

## CAN YOU HELP?

Northpoint has supported **Joshua Aidoo** in Ghana for 6 years. His evangelistic work is greatly hampered because of transportation difficulties—he has no vehicle. When he goes into new areas with the Gospel he takes a team of men with him. Having either to hire a driver with a van or rent a van is expensive and at times unreliable. He also needs this vehicle for use by his family (5 children). The vehicle (used) he needs will cost a minimum of \$16,000.00, to which Northpoint has contributed \$2,000.00 to get this fund started. The elders of the Bellview Church (which also supports Joshua) are handling these funds. We ask brethren to help us help this good man by sending your check to **Northpoint** or to:

Bellview Church of Christ, 4850 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32526.

## THAT YOU MAY KNOW...

### Let us pray for...

- Rick Beauchamp**—on extended absence from family and us because of employment
- Jerry Douglas**—fighting bone and lymph cancer (Danny Douglas's twin brother)
- Alice Haddon**—fighting cancer (Sheri's friend)
- Terry Hightower**—in the loss of his wife, Vicki
- Judy Reid**—sister in NJ, planning to move here
- Brian Ritter**—fighting rare autoimmune disease (son of Rick Ritter, Gospel preacher)
- Jeff Simmons**—"our boy" in the US Navy (Saratoga Springs, New York)
- Don Smith**—faithful brother in Ohio prison, ordered to cease teaching fellow inmates
- Stephanie Tigner**—who has been restored to Christ (Kourtney's sister)
- Joshua Aidoo**—Gospel preacher in Ghana we support
- Samuel Bagsangi**—Gospel preacher in Philippines we support
- Danny Douglas**—Gospel preacher in US we support

### Records you helped make last week...

Bible Classes	15
Sunday AM Worship	15
Sunday PM Worship	15
Wednesday PM Bible Class/Worship	7
Contribution	\$919.00
Contribution average (2017)	\$1,510.29

### Internet and YouTube Sermon broadcasts...

- Both sermons each Sunday are broadcast, beginning at approximately 10:45–10:50 a.m. and 1:12–1:15 p.m., via Internet through our Website, [www.northpointcoc.com](http://www.northpointcoc.com).
- Our **YouTube** channel at *Northpoint Church of Christ* has a growing collection of Northpoint sermons available for viewing.

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# The Northpoint Lighthouse

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## PARENTS HAVE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

Children are an heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his reward (Psa. 127:3). Indeed, as we read the scriptures we see the joy of children in the lives of godly parents such as Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel along with many others including, Zacharias and Elisabeth and Mary and Joseph. However, we also read of many cruelties directed toward children in the Bible from such as Pharaoh ordering the death of all baby boys, God's people offering their children in sacrifice to Molech and Herod's mass murder of the children.

Parents can be cruel to children today as well. From pushing them away, ridiculing them, even to beating them undeservedly and unmercifully. But we often forget that it is cruel if we fail to both properly discipline them and teach them the way of the Lord.

God, our creator, knows what is best, and while modern philosophy is that we should neither restrain our children nor give them whippings, the Bible teaches otherwise. Notice Solomon's words:

Prov. 19:18: Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

Prov. 29:15: The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

Prov. 29:17: Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

There is no doubt that the Bible teaches that if we love our children we will properly discipline them so that they will know right from

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### Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 1:00 PM

### Wednesday

B.C./Worship 7:00 PM

wrong and not bring shame to themselves or us.

It is also the case that parents have an obligation to teach their children the word of God. This has always been true from the Old Testament through the New Testament (Deut. 6:5-7; Psa. 78:4-6; Eph. 6:4).

If we truly love our children as God teaches we should than we will not fail to take the time to discipline them properly and teach them the Word of God that their souls may be saved (Psa. 119:9; James 1:21).

-Philip Smith

## HEAVEN --- THE HOPE OF THE OBE- DIENT

*Jerry C. Brewer*

“If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable” (1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:19). Though the blessings of God in Christ are a hundredfold in this present world, yet they are as nothing compared to those that shall be revealed in heaven.

Human language cannot adequately describe the majestic beauty of the heavenly home of the faithful, nor can the mind of man conceive the splendors which adorn that celestial home.

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepared a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there be ye may be also” (John 14:1-3). To escape the torture of hell and obtain salvation in heaven is the cherished hope of every faithful follower of our Lord.

There will be a home in heaven for those who have faithfully carried out the requirements of the New Testament. The question is often asked, “Is this or that essential to salvation?” The answer is easy. Every command of God is essential, or the Lord would not have given it. Those seeking salvation from their past sins must in faith repent of their sins, confess the name of Christ, and be buried in baptism (Acts 17:30-31; Rom. 10:9-10; 6:3-4; Mark 16:16). Each act of obedience is necessary.

*Psalm 119:27 "27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: So shall I talk of thy wondrous works."*

John Clifford wrote the words of that memorable epic,

### “Last Eve”

*Last eve I passed beside the blacksmith’s door,*

*And looking in I saw upon the floor*

*Old hammers worn with beating years of time.*

*“How many anvils have you had?” said I*

*“To wear and batter all these hammers so?”*

*“Just one,” said he, then said with twinkling eye*

*“The anvil wears the hammers out you know?”*

*And so I thought, “the anvil of God’s Word,*

*For ages skeptics blows have beat upon,*

*Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,*

*The anvil is unharmed --- the hammers are gone!”*