

**March 4, 2007**

Located about eight miles east of  
Disney World just beyond John  
Young Parkway on the north side.

[www.kissimmeeconf.org](http://www.kissimmeeconf.org)

## Bulletin and News of the **CHURCH OF CHRIST** That worships in Kissimmee

921 W. Vine Street (US Highway 192): Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407-847-5749

### **SUNDAY**

Bible study, 9 a.m.  
Worship, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

### **MONDAY**

Monday Night for the Master  
6 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY**

Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

### **THURSDAY**

Ladies' Bible class, 10:00 a.m.

### **OFFICE PHONE**

407-847-5749

### **ELDERS**

Chuck Broyles 407-855-1477  
Robert Guthrie 407-892-9888

### **PREACHER**

David Boren 407-892-6664  
Cell 407-922-1635

### **DEACONS**

Byron Chapman 407-846-8408  
John Dunn 407-847-6158  
Joe Gannotti 407-892-3262  
Ansel Hicks 407-846-6878

### **MISSIONS**

Gary Marshall, Kentucky  
Paul Gilbert, West Virginia  
Gary Wyder, Florida Prison  
Ministries  
Florida School of Preaching  
Memphis School of Preaching  
Truth For The World

### **This morning's sermon and**

**Scripture:** What Happens  
After Death? Part I

Acts 7:59,60; 8:1

### **This evening's sermon and**

**Scripture:** Learning about the  
Authors & Composers of the  
Songs we sing.

Col. 3:16/ Eph. 5:19

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

(Matthew 5:14-16)



“Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.”

(Philippians 2:14-15)

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ. So that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.”

(Philippians 1:27)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHURCH NEWS

Visitors and members please fill out an attendance card (located on the back of the pew in front of you) and pass it to the center aisle at the close of the worship service. Also please put your cell phones in the *off* position so they will not interfere with our wireless sound system.

Happy Birthday & Anniversary to: Bernadine Kolin, 5<sup>th</sup>; Earl & Emilce McLarty, 6<sup>th</sup>; Marie Aristide, 7<sup>th</sup>; Eloise Hart, James Maness, 8<sup>th</sup>; Bonnie Craig, 9<sup>th</sup>; Corey & Betsy Hair, L.J. Sprouse, 10<sup>th</sup>; Best Wishes to all of you.

Continue to remember all of our sick and shut ins, *Mary Davidson*, the sister of *Bea Spurlock*, *Cherri Wright* who continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments and has been unable to be here for several weeks, *Carol Hubbard* who is undergoing chemo treatments, *Paul Kendrick*, the grandfather of *Dawn Sprouse*, *Tom Hyslop* who is undergoing chemo treatments, *Floyd Blake*, *Lea Fontella*, the sister of *Camille Hummon*, the 14 year old grandson of *Elosie Hart*, *Alex* underwent a colonoscopy on Thursday for his bleeding colon, *Bea Spurlock* is awaiting results from recent heart tests, the niece of *Jackie Litteral*, *Sharon Allen*, *Sue Jones'* son *Billy Jones*, *Jenny Kelly* the daughter of *Juan & Rosemary Martinez*, *David C. Miller* will undergo three days of tests to be properly fitted for an internal heart device, his surgery will be scheduled after these tests, others include, *Frieda Blalock*, *Ron Kolin*, *Becky Collazo*, *Kerry Keathley*, *Louise Davis*, *Emma Turner*, *Bill & Harris*, *Calvin & Betty Woodruff*, *Shawn Woodall*, *Eddie Litton*, *David Sloan*, *Dot Taylor*, *Robert Guthrie*, *Yvonne Blake* and her husband *William*. Please remember all of the sick with your calls, cards and visits.

The aunt of *Chuck Broyles*, *Eva Crouse Hedrick* passed away February 23<sup>rd</sup> in *Fayetteville, NC* following a long illness. She was buried in *Hurricane, WV* on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Gospel Meeting at the *Wildwood church of Christ*, March 11-15, services nightly at 7:30.

Gospel Meeting at the *Orange Street church of Christ in Auburndale*, March 11-14, services nightly at 7:30.

Meeting at the *South Seminole church of Christ*, Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Check the bulletin board for more information regarding subjects and speakers.

**Kissimmee Church of Christ**  
921 West Vine Street  
Kissimmee, Florida 34741

Send To:

---

---

---

## Honored To Serve This Lord's Day March 4, 2007

The elders respectfully ask all who serve in public worship to please dress appropriately

### -ANNOUNCEMENTS

AM/PM Robert Guthrie

### -SONG LEADER

A.M. Jim Craig  
P.M. David Herndon

### -OPENING PRAYER

A.M. Mike Miller  
P.M. Joe Gannotti

### -READ SCRIPTURE

A.M. Ray Wells  
P.M. John Sprouse

### -SERMON

A.M. David Boren  
P.M.

### -LORD'S SUPPER

A.M. Gary Burford  
P.M. Billy Hyslop

### -ASSISTING

A.M. Danny Guthrie  
Mike Williams  
Corey Hair  
Daniel McCard  
P.M. Daniel McCard

### -CLOSING PRAYER

A.M. Jim Beltz  
P.M. Earl McLarty

### -USHERS

A.M./P.M. Harold DeBord  
Wayne Steenberg

### -GREETING VISITORS

Harold D. & Wayne S.

### -CHILDREN'S NURSERY

A.M. Dori Brownlow  
Joan Brownlow  
P.M. Heather Boren

### -PREPARE COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Maria Cope

### -BAPTISMAL GARMENTS

Maria Cope

## What Happens After Death? Part I

- I. The Philosophy Of Soul- sleeping.
- A. What is the substance of this false doctrine? Stated briefly:
1. Proponents of this false doctrine believe that when a person dies, all of his systems shut down, including his consciousness.
  2. Those who are among God' s faithful will be resurrected and granted eternal life; the wicked are punished by being annihilated, forever, rather than experiencing everlasting punishment.
- B. As support for this position, the following Scriptures are among those that are used:
1. Eccl. 3:19,20.
    - a. First of all, one must understand the nature of the book of Ecclesiastes
      1. It is a book that repeatedly expresses a pessimistic viewpoint about life, work, pleasure, wealth, etc.
      2. Solomon is purposely pessimistic in order to show what the natural man, the man without God, can expect in the way of happiness.
      3. Apart from God, everything is meaningless (Eccl. 12:13).
    - b. Concerning death, what does the natural man see?
      1. Both man and animals die and are buried; both return to the dust.
      2. Apart from God and His revelation, how do we know that mankind is any better off?
  2. Eccl. 3:21.
    - a. In other words, just by observing death:
      1. How do we know that man and animal are any different?
      2. How do we know that man ascends upward to God and that animals just return to the dust of the earth?
    - b. Brethren and friends, it is only through divine revelation that we learn that the spirit of man returns to God who gave it (Eccl. 12:7).
  3. Eccl. 9:2,3.
    - a. This passage says that the same thing happens to the righteous and the wicked: death (Heb. 9:27).
    - b. This passage drips with cynicism, but for those who teach " soul-sleeping," it is simply unwise to use it because it proves more than they desire: It implies that there is no punishment for the wicked and no reward for the righteous. All simply die!!!
    - c. Again, it is only by divine revelation that we know what really happens after death; it cannot be discerned through natural means.
  4. Eccl. 9:5,10.
    - a. As far as the natural man is concerned, the dead do not know anything; there is no work, wisdom, or knowledge in the grave. Think about it:
      1. Can the lifeless body do any labor in the grave? --- No!
      2. Can the stilled tongue speak? --- No!
      3. Can knowledge be dispensed from the mind of the departed? --- No!
      4. Can wisdom be imparted? --- No!
    - b. A dead person' s organs have ceased functioning.
    - c. Brethren, friends, none of these passages (of which we have mentioned thus far) prove that the soul is unconscious, because they concern the body, not the soul!!!

5. John 11:11-14; Acts 7:60.
  - a. All its life the heart has pumped, the lungs have breathed, energy has been expended; but at death all the body's labors are finished.
  - b. The physical body will remain at peace in the grave (in the ground); its' labors are forever finished at the point of death.
  - c. At that point, all that remains on earth is the body - at rest in the grave - for the soul, the conscious part of man, has departed (Eccl. 12:7; James 2:26).
6. Another argument is that the " flow of consciousness is dependent on sense - impressions."
  - a. That is to say, our thoughts are based on what we see, hear, smell, taste, or touch.
  - b. The fallacy of such an argument is easily seen by recalling the fact that both God and the angels possess consciousness apart from a physical body.
7. Finally, another argument that advocates of " soul-sleeping" set forth is that no one whom Jesus raised up, including Lazarus, ever related what he has seen or heard in heaven.
  - a. So what!!!
  - b. Besides, brethren, how do we know that Lazarus never said anything?
    1. Just because the Bible says nothing on the matter does not prove that he remained silent. Jesus performed many additional miracles which were not recorded for us (John 20:30,31).
    2. Even " if" he never spoke of the experience, that would not prove that he was unconscious during that time.
      - a. Knowing that he was to be returned to his body, God may have prohibited Lazarus from gathering a glimpse of Heaven's gates for that brief period of time.
      - b. Now, then, even if God did afford him that luxury, He could have very easily forbade him to discuss it, as He did Paul (2 Cor. 12:4).
8. As we can see, the arguments in " favor" of "soul-sleeping" are relatively few in number and most certainly, unimpressive.
  - a. Advocates of this erroneous doctrine realize full well how many Bible statements they must get around.
  - b. The Seventh-Day Adventists, for example, have written a book, " Answers To Objections," which contains no less than 24 arguments against their position.

## II. What Happens After Death?

- A. From observations everyone knows what happens to the physical body after death; it deteriorates and decomposes, just as the carcass of an animal does.
- B. However, the Bible teaches that man is more than a matter of molecules in motion (2 Cor. 4:16).
- C. Consider Psalm 90:10. " fly away" ? --- What does that mean?
  1. There can be no way to understand what this passage means with regard to soul-sleeping.
  2. Where do we " fly" from, and where do we " fly" to? Does not the soul fly from the body and to God (Eccl. 12:7)?
- D. There are many passages of Scripture that demonstrate that the spirit within a man remains conscious after death (Phil. 1:21-24).

This document was created with Win2PDF available at <http://www.win2pdf.com>.  
The unregistered version of Win2PDF is for evaluation or non-commercial use only.  
This page will not be added after purchasing Win2PDF.