



What do think heaven will be like? We've all made a plan for the-first-thing-I'm-going-to-do-when-I-get-to-heaven. Some of us plan to see people that have gone before us: our mother, father, or spouse. Others plan to find some notable historical figure to have them answer some burning question we've been waiting to ask. All those things may be part of our paradise experience, but I think the image we have dreamed up will pale in comparison to the reality of heaven.

Me? The first thing I want to do is find the throne room of God and join in the worship of our all-loving, all-knowing, all-powerful creator and settle in for a thousand-year worship service.

Isn't that the essence of heaven, living in the presence of Almighty God? Isn't that what our souls truly hunger for? I fully expect, being in the presence of God, the first thing I would want to do is bask in the presence of God...that is...worship. I can promise you the one thing that we will do in heaven that we do every week in church is worship. I think we should be doing our best to practice worship every time we get a chance.

And what do you think worship will be like? Will we get to sing all our old familiar hymns over and over and over? How about our traditional symbols, celebrations, and sacraments? Will we still do Christmas pageants and put up trees?

The image that comes to mind when I think of what worship might be like is Isaiah 6:1-8. It is only a brief peek into what we might experience when worshipping in the throne-room of God.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook, and the temple was filled with smoke.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:1-8, NIV)

I can scarcely conceive of a place where every sight, smell, and sound would be waiting to burst forth in expression of the glory of God.

I think worship in heaven will be about praising, confessing, and responding to the movement of the heavenly host. I think worship in heaven will be about honoring God, speaking God's name, singing to God, thanking God...all the while just barely being able to stand the presence of God's pure holiness when we are so palpably aware of our unholiness and the price that was paid to cleanse us.

In short, I think heaven is going to be constant worship and service to our God.

How do you think that vision of worship compares to the way many of us worship on Sunday? Honestly? First, I think there will be singing, but we may not use "our" hymnbook. What if the tunes are unfamiliar? Taking into account all the believers through the ages from all over the world and those that come after us, hymns may not sound like those we know at all. (Maybe we could just go to another service...oh wait...this is **the** worship of God.)

Of course, I'm kidding...at least a little bit. How do you feel about worship services you attend? We should be cultivating the same kind of awareness of the presence of God that we expect in heaven. I think you will discover that worship is not an activity for those who gather for worship as much as it is an opportunity for worshippers to worship God, together.

Those who plan on worshipping God for eternity in paradise should be getting used to worshipping God in the pew on Sunday morning. To that end, we will be spending the next few Sundays focusing our attention on some of the many elements of worship.

November 5 - Praise and Adoration

November 12 – Confession and Absolution

November 19 – Calling and Response

Prepare yourself to be in the presence of God. Take some time to pray before church that you would be an instrument of worship in your singing, in your praying, in your thanksgiving. Be ready to meet God with everything God deserves from you.

November Birthdays

Joyce Waugh	Nov. 1	Becky Beard	Nov. 9	Margaret Jones	Nov. 15
Tim Vest	Nov. 3	Yvonne Metz	Nov. 9	David Kinsey	Nov. 19
Betty Obenchain	Nov. 6	Paul V. Howell	Nov. 12	Catie McCown	Nov. 21
Debbie Agee	Nov. 8	Paul (Pat) Wilson	Nov. 12		

Prayer Concerns

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Madaline Brown, Jim Bryant, Lois Burge, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Sue Epperly, Buddy Garrett, Buddy Hawkins, Evelyn Hutcherson, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Anna Mae Smith, Frances Williams, Katie Wood
- Those with cancer including Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's Brother), Barbara Kern, Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Angela Johnson (Joyce Short's niece), Carolyn Straughen (A.G. Melson's sister), Posey Weddle (Michael Krawchison's uncle)
- Our congregations, our pastors, our community, and those around the world
- Peace in the Middle East
- Evelyn Lewis
- Carolyn Young
- Joy Short's aunt, in hospice care at the Elks Home
- Joshua Conner, Ginny Smith's great-nephew
- Carla Mooney, Joyce Waugh's niece, awaiting surgery
- Nancy Vest, who has Bells Palsy
- Allie Trent, in Roanoke Memorial Hospital
- Allyson Hart, as she is recovering from surgery
- Eleanor Bishop (friend of Susan Snyder and Betty Hall), facing open heart surgery
- Our youth and their chaperones, Brennon Viele and Pastor Melissa, as they join other youth from around the state at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia (CBFVA) Fall Retreat at Eagle Eyrie next weekend, November 10-12

Giving

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of our church. If you wish to give an offering, you may do so by placing it in the designated plate in the foyer, via mail, electronically through your bank or our websites at: <https://cabcbchurchtrac.com/give> or <https://bit.ly/givecalvary>. You may also donate by scanning our QR codes:



Bible Study Opportunities

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** is a great way to connect with God and with our church family! We have classes for all ages and stages of life at 9:30 am.
- **Fall Midweek Bible Study** meets at noon on **Wednesdays** in the conference room and on Zoom: (www.bit.ly/cabcbiblestudy). This fall, Rev. Steven Harris will lead us through a study of the book of Judges.
- **Young Adult Dinner & Bible Study**: Young adults (20s-30s) are invited to join us for dinner & Bible study **Thursdays** at 6 pm, hosted by Pastor Melissa and Ric.

Church Meetings

We have begun having many of our church meetings together (including deacons and church council), but we have also had some business that our constitutions/book of rules have required us to do separately, until the new church is fully formed. We expect that the Nov. 26 congregational meeting of CABC will be the last time that our congregations will need to meet separately, and we plan for meetings after the first of the year to be combined as our new church moves forward.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, Nov. 13, 12:00 pm Evelyn Townsend Circle
Monday, Nov. 13, 5:30 pm: Dawnings Leadership Team

Sunday, Nov. 19, 11:30 am: Churchwide Visioning Session
Sunday, Nov. 26, 11:30 am: CABC Congregational Meeting

Dedicated Hymnals

Attention "Calvary" Folks: As you know, we have had a history of having Dedicated Hymnals. Moving forward, we will not be using these. As such, the previously dedicated Celebrating Grace Hymnals are in the foyer for the taking. Please feel free to check to see if there are ones that you would like.

Book & Magazine Collection

The Evelyn Townsend Circle is collecting reading materials for the Roanoke City Jail library and for TAP. Paperback books and magazines will go to Roanoke City Jail and hardback books will go to TAP. Please place your donations in the appropriate box in the foyer. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Women's Missions: Evelyn Townsend Circle

The **Evelyn Townsend Mission Circle** will meet at noon on **Monday, Nov. 13**, at the home of Ellen Scott. All women of the church are invited to be a part of this group that focuses on missions and offers wonderful times of fellowship and encouragement.

Youth Ministry

- Youth in sixth-twelfth grade are invited to join us for Dinner and Discipleship on **Sundays** from 5-7 pm for dinner and Bible study. This fall, we will be learning about "Surprising Things Jesus Said." **Note: We will not gather Nov. 5th**
- Fall Retreat is this week! We leave Friday for a weekend of worship, Bible study, & fun with youth groups from around Virginia. If you have not received information about the trip, please check your e-mail or contact Pastor Melissa.
- Parents of tweens and teens are invited to join us on the **second Sunday of each month (Nov. 12)** at 11:45 am as we support each other and learn about ways to stay connected with your tween/teen, help to shape their character, and foster positive, respectful, and fun relationships with them.

Sorting and Storing

Our churches have accumulated lots of things over the years! We have begun the process of sorting, cleaning out, and finding appropriate places to store the things that help us do ministry. Thank you to everyone who has been helping in this process! There is still much to do, so if you can spare some time, we would love to have your help! Contact Karen Viele at 540-774-2084, and she will find a place you can use your knowledge, gifts, and talents to help with this process.

Dawnings

God, who do you want us to be, now? God, what do you want us to do, now? These are the questions that we are asking for our new church as we begin the Dawnings visioning process. On November 19, we will have the first of four church-wide conversations to help us discover the specific purpose and ministry God has for us. Our pastors and Dawnings leadership team (Steven Harris, Neal Kinsey, Robert McKinney, John Pruitt, Joyce Short, Ginny Smith, Cara Sutherland, and Joyce Waugh) will lead us through this session which will focus on our individual stories and how they fit in our search for what God wants us to be and do as a church. For this process to succeed, we need as many people as possible to take part in the four sessions. Please plan to join us for a simple soup lunch on **Sunday, Nov. 19**, following worship. If you can't join us for lunch, we hope you will come for the conversation at 12:15.

Keystone Center Christmas Food Boxes

One of our missions partners, Keystone Community Center, distributes 50 Christmas food boxes to our neighbors in the city. We are collecting food for those boxes. The following is a list of items needed. Please bring your donations and place them on the table in the foyer by December 3. Note: **No glass jars please.**

Boxed instant potatoes (26.2 oz)

Small bottles of cooking oil

Canned corn

Canned green beans

Evaporated milk

Small bag of dried beans

Just add water pancake mix

Small bottles of syrup

Box or pouch of brownie mix

Small bottle of dish soap

Boxed mac & Cheese

Boxes of Jell-O (not pudding)

Boxed saltine crackers

Granulated sugar (1 lb. box)

Foil (25 ft.)

Canned soup

Instant oatmeal

Packets of chicken/turkey gravy mix

Small bottles of laundry detergent

Plastic Wrap (25 ft.)

Canned fruit

Cereal

Small box of spaghetti

Plastic jars of spaghetti sauce

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Great Job Everyone!

Keystone Center Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Thank you to everyone that donated food for Keystone Center's Thanksgiving Box Collection! Your generosity will feed so many families in need this holiday!



Rise Against Hunger

"Rise Awesome news! Meals packaged at your Rise Against Hunger Experience have shipped. At this moment, healthy meals are on their way to a community in urgent need of nutrition. We're excited to share that destination with you. (Drumroll, please!)"

Meals you packaged are headed to Nicaragua!

Nicaragua, known for its lakes and volcanoes, is the largest country, and one of the poorest, in Central America. Over the past several decades, conflict, political unrest and natural disasters have created persistent instability and food insecurity. High levels of poverty affect people's ability to feed themselves and their families. The Global Hunger Index, which assesses food insecurity based on indicators that measure undernourishment and undernutrition, categorizes the country of as a whole Nicaragua as having a "moderate" level of hunger. Rise Against Hunger serves in the regions of Nicaragua where hunger is most urgent.

Your impact

To address some of the food and nutrition security challenges in Nicaragua, Rise Against Hunger collaborates with organizations working to provide meals to children, pregnant women, and new mothers. This is a key part of Rise Against Hunger's Nourishing Lives pathway. The meals you packaged will be distributed through programs working to improve the long-term health of children by focusing on nutrition throughout pregnancy and in early childhood. You're helping ensure that children have access to the consistent nourishment they need to live healthy lives, while also supporting the opportunity to receive an early childhood education that will serve them for years to come."