

**PARISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FALL 2019 - WINTER 2020
10:00 AM**

CLASS	LOCATION	TEACHER(S)	TOPIC
Preschool	Upstairs	Ginny Morrison	Creation
K-1st	Pastor's Suite	Thomas and Tracy Rickstrew	Numbers
2nd-3rd	Kitchen Room	Bob and Lori Ann Bender	1 Samuel
4th-6th	Front Lobby	Jonathan and Christine Thorton	Epistles 1
7th-12th	Silva Home*	Mike Mastroberti	Old Testament survey
Adult	Main Chapel	Elders	Heaven

*Meet at Parish to caravan or dropoff at Silva home 355 Springhouse Circle, Franklin

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

August 18	Introduction to Heaven <i>1 Cor 2:6-10</i>
August 25	Heavenly-mindedness and earthly good <i>Col 3:1-4</i>
September 1	Judgement Day / Heaven's alternative <i>Matt 25: 31-34 / Mark 9:48</i>
September 8	Evangelism in light of eternity <i>Ezek 3:17-19, 2 Cor 5:11,14,20</i>
September 15	The beatific vision <i>John 17:24, 1 John 3:2, Col 3:4</i>
September 22	Citizens of heaven, living as pilgrims <i>2 Cor 5:1-10; Heb 11:8-16,13:14</i>
September 29	Heaven's glorious negatives <i>Rev 21:4</i>
October 6	Grief and suffering in light of eternity <i>2 Cor 4:17, Rom 8:18</i>
October 13	Heaven's rewards <i>Col 3:23-24</i>
October 20	How should we get ready for Christ's return? <i>Luke 12:35-40</i>
October 27	Heaven taken by storm <i>Matt 11:12</i> PRAYER
November 3	The marriage supper of the Lamb <i>Rev 19:6-9</i>
November 10	An eternal perspective on marriage/parenting/singleness <i>Luke 18:29-30</i>
November 17	Heavenly worship <i>Rev 4-5, Hebrews 12:18-29</i>
November 24	The new heavens and new earth <i>2 Peter 3:7, 10-13; Rom 8:19-23</i>
December 1	Sabbath/ Heavenly Rest <i>Hebrews 4:9</i>
December 8	Stewardship (health/money/time) in light of heavenly realities <i>Luke 12:16-34</i>
December 15	Flex week / PRAYER

Introduction to Heaven

To win heaven, the mind must become heavenly; and to be heavenly, it must habituate itself to heavenly things and heavenly pursuits. — Octavius Winslow

Ever since he who is our head ascended to heaven, it is befitting in us to withdraw our affections from the earth, and with our whole soul aspire to heaven. — John Calvin

Heaven can only be known from the Bible. (1 Cor 2:6-13)

Heaven defined:

1. The sky (Matt 8:20)
2. Space (Heb 11:12)
3. A metonymy of God Himself (Luke 15:21)
4. ***The essential and immediate dwelling place of God and the *eternal* home of His people (Matt 5:16, 2 Thess 1:7, 2 Pet 3:13)

Why study heaven?

- There is a current ignorance and indifference of this doctrine.
- It is commanded to do so. (Col 3:1-2) We tend to be unduly preoccupied with this world, and as prosperity generally breeds worldliness (Prov 30:9), it takes spiritual labor and God's grace to raise our affections to things above.
- An eternal perspective changes our entire view of life; a theological recovery of time is needed. We need to see the brevity and fragility of our lives in light of eternity and the goal of heaven. (Phil 3:13-14)
- We are not studying heaven necessarily for practical benefits- heaven is an end in and of itself; however, many practical benefits flow from an eternal, heavenly mindset.