED MILK. All donations are appreciated.

Our Local Mailing Address:

11101 Highway 57, Vancleave, MS 39565

Phone: 228-826-4949 / email: vcocministry@vancleavechurch.org Website URL: www.vancleavechurch.org

For Wi-Fi connection Network: 2Wire029

Password: 399572302

There is Something Beyond

By D. James Kennedy, "Message from an Empty Tomb"

For many centuries the men and women in Europe looked out upon the western sea, what we call the Atlantic Ocean, and they saw the sun coruscating upon the glittering surface of the waters and they wondered.

They wondered if there was anything beyond. Scholars said that you could sail off the edge of the world—there was nothing out there at all. In fact, inscribed on the escutcheons of the coat of arms of the nation of Spain was its national motto, Ne Plus Ultra, meaning, "There is nothing beyond."

One day Columbus went westering on the shiny waters. He sailed off into the sunset as people waited expectantly, and finally after a long time the sails reappeared and the crowds were exultant. They shouted with joy, and Columbus announced that there was a land beyond the sea that was rich beyond their dreams. It was a glorious paradise. The king of Spain changed the motto of that land until it reads as it does today, Plus Ultra, meaning, "There is more beyond."

For many centuries innumerable people stood beside the dark hole that we call a grave and watched the remains of their loved ones lowered into the earth, and they wondered: Beyond the dark waters of death, is there anything beyond?

Then one day, a young explorer went westering into the setting sun and descended into the blackness of the pit. He sailed off the edge of the world and crashed into hell. People waited expectantly. Finally on this Resurrection morning, as the sun arose in the east, the Son of God stepped forth from a grave and declared, "There is something beyond. There is a paradise beyond your greatest expectations. And there awaits a heavenly Father, waiting with outstretched arms to wipe away every tear from your cheek."

A Note from your Preacher

The above article is given to help inspire hope to those of us who may have none, or who may have lost some over the years as a result of the seemingly increase of evil in today's world. When most of the world seems largely unconcerned about the hereafter (as evidenced by so much emphasis on the here and now), those who are in Christ have real focus when we make Heaven our home! ~ DP