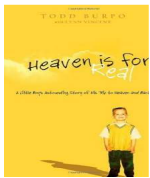


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Book Review: Heaven is for Real

On my recent vacation to Alabama, I finally found the time to read the book I purchased for my dad titled "*Heaven is for Real*". It certainly struck a chord with me, and I felt compelled to share it with you. Below you will find a summary on the book taken from the internet. Please take the time to read this book! I don't think you will be disappointed!

Summary

Colton Burpo, the three-year-old son of Todd (the author) and Sonja Burpo, spent time in heaven and came back to talk about it. Colton's experience was not the traditional NDE (near death experience) since he never actually died. The first half of the book is the story of the events leading up to Colton's visit to heaven. His dad, Todd, a Wesleyan minister, gives the nail biting story (especially for those of us who have young kids) of dealing with his son's stomach ache that was misdiagnosed as the flu. After many days of pain, trips to the doctor's office, and multiple hospitals, they finally find out that Colton has a ruptured appendix that has been poisoning his body for days. At the edge of death, the doctors rush him into surgery while the parents are on their knees before God.

Colton survived. The medical reports give no indication that his heart ever stopped. While it was a very close call, the surgery was a success.

Over the next months, even years, Colton began, to the surprise of the parents, to explain what happened to him while in surgery. The rest of the book is filled with account after account of Colton telling his bewildered parents about his time with Christ in heaven. Things that Colton should not have known and had never been taught came to the surface as this three-year-old boy processed his faith as confirmed through his time with God.



NEW RESIDENT VISITATION

We would like to restart our visitation ministry and are in need of volunteers to visit new residents of New Baden to invite them to our church. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the sanctuary. We will hold an informational meeting in August for all volunteers.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sun., Aug. 28, we will be having a congregational meeting following the worship service. All who are members of this church or attend regularly are invited to attend. We will be sharing information about the various church committees and giving an opportunity for people to volunteer to serve on a committee before the lay leadership committee meets for official nominations prior to charge conference. We will also have an open discussion of any ideas you might have for the future of our church and how we can move in the direction God would have us take. Please plan on attending the meeting, and also take some time to pray about how you can use your gifts and talents to help build up the church.

In Romans 12: 4-8, Paul talks about the gifts and abilities we receive simply through God's grace.

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

I encourage you to take time to pray about the gifts and abilities God has blessed you with. Please consider how they may be used to glorify God through the mission of our church.

Michael Witte
Lay Leader

Additional Scriptures:

I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. [Psalm 32: 8](#)

But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.
[Matthew 5: 44](#)

Greeters

August 7	Pat Lewis & Michael Witte
August 14	Steve & Brenda Lehr
August 21	Laurel Peterson & Chelsea Lehr
August 28	Carol Bequette & Ruth Chaput
Sept. 4	Larry & Pam Buck

Liturgists

August 7 & 14	George Mason
August 21 & 28	Larry Buck
Sept. 4 & 11	Michael Witte

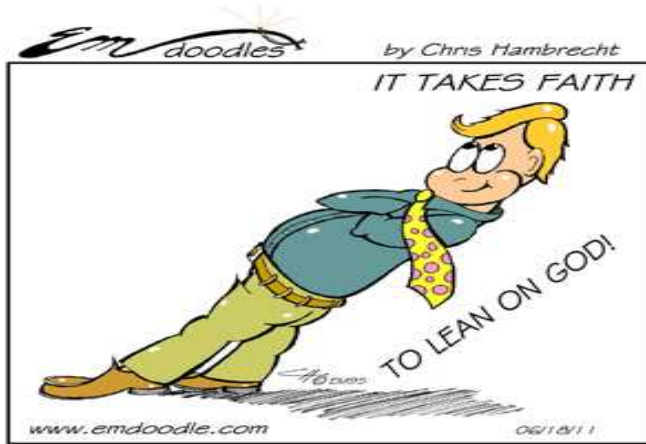


The fall date for the rummage and bake sale has been set for Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st. Rummage must be dropped off to the church prior to September 25th. Time to start cleaning things out!



CARTOON CORNER

Proverbs 22:17
"A merry heart does
good like medicine"



August Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 st	Michael Witte	18 th	Gabrielle Rulo
3 rd	Pauline Laux	19 th	Steve Lehr
3 rd	Richard & Renee Sinkler	19 th	Mark & Keri Thaler
4 th	Jerry Bequette	22 nd	Krystal Schmitt
5 th	Joe Brancheck	26 th	William Malina
5 th	Shea Seipp	26 th	Allen Williams
9 th	Patricia Malina	30 th	Shirley Strake
10 th	Pam Buck	31 st	Renee Sinkler
11 th	Joseph Brancheck		
13 th	Jerry & Carol Bequette		
15 th	Luke Smith		
17 th	Naomi Sinkler		



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