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**Seated in Heavenly Realms**

There is a remarkable verse in the book of Ephesians (2:6, NIV), *“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”* We as Christians often speak about a resurrection, not only of Christ but our own resurrection. But I seldom hear believers refer to an ascension with Christ to heavenly realms.

Yet, that is exactly what this verse indicates. It is true that one day when Jesus returns our bodies will be raised from the dead. Nevertheless, spiritually speaking, we are raised with Christ now whenever we accept Jesus into our hearts. We are “born again.” We become new creations *in Christ*.

But this verse takes us to an even higher elevation. Christ died, rose from the dead, and then ascended to heaven. We, likewise, are dead in our sins. We also have been raised from the dead (in Christ) and have ascended to the heavens with Him (again, spiritually speaking).

From this view (heavenly view) we now realize and form our identity and position in Christ. We have been restored in our relationship to God through Christ. We are now children of the Living God. This is “who we are.”

We have been elevated to heavenly realms alongside Christ. This is a place of honor. We are highly esteemed, valued because of Christ.

Because of this lofty perch from the heavens, we see the entire world differently. We now see it through God’s viewpoint or perspective, through His lens.

What a spectacular viewpoint of the world from this heavenly place! May we open our eyes and fully soak in this amazing sight!

Living the GodLife,

Pastor Joey



**BACK TO SCHOOL…**Wednesday, August 14!!

**CHILDREN’S TEAM MEETING…**Wednesday, August 28, 6PM.

**STAFF MEETING…**every Monday, 8:30AM in the JOY Room.

**JULY FAITHFULNESS**

**DATE ATTENDANCE OFFERING**

7 Worship – **148 $7,378.**

JAM - **25**

Discipleship Classes – **36**

14 Worship – **156 $5,228.**

JAM – **26**

Discipleship Classes - **45**

21 Worship – **147 $4,053.**

JAM – no report

Discipleship Classes – **50**

28 Worship –

JAM –

Discipleship Classes –

2019 Budget Goal: **$353,585.**



**FOR THE MONTH…**

* **GREETERS:** Jim & Lana Lampley
* **USHERS:**  Tim Ondo, Tim Braddy, Jack

Calvert, Chad Bates, Kyle Foder, Todd Culp

* **DOORPERSON:**  Tim Weaver

***August 4***

* **NURSERY:**  Kim Fleck & Hannah Adkins
* **JAM:** Martha Swift, Samantha Mize, Paige

Mize, Morgan Reiger, Aleah Russell

***August 11***

* **NURSERY:**  Sara Jacobs & Aleah Russell
* **JAM:** Honey Bejmovicz, Johnny Mize, Jesse

Helfrich, Emma Chick, Zachary Helfrich

***August 18***

* **NURSERY:** Jan Farkas & Emma Chick
* **JAM:**  Jackie Wilson, Matt Jacobs, Andrew

Jacobs, Bella Wilson, Adam Milligan

***August 25***

* **NURSERY**: Jane Murphy & Hannah Adkins
* **JAM:** Martha Swift, Samantha Mize, Paige

Mize, Morgan Reiger, Aleah Russell

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**LADIES PRAYER** – Mondays, 6:30PM in Joy Room

**MEN’S PRAYER** – Tuesday, 6AM in JAM Room

**PRAYER FOR ALL** – Wednesdays, 9AM in Situation Room

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**SUMMER ROAD TRIP…**to Holiday World & Splashing Safari!!! Saturday, August 24. The cost is $40 – due no later than August 17. Bring your phone charger, $$$for food, and a bag with towel & swimming suit. Questions, contact Brian Bejmovicz at 618-364-5180.

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE…**EVERY Sunday @ 5PM. Worship, Bible & Fun!



**BACK TO SCHOOL ACTIVITY…**for kids in kindergarten – 6th grade! Saturday, August 17 we will be going to the water park in Mt. Vernon!! Children in pre-k are welcome, but MUST HAVE A PARENT with them!!

**CHILDREN’S TEAM MEETING…**Wed., Aug. 28, 6PM.

**GET READY…**for our Christmas Musical ***“AWAY IN A MANGO”!!!*** Wednesday Night Activities resume September 4! Hope to see you ALL there!!



1 Samantha (Braddy) Williams

6 Judy Clark

8 Marsha Schultz

Rileann Jordan

11 Kelly Harper

David Veldman

13 Taylor Woolard

Julie Glodich

14 Lana Lampley

16 Sharon Lude

18 Kassy Edwards

21 Willow Hawkins

23 Brian Bejmovicz

25 Paul Lawrence

26 Noah Britton

29 Amira Crawford

30 Quincy Bates

31 Gavyn Woolard





5, 1988 Gary & Twyla Hood

8, 1964 Jim & Lana Lampley

10, 1996 Todd & Amy Rice

24, 1963 David & Doris Woods

30, 1968 Norman & Mary Van Zant



