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Be Awesome

Heaven is for Real- More than a movie!

I admit that I am a skeptic when it comes to people reporting what they have seen in heaven. As a nurse, I have learned all of the physiological things that go on in a near death experience and why people emerge with similar reports such as seeing light, talking with people who are deceased and discussions with Jesus. Science and medicine explain the phenomenon by pointing to the chemical changes that go on in the brain with a near death experience. My own father had a near death experience and shared his experience of these specific events with me! So, did I believe my father and the other individuals I cared for over the years who gave reports of near death experiences? I believe that their experience was real. However it is not the basis for my belief that heaven is for real. I believe there is a heaven because God's word tells me about it.

Karl Bastin, founder of Kidology has an interesting thought about the movie "Heaven is for Real": "In the end, the answer to the question as to whether what Colton experienced, *"Was it really heaven?"* isn't actually answered. The answer to that question ultimately isn't important. What matters is that his family believed him and that heaven is real, and that God can and does reveal Himself to us uniquely when and however He desires." And his challenge is *"But are we open to Him when He does?"*

Let us be people who believe in supernatural acts of God, and willing to walk with others who experience them!

Pastor Angela



Word for Today

"You light a lamp for me.
The Lord, my God, lights up
my darkness."

—Psalm 18:28

Think About It

How have you seen God's light
in your life and in others today?



Shades of Light and Darkness

My daughter stepped onto the front porch to answer a phone call. It was after dark on a summer evening, and we hadn't turned on the outside light. When she walked inside 20 minutes later, she squinted and exclaimed, "It's bright in here!" I replied with a chuckle, "Yes, that's what happens when you stay in the dark too long."

When we keep portions of our lives in the dark, we might adjust our perspective and rationalize we don't need more light. We might think we can see "well enough." When we stay in the dark too long—or when we compartmentalize certain areas of our lives in dark corners—we can't see the truth. Not until light shines through the darkness can we see the details.

While light can be blinding, it doesn't seem to take long to adjust to darkness. I remember many evenings when I would sit and read. As the pages turned, the sun would set and the room around me grew darker and darker. I didn't notice. Because my light source had dimmed in small increments, I had adjusted.

- When have you slowly adjusted to the darkness, letting an area of your spiritual life slip into the darkness with either intention or neglect?
- When have you walked out of darkness into the piercing light of God's provision and guidance?



Northern Lights Bars

For the bars, you'll need:

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped
- grated rind of 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 9-inch square pan



For the topping, you'll need:

- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9-inch square pan. Cream butter; add brown sugar and beat well. Gradually add flour and walnuts. Batter will appear crumbly. Spread batter evenly over the bottom of the pan, and press firmly. Bake for 15 minutes.

Combine lemon rind and juice, and set aside.

Cream the cheese, sugar, vanilla, and egg. Stir in the lemon juice and rind. Pour over the hot baked crust, tilting the pan to level filling. Bake for 20 more minutes.

Cool 15 minutes. Mix the sour cream, 1 tablespoon sugar, and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, and then spread the mixture over the top. Bake 5 more minutes.

Refrigerate for 1 hour or more. Cut into squares.

Did You Know?



Check out these facts about light...

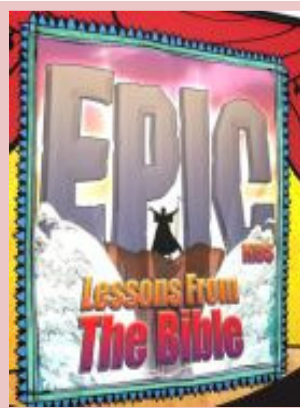
- Some animals can see parts of the light spectrum that we as humans cannot.
- Ultraviolet light reveals things we can't see with the naked eye, which is why it has become so valuable to forensic scientists.
- Light travels very fast but is slowed down through water and other matter.
- Reflections are simply the bouncing back of light.

So, now you know several facts about physical light. What about God's light? What connections can you find between these facts about physical light and the truth of God's light?

Be Informed

Sunday Morning

Welcome to Epic Kids, where children ages 6-12 will get to experience the biggest, and most amazing lessons of the Bible! Gather 'round as we relive incredible moments when oceans parted, city walls crumbled and fell down, giants were defeated, and fire fell from the sky! Your children will learn about worship, obedience, being prepared, boldness, courage, peace, salvation, and the importance of a good attitude during difficult circumstances. We'll also use our imagination in Not So Epic Theatre to find out what could have happened in these lessons if the people had made the wrong decisions instead. God has big lessons to teach us and He knows how to teach in big ways! So step inside, take a seat and hold on tight. This one is going to be Epic!



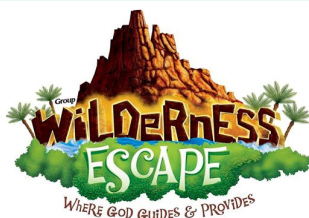
Awana

Thank you for a great year in Awana! As always, we hope you will continue to promote our ministry and invite others to join us for next year.

For 2014-2015, we will have a few positions available, so please help spread the word. 😊
Enjoy your summer!

Club 5/6

During Holy Week Club 56 went to the Wednesday night service. They learned about and took communion. A number of the kids watched foot washing and decided to participate as well. The really BIG story is that one of the Club 56 girls accepted Christ and was baptized on Easter Sunday! She also shared her experience with her little brother who came in to the office with his mom, accepted Christ and was also baptized on Easter! It is exciting to be with these young people who are encountering Jesus in real and tangible ways!



Wilderness Escape VBS 2014 July 13th -16th 5:30 to 8pm
To Sign up or Volunteer click below:

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/hillvuekidz/gpgs/Home.aspx>

Teachers/Greeters:

Sunday Morning Greeters are needed. Once a month! Please contact Pastor Angela to volunteer (270)842-0012.

Club 5/6 is looking for a woman who would like to work with our girls on Wed. nights at 6:30.

Dates to Note:

Children's Camp: June 16th -20th

VBS: July 13th-16th

Promotion Day: August 3rd

Special Announcements

Sunday Morning Teaching Needs:

3rd grade teacher at 9:30 (every other week)

4th grade teacher at 9:30

Assistant Teachers @ 9:30 & 11

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I promise Week #9 Baptism Class @ 11:00am			Awana/Club 56 Baptism Class @ 5:00 pm			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day!			Awana/Club 56			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Epic Week #1			Awana/Club 56			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Epic Week #2			Awana/Club 56			

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