Privileged to Serve
Speaker Tom Fair (am); Andy Duncan (pm)
Announcements/PrayerRandy Rives
Song LeaderAndy D. (am); Tom F. (pm)
Attendance
Morning
Scripture/Opening Prayer
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Closing Prayer
Communion Preparation
Month of June
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Nursery Attendant; Backup
June 27Lara King; Katie Agan
July 4Katie Agan; Angela Duncan
Wednesday Evening - June 30, 2021
Prayer/Announcements
Song Leader
Devotional

Service Times
SUNDAY
Bible Study9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study6:00 p.m.

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## Attendance Last Week **Sunday Bible Class** cancelled Sunday Morning Worship 41 Sunday Morning via Live-Stream 16 Sunday Evening Worship 23 Sunday Evening via Live-Stream 12 Wednesday Bible Study 12 Contributions & Other Income Contribution Last Week \$ 1,976.00 \*Figures Unavailable

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Welcome Visitors!

## HEAVEN

## GOING HOME, SOON! "Just a Few More Years...Maybe"

Al would live to be eighty years old, as he writes about in this prophetic article written in 2002.

What an inspiring message about his desire to go to Heaven!

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Holy Scripture speaks specifically about the length of life. Remember? "Three score and ten" (70) ...if by reason of strength, four score (80) ..." (Psalm 90). Life's length? Perhaps seventy years. No guarantee. Maybe eighty years, or a little longer in some cases. But they ("the days of our years") are "soon cut off" and we "fly away." Life on earth is soon past. Here today, gone tomorrow.

It makes me think: Here I am. Childhood's long gone. Middle age passed so quickly. The Bible mentions seventy. How much longer? How many more years? Only God knows. What will take me away: heart, cancer, accident, murder (terrorists)? Not much time left. "It is appointed unto man once to die...."

Then what? Going Home to Heaven? Yes, hopefully, by the grace of God. I truly want to go to Heaven, more than anything else. I want to live forever in bliss and happiness—no tears, no pain, no death—to be with God, Jesus, and the redeemed of all ages, including saved loved ones, to dwell in a mansion on high and walk that street of gold. May God help me to obey the Scripture which admonishes, "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad. For great is your reward in Heaven," as Jesus said in Matthew 5:12. I believe Him. Do you? Heaven: my hope, my goal.

I know I surely don't want to miss Heaven, under no circumstances. I don't want to take a chance. My soul is too precious. Heaven is too wonderful. Hell is too terrible. But how can I know? How can I be sure?

The answer is Christ. Of that we can be certain. Jesus is the Savior. Of that we can be sure. The way to Heaven is by/through Jesus Christ. He is the only way. Our Lord plainly said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). No other way to the Father. No other way to Heaven, except through Jesus Christ. Mohammad and/or Buddha are of no value. Islam, Buddhism and Judaism: not the way to Heaven. The truth is: No Jesus, no Heaven! Jesus is my hope, my only hope.

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