

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

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this will be in the place of paradise that Jesus described or if it will be in heaven itself.

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- Annual Holiday Dinner 12/16 at 6 p.m. Signup on bulletin board.
- Secret Sister Breakfast and revealing, Dec. 30th at 9 a.m. at Grillos. Bring last gift. Any sister interested in joining please come.
- Prepare Holiday Baskets, 12/14.
- Ladies' Day Out, 12/21.

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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

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

By Kevin Cauley

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

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 proclaims 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 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 Bible simply does not answer this question directly. However, we do have a hint at the answer in a

Privileged to Serve

Worship Coordinator: Ron Peck

Announcements: Bob Lewis

Sunday AM

Before Service Greeters: Kay Lewis & Ruth McMasters

After Services Greeters: Trenton & Daylon Kanengieter

Songleader: Ron Thompson

Lord's Table

*Jim Cruise, Daniel Hyder, Dennis Richardson, Randy Hyder

Opening Prayer: Roy Phillips

Closing Prayer: William Dill

Sermon: Eddie Watkins

Sunday PM

Before Services Greeters:

Thad & Patsy Layne

After Services Greeters:

Pauline Buttram & Terry Cruise

Songleader: John L. Sanders

Lord's Table: Ron Thompson

Opening Prayer: Jerry Cruise

Closing Prayer: John Hopkins

Sermon: Eddie Watkins

Wed. Night

Before Services Greeters:

Dean & Helen Buman

After Services Greeters:

Donna Demshar & Linda Blazer

Devotional: Eddie Watkins

Songleader: Ron Thompson

Prayer: Scot Greer

News and Announcements

Please Silence Your Phones

Welcome visitors. Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate. You'll find them in the pew back in front of you.

Shower for Cade Hampton, come and go, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. today in fellowship room.

Singing at Marshfield Place (3 p.m.) and Men's Business Meeting (4:30 p.m.) today.

Don't forget to place **non-perishable grocery items** in the baskets in the foyer.

Ladies—Will begin locking north door at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays. Knock for entrance.

Dates to Remember:

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Fair Haven Pantry 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

December Birthdays

Mary Domy 12-3
Nacho Bram 12-4
Ron Thompson 12-6
Monty Farley 12-8
Pat Harris 12-11
Seth Greer 12-12
Cathy Thompson 12-24
Judy Barrow 12-30
Phyllis Fisher 12-31

Dec. Anniversaries

Jerry & Carlene Branstetter 12-1
Roy & Judy Phillips 12-22
Luther & Betty Sheppard 12-27

Record for Dec. 3

Sunday AM 105
Sunday PM 57
Wed. PM 64
Total Contribution: \$3008

Prayer List

Cade Hampton is battling a staph infection but is still gaining weight and is otherwise doing well.

Terry Cruise will have knee surgery Dec. 18th.

Caroleen Bright is in Mercy Hospital room 4025 recovering from internal bleeding.

Harry Price is home and doing better.

Brock Henslee had an appointment with a specialist in St. Louis, Dec. 8.

Bobby Lewis has been diagnosed and referred to a local doctor for treatment.

Keith McHenry, Debbie Doherty's son has had recent difficulties with his wait for a transplant.

Beth Adams will have radiation treatment for a brain tumor.

Maegan Sanders, David Page's niece, has a brain tumor and is receiving treatment.

Malaki Herman needs surgery on his knee.

Bianca Baize, Jan Sanders' niece, has had complications from surgery

Bill Stanley, member of Mansfield church of Christ, has had 2 surgeries caused by a recent accident and is expecting more.

Bobby Banks has esophageal cancer

Ralph Hall of Hardy, AR was just diagnosed with a malignant tumor that cannot be removed from lower abdomen.

Don Gardner is home with a port. He has had his first chemo treatment..

Kenna Kammerer, granddaughter of Ernestine Sandoz is dealing with stage 4 cancer.

Sheila Daves, Suzi Doty's niece has had a double mastectomy.

Linda Lloyd, friend of Nicole & Travis Hampton, has a congestive heart.

Friends of the Brams, Dan Wampler (now in remission), Howard Dampier (battling cancer) and Joyce Parson (in recovery for recent surgery for her cancer).

Lisa Plunkett Martin has a recurring bacterial infection which can potentially destroy

her kidneys.

Marcie Marchand's mother, Donna Plummer, has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Donna Daily (Jerry & Pat Cruise's neighbor) treatments are going well.

Jim Chittendon, friend of Ron and Cathy Thompson (member of the Lord's church) surgery was cut short because of the spread of cancer.

Micaiah Sedlacek (18) has kidney failure and is on dialysis and is waiting on a kidney replacement.

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

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

Kevin Kumbier, friend of Connie Isis has cancer. Also her sister, Doris, is dealing with depression.

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

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

Andy Novinger who is fighting Thyroid Cancer.

Remember the home bound

- Harry Price (with the Brights) would like visitors.
- 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.