

We learned as we grew older,
 Life was better outside of the womb,
 But why can we not fathom,
 Our life beyond the tomb?
 There's a life that's even better,
 On Jordan's other shore,
 Don't let living only in this life,
 Keep you away from what's in store.
 (Hebrews 11:24-25)

We will exit someday from this world,
 Just as we left our mother's womb,
 We will either live in Paradise,
 Or in an eternity of doom.
 As long as you are breathing,
 You can change the way you think,
 You can't stay in this life forever,
 You will stand on Jordan's brink.
 (Joshua 3:8; 23:14; I Kings 2:2; Hebrews 9:27)

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



**Come Worship
 With Us!**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
 SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
 WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- www.defendthegospel.com
- 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st
 Sunday night of each month
 Following Services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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"...The Brink Of The Water Jordan..."

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"And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan."

-Joshua 3:8 KJV

So many memories of when I was young,
 Yet not one of where I would stand,
 So close to the brink of Jordan,
 On my way to the Promised Land.
 So many loved ones have been here,
 They have felt the spray on their face,
 They've bid us farewell and crossed over,
 They're now in a much better place.

(Luke 16:19-31)

The closer I get to the Jordan,
 The more I become aware,
 That all the things that are dear to me now,
 Are not here, they're safe over there.
 We have all lingered around a grave,
 And said good bye, to one that was dear,
 They are dead to us on this side,
 But not in that land over there.
 (Exodus 3:6; Mark 12:26-27)

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Death is the last step that we take,
When our soul leaves the body we're in,
It's nothing more than a separation,
Enabling our new life to begin.
(Genesis 2:7; Ecclesiastes 12:7;
I Kings 17:21-22; James 2:26)

Behold, I show you a mystery,
One that it's hard to believe,
We'll all be given a new body,
One that's corruption free,
The mortal body that's buried,
Will rise immortal on that last day,
Having overcome the sting of death,
Being victorious over the grave.
(John 5:28-29; I Corinthians 15:51-58)

Those who have already crossed over,
Will continue always to subsist,
They're simply beyond our view right now,
But they will never cease to exist.
They are just around that corner,
Or maybe over that next rise,
In a place where we can't see them,
Somewhere; up there in the skies.
(I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

If they now reside in Paradise,
Don't wish for them to be here,
Why would you want to bring them back,
Why not go and join them there?
(II Samuel 12:23)

We are going to have to depart this life,
In order to have something better,
Much like we left our mother's womb,
We couldn't live in there forever.

We were content just where we were,
We were in our comfort zone,
Why would we want to leave that place,
To live in this world, on our on?
(Genesis 3:22-24)

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DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Johnson
Reading: Matthew 13:1-9
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....Jeff Isbell
Serve.....Rusty Barnes
- Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Scripture Reading...Eli Todd
Reading: 1 John 2:24-29
- Song Leader..... Eli Todd
- Lord's Supper..... Eli Todd

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader..... Michael Pickford
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

**Thank You For
Serving!**

God's Plan of Salvation

There is only one true plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will suffice. Have you truly been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

**Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request**