

### Weekly Services

Sunday	Bible Class	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
Mid-Week Study	@ the Building	6:30pm

### Happening Soon

Online Contribution - Troy C of C has set up an online contribution site, please see Duane for details

Mid-Week Study to resume on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm @ the Building

Movie Night - Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Movie Title - TBD

Do Unto Others...Closet  
Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 - 11:00 am @ the Building  
Please note there will be new procedures in place.

Our endeavor to open the Do Unto Others...Closet has already made an impact on our community. Every month we have increased our numbers and met new folks from the community, that are in need. To continue though, we need to consider ways to restock our shelves. Donations are always welcome, and we appreciate all our members and visitors that are able to help.

***Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide to urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.***  
***Titus 3:14***



## *Welcome* *October 25, 2020*

### *Today's Service:*

*Sermon: Keith Galyon*  
*Songs: Duane Cefalu*  
*Communion: Bob Shaver*

### *Inspiration:*

*"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had,*

*Romans 15:5*

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Continued Prayers for:

Our country and the upcoming election

Nick's Father

Visit our website for a complete list of prayer requests.

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*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## I Want a Mansion!"

In light of His coming departure, Jesus offered great words of comfort to His disciples, saying, "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:2-3). In the King James Version, "dwelling places" is translated "mansions." The thought of a mansion waiting on the other side delights the heart and inspires the soul. Poets and songwriters have endeared themselves to us by taking up such wondrous themes. However, there would seem to be quite a difference between a "mansion" and a "dwelling place." A mansion can be a dwelling place; but a dwelling place is not necessarily a mansion. The word translated "mansions" is from a word that means "to abide, abiding places" (A.T. Robertson). It is "An abiding dwelling (in contrast to our transitory earthly state) that Christ prepares for his people in his Father's house" (Kittel's). W.E. Vine adds, "There is nothing in the word to indicate separate compartments in heaven...."

What does all this mean? It means that Jesus' promise to His disciples in John chapter fourteen did not refer to a literal mansion reserved for us in heaven but has reference to the place where we will abide forever. While we live in this world, our place of abode suffers deterioration and depreciation. But our home in heaven will never grow old or out of style. Our eternal inheritance is "imperishable and undefiled" and will never "fade away" (1 Pet. 1:4). It is an abiding place rather than a temporary place.

The nature of our eternal dwelling is further described by Paul in 1 Corinthians 5:1 as an "earthly tent." He says, "if our earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (vs. 1). At the resurrection, Jesus will transform our physical bodies into "conformity with the body of His glory" (Ph. 3:21). This body will never again be subjected to any of the pains by which it was afflicted in this life (Rev. 21:4-5). Why not? Because we will live in "the tabernacle of God" (Rev. 21:3).

Separate places of abode—whether a mansion, an apartment, or a room is not the matter under discussion in Christ's parting remarks to His disciples. He is simply assuring them that they will again be with Him in an abiding place where parting company will never again moisten the eye or tear at the heart-strings.

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