

ble simply does not answer this question directly. However, we do have a hint at the answer in a statement that David made shortly after the death of the child he sired with Bathsheba. He said regarding that child, " While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:22,23).

David certainly had confidence that one day he would be with the child again and he took comfort in that thought. Losing a child to death is a terrible experience and I would not want it for anyone. However, for those who have lost children, you may take comfort in the fact that if you are faithful to God that you will one day see that child again. I do not know if this will be in the place of paradise that Jesus described or if it will be in heaven itself.

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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sun. Morning Radio & TV

KTXR 101.3 FM

Lifeline, 7:15 AM

Channel 10

Search, 7 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

Channel 33

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

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When a baby dies, does he/she go to heaven?

By Kevin Cauley

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The Bible talks occasionally about the afterlife of adults, but what about the afterlife of children? While we don't have as much information there are some basic things that we can understand about children who die and it is about that which I want to direct our attention to-night.

First, babies who die are in a state of sinlessness and thereby have no barrier of fellowship with the Father. Isaiah says that it is sin that separates man from God (Isaiah 59:2). So in order to be separated one must sin. Babies have no capability to sin. They are, therefore innocent and thereby in fellowship with God. Jesus spoke regarding children, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). This statement from Jesus forever pro-

claims the innocence of little children. Children are thereby safe. They have not yet waded out into the dangerous currents of sin and have no need to be saved.

It is also apparent that children are not in a state of sin because sin requires one to freely choose a sinful thing. John wrote regarding sin, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Babies have no capacity to transgress the law; therefore they have no capacity to sin.

Again this leaves babies in a state of salvation--of fellowship with God. What will happen to them if they die? Well, we know that their future state is guaranteed to be with God one day in heaven, but do the souls of babies, like the souls of men, end up in the place Jesus called paradise? Or do they simply go straight to heaven to be with the Father? I am afraid that the Bi-

Privileged to Serve

Worship Coordinator: Steve Crews

Announcements: Randy Hyder

Before Service Greeters: Thad & Patsy Layne

After AM Services Greeters: Roy & Judy Phillips, Ron Peck & Donna Demshar

Sunday AM

Songleader: Ron Thompson

Lord's Table

*Jim Cruise, David Doherty, Ron Peck, Daniel Hyder

Opening Prayer: Bobby Lewis

Closing Prayer: Wm Dill

Sermon: Eddie Watkins

Sunday PM

Songleader: Scot Greer

Lord's Table: Travis Hampton

Opening Prayer: Robert Comer

Closing Prayer: Wm Wood

Sermon: Eddie Watkins

Wednesday Night

Devotional: Ron Thompson

Songleader: Scot Greer

Prayer: Steve Crews

Statistics for June 25, 2017

AM Worship	99
PM Worship	66
Midweek	68
Total Contr.	\$2293

News and Announcements

Fellowship Meal after this morning's worship.

VBS has been set for July 17-21, 9AM each day.

Auditorium: 9-9:15

Class: 9:15-10:00

Snacks: 10:00-10:15

Class & Crafts: 10:15-10:45

Auditorium: 10:45-11:00

Open House for Parents: Friday 6:30-8:00

2017 Couples Workshop, July 14-15 2017, Kevin & Sheri Patterson, speaking. Kansas Expressway church of Christ. Details on bulletin board.

Sing, Hickory County church of Christ, Sat. July 15 5-6pm. More details on Bulletin Board

Fair Haven Children's Home Needs

Dry Goods/Cooking

Sugar
Flour
Cereal
Chocolate Syrup
Cocoa
Microwave Popcorn
Vanilla
Pam Spray
Chili Powder
Chocolate Chips
Condiments
Mayonnaise
Miracle Whip
Taco Sauce

Enchilada Sauce

Honey

Gravy Mixes

Fruits/Vegetables

Canned Pineapple

Green Olives

Green Peas

Canned Mandarin Oranges

Black Olives

Canned Peaches

Canned Fruit Cocktail

Canned Goods

Canned Chicken

Tuna

Refried Beans

Spam

Bathroom/Toilet

Bar Soap

Deodorant

Hair Conditioner

Kleenex

Toothpaste

Laundry/Dishes

Bleach

Dishwashing Liquid

Dishwashing Powder

Liquid Fabric Softener

Juice/Beverage

Canned Juices/Coffee

Miscellaneous

Aluminum Foil

Freezer Bags – Quart

Freezer Bags – Gallon

Plastic Wrap

Storage Bags - Quart

Storage Bags - Gallon

Prayer List

Terry McMasters to have hip surgery July 18.

Missie Lewis is having back problems.

Rosie Hawton, Wanda Crews' sister, heart, lungs and liver problems.

Judy & Roy Phillips are having health issues.

Wanda Crews is recovering at home after having hip replacement surgery.

Joanne Lawrence's nephew, **Micaiah Sedlacek** (17) has kidney failure and is on dialysis and is waiting on a kidney replacement.

Arthur Bodine has lung cancer.

Bobby Lewis continues to have health problems and will see his doctor August 1.

Jamie Westcomb, Nicole's friend, has stage 4 kidney and liver cancer.

Tim Gregory a friend of Robert Comer has cancer

David Page will be undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

Stephany Rogers, Dean Sitton's daughter has had a stroke.

Caroline Bright has health issues.

Connie Isis has a friend with cancer.

Donna Walker from Eldorado Springs church of Christ has stage 4 cancer.

JoAnne Lawrence is recuperating at home.

July Birthdays

Kendall Kanengieter	7/2
Joshua Page	7/11
Daylon Kanengieter	7/15
Harley Domby	7/16
David Page	7/18
Deanna Bodenhamer	7/21
Mollie Hyder	7/22

Roy Phillips	7/22
Ina Gillette	7/23
Kalan Colwart	7/27
Trenton Farley	7/28
Suzi Doty	7/30
Eddie Watkins	7/31

July Anniversaries

David & Mona Page	7/7
Jim & Brenda Cruise	7/18

Beth Adams has resumed chemo.

Daniel Henslee and family, Steve & Michelle's son-in-law.

Jim Chittendon, friend of Ron and Cathy Thompson (member of the Lord's church) is recovering from surgery.

Robert Comer's step-dad **Ray** is having problems with his blood.

Tim Warden, Janet Haffner's brother has contracted leukemia.

Andy Novinger who is fighting Thyroid Cancer.

Magdalena Ospina — Has improved. Her leukemia is under control at this time.

Remember the home bound

- Paul and Ernestine Sandoz
- Estelline Jones
- Ina Gillette (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- Pat Lamb (Marshfield Care Center)
- Judy Barrow (Webco Manor)
- Bonnie Doherty (Webco East)
- Zoe Lawless of Conway (Webco)
- Rosalie Rosenberger (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jax, FL.