

# Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Services are live-streamed to our website: [oakswestchurchofchrist.com](http://oakswestchurchofchrist.com)

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## Heavenly Fellowship

by George Slover

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. (Hebrews 12:22-24)

These verses mark the climax of this great letter. In keeping with the theme, the author provides a contrast between the Mosaic dispensation and the Christian dispensation. Fiery Mount Sinai is the emblem of the Mosaic law. The heavenly city of Jerusalem symbolizes privileges and blessings that flow from a new relationship in Christ.

Pictures of God's people are found throughout the New Testament. God's people are the "church" (Ephesians 1:22,23), the "body of Christ" (Ephesians 1:22,23), the "temple of God" (Ephesians 2:19-22), the "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5), the "bride of Christ" (Ephesians 5:23-33), and "Christ's sheep". (John 1:14-15; 25-30) In this context we have a seven-fold description of God and his people.

Consider each of these seven descriptions. First, they had come to "Mount Zion", the city of God. They had come into the presence of God, the heavenly Jerusalem. Second, they were in the presence of an "innumerable company of angels". These angels rejoice when just one sinner repents. Third, they had come to the "church of the firstborn". All of the rights of God's inheritance go to the firstborn. Fourth, they came

### Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

### Important Dates

**Ladies' Class** - December 10

**If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.**

to “God, the judge of all”. They must live out of reverence to Him. Fifth, they had come to the “spirits of just men made perfect”. They were in company with saints of old – Abraham, Sarah, David, etc. Sixth, they had come to “Jesus, the mediator”. He is the source of all of their hopes and dreams. Seventh, they had come to “the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel”. While Abel’s blood cries out “condemnation”, Christ blood shouts “you are forgiven”! Each of these must have filled their souls with excitement!

What should these truths mean to us? They should remind us of things heavenly and eternal! However, with these great blessings come great responsibilities! These images should create in our heart a longing for fellowship. We need God and his people! Thus, the Hebrew author commands: And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

## Prayer Requests

**Jack Wilson** is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

**Jay Parker’s father** has cancer. His mother has had some recent health problems as well.

**Jimmy Stinnett** is struggling from his leukemia and is under treatment.

**Dinah Williams** is having some issues with her legs from diabetes.

**Jean Smith** passed away.

**Marcia Neuhaus**

**Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Jean Smith, Dinah Williams**

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

*“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”* (Ephesians 6:18)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord’s body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord’s will.

We are not a part of any larger organization – we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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