



*Chalmette  
Church of Christ*

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## Birth And Death

(Do you know how you can hear something and make it such a part of your thinking, that it becomes your own? Well, I don't remember from whom I first heard the following illustration, but I've used it for years. I believe it can be of great comfort to those who are facing death or who have faced the death of a loved one).

In the warmth and darkness of his mother's womb, a pre-born infant heard the voice of God say, "My son, today you are going to be born." "Be what?" said the infant? "Born," said the Lord. "Today you will take a journey to where you have never before been. You will soon discover a new world filled with new sights, and sounds. You'll leave the darkness of the womb and experience light, feel the dry warmth of diapers and blankets, and you'll eat in a totally new way. And best of all, you'll be able to see your mother and father face-to-face for the very first time and be embraced by them."

However, the infant said, "Lord, I don't want to take this journey. I like it where I am. Why would I want to leave the womb. I feel safe and comfortable here. While all the things you described, such as light, diapers, blankets, and eating all sound nice, I've never seen any of them before, and I'm happy just the way I am without them. Besides, I'm afraid it will hurt. Will it?" "Yes, my son, it may hurt a little, but not for long. Just trust me. It'll be okay." But the infant struggled with trusting the Lord and was born fighting and screaming the whole way. But no sooner than he left the darkness and familiar surroundings of the womb, he found himself in the loving arms of his mother and father and looking at them face-to-face. As the infant was being held in the gentle embrace of its parents loving arms, he said, "Lord, I feel foolish for not trusting you. You, of course, were right. This is wonderful! Thank you for the transition of birth."

Likewise, one day while lying on his death-bed, an elderly saint heard the voice of God say, "My son, today you are going to die." "Die?" said the elderly saint. "Yes, die" said the Lord. "Today you will take a journey to a place where you have never before been. You will soon discover a new world with new sights and sounds. You'll see angels, arch-angels, cherubim and seraphim. And best of all, you'll be able to see your Heavenly father face-to-face for the first time."

However, the elderly saint said, "Lord, I don't want to die. I've grown accustomed to life on this earth. I don't doubt that angels, arch-angels, cherubim and seraphim are really wonderful, but I've never seen any of them before, and I think I could have a full life without ever seeing them. I like it here where I'm comfortable. And besides, I'm afraid death will hurt. Will it?" "Yes, my son, it may hurt a little, but not for long. Just trust me. It'll be okay. But the elderly saint had trouble trusting God and he fought against death with all his strength. But no sooner than this elderly saint passed through death into eternity, he found himself in the loving arms of his Heavenly Father, wondering why he was so afraid. Humbly he looked into the face of his Father and said, "Lord, I feel foolish for not trusting you. You, of course, were right. This is a wonderful place! Thank you for this transition of death into eternity!"

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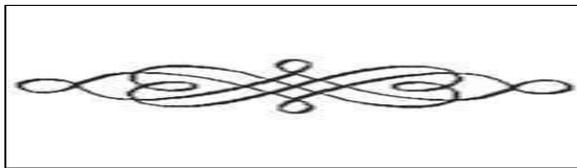
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| Colossians   | Hosea    | Malachi      | Ruth            |
| Corinthians  | Isaiah   | Mark         | Samuel          |
| Daniel       | James    | Matthew      | Song of Solomon |
| Deuteronomy  | Jeremiah | Micah        | Thessalonians   |
| Ecclesiastes | Job      | Nahum        | Timothy         |
| Ephesians    | Joel     | Nehemiah     | Titus           |
| Esther       | John     | Numbers      | Zechariah       |
| Exodus       | Jonah    | Obadiah      | Zephaniah       |
| Ezekiel      | Joshua   | Peter        |                 |
| Ezra         | Jude     | Philemon     |                 |
| Galatians    | Judges   | Philippians  |                 |
| Genesis      | Kings    | Proverbs     |                 |

## News and Notes

- **Vacation Bible School** will be June 16-19. There will be a group of 30 people coming from Bybee Branch Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN. **\*\*We are still in need of volunteers for housing. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.**
- Please keep Alice Riley, and Margo Rodney in your prayers at this time as they are in poor health.
- Please keep Betty Grisham in your prayers at this time. She is back at Chalmette Hospital suffering with severe bed sores.
- **Volunteers Needed!** On Sunday evening, June 1st, we will prepare the bags for door knocking for Vacation Bible School. Please make plans to stay and help.
- Mark and Tina have made it safely to Budapest. May they have a prosperous trip while they are there.



### May Birthdays

25th-Zachary Scariano

25th-Stephen Snyder

31st-Tony Stafford

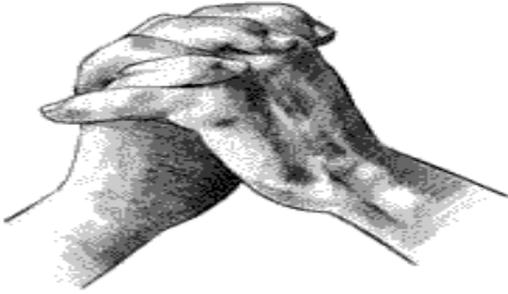
### June Birthdays

11th-Julie Borchers

26th-Katelyn Lance

30th-Josh Borchers

# Prayer List



**Alice Riley & family  
Sherry Towle  
Margo Rodney  
Judy Hennessee  
Betty Grisham  
Ella Gillard  
Krisztian Montague  
Linda Swanner  
Jackie Gamble  
Gloria Smiles  
Joel James  
David Ebeling  
Ryker Amaya  
Raymond Sanchez  
Gary Huettmann  
Malcolm & Marlene Vazquez**

**\*All of our brethren scattered across  
the United States & our troops in  
Iraq**



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**Services of The Church  
Sunday**

Bible Classes 9:00 am  
AM Worship 10:00 am  
PM Worship 6:00 pm

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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