

blasphemed Him, saying, 'If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.' The reason paradise was lost is obvious. This one did not believe that Jesus was who he claimed to be, the son of God. However, the man who learned God is good and paradise is a reality said these words, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said to Jesus, 'Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom'" (Luke 23:40-42). He obviously believed that Jesus was the Christ the son of God. This one recognized that Jesus was an innocent man and that Jesus was going to be King of his kingdom. Can you imagine the shock when Jesus said to this criminal, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43)? One man found Paradise while the other lost Paradise.

Jesus calls upon N.T. Christians to be "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). If we are faithful and obedient to Christ, then we do so with the promise, "To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God" (Rev. 2:7). Preacher Joe and his wife Pat lost their home and many irreplaceable possessions in Paradise. However, if they are faithful they will not lose the Paradise of God. It likely that none of us are planning on living in Paradise, California. However, are you planning on living in the Paradise of God?

Reference: <https://christianchronicle.org/paradise-is-lost-but-minister-and-wife-escaped-deadly-wildfire-with-the-clothes-on-our-back/>

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Please note: 2019 Bible Reading Plans are available on the web:

<https://churchofchristmo.blogspot.com/p/bible.html>

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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM / 6 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sun. Morning

Radio & TV

KTXR 101.3 FM

Lifeline 7:15 AM

Channel 10

Search 7:00 AM

Living Word, 7:30 AM

Channel 33

Know Your Bible, 10:30 AM

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BULLETIN

Paradise Lost

Luke 23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Paradise, California is a town in Butte County, about 80 miles north of the state capital of Sacramento and, up until recently, lived up to its designation about as much as any other similarly-named place in the United States. This Paradise is located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Its altitude (about 1,700 feet) positions it high enough to escape the California valley heat in the summer, yet low enough in elevation as to stay below the heavy winter snowfalls that crest the mountain range. The climate and soil are just right for growing a variety of vegetables, fruits, and nut crops, leading Paradise to once possess the title of "the apple center of California." Thus, if you love apple pie, then Paradise is the place, or I should say, was the place! Unfortunately, Paradise was lost. In the early part of November, a California wildfire known as the "Camp Fire" made its mark in California history. The "Camp Fire" is now the state's deadliest and most destructive wildfire on record, causing at least 63 deaths and destroying more than 12,000 structures. The ravaging blaze scorched more than 142,000 acres, an area more than four times the size of San Francisco.

I personally had not paid a lot of attention to the news about the wildfires in California because raging fire seems to be a common occurrence due to the dry brush, the wind and lack of rainfall. However, the loss of Paradise became a bit more real last Friday when I read some sad news in the online Christian Chronicle. The Chronicle reported that the fast-moving "Camp Fire" destroyed



the Paradise Church of Christ's building and most members' homes. They reported that the preacher, Joe Glenn, and his wife Pat, lost their home and the majority of their life long possessions. Ivan and Paula Todd certainly can sympathize with the Glenns much better than I. However, one of Joe Glenn's losses I can sympathize with more than some others. Brother Joe lost his preacher's

library that he had collected over a period of 60 years. Joe was quoted in the Chronicle, "I had a lot of Restoration books. For example, I had a signed copy of C.R. Nichol's "God's Woman." I had a signed copy of another one of his books. And I had all of his other books. I had an original of "Larimore and His Boys." I had a copy of Alexander Campbell's "The Living Oracles." And of course, I had all kinds of Bibles. I had written a book on marriage back in 1974, "Marriage Is for Husbands, Too," and I had several copies of that. They're all gone. My whole library is gone." The last quote in the article by preacher Joe starts with these words, "God is good. Paradise is lost. We are OK."

When Jesus hung on the cross with the two criminals hanging beside him, one of them would discover paradise lost. The other would learn that God is good and paradise was not lost. Luke quotes the man who lost paradise in Luke 23:39, "Then one of the criminals who were hanged

Privileged to Serve

Worship

Coordinator: Travis Hampton
Announcements: Randy Hyder

Sunday AM

Before Service Greeters:

Roy & Judy Phillips

After Services Greeters:

Justin & Trenton Kanengieter

Songleader: Eddie Watkins

Lord's Table

*Ron Thompson, Larry Chafin,
 Tim Brashears, Bobby Lewis

Opening Prayer: Steve Crews

Closing Prayer: Robert Comer

Sermon: Rick Bright

Sunday PM

Before & After Services

Greeters: Linda Blazer and
 Wanda Crews

Songleader: Youth Focus

Lord's Table: Terry Cruise

Opening Prayer: Youth Focus

Closing Prayer: Youth Focus

Sermon: Rick Bright

Wed. Night

Before & After Services

Greeters: John & Tiffany
 Sanders

Devotional: John L. Sanders

Songleader: Eddie Watkins

Prayer: Paul Fisher

News and Announcements:

Welcome Visitors

Please leave a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the collection plate.



We Rejoice with the Hopkins family upon the baptism of Anna Hopkins January 17. We welcome our new sister in Christ.

Wed. Adult Class - "King David and the other woman," a look at marriage, divorce and remarriage.

Ladies Class: Non-widows remember to meet at 8:30 this Thursday for Widows Luncheon planning.

On your Agenda!

Sweetheart Party: The Sweetheart Party will be at the Sanders' home February 9, beginning at 5:30. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.



Kid Sing starts at 6 p.m. this evening.



Youth Focus is tonight! Be sure to bring a friend!



1st Sunday Attendance Goal 131 Souls

Invite and re-invite letters available in the foyer



January 31—Widows Luncheon Planning
 February 3—Fellowship Dinner
 February 9—Sweetheart Party
 February 10—Singing at Nursing Homes
 February 10—Business Meeting
 February 17—Youth Night

Questions and Answers:

- Which apostle said, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain?"
 Philippians 1:1, 21
- Who saw water and asked to be baptized? Acts 8:36

Remember in Prayer:

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16

Greg Bright had his tracheotomy capped and is now able to speak again.

Ken Cooksey, whose wife works with Travis, has stage 4 renal failure and other health issues.

Pat Harris had surgery to remove her skin cancer.

Geneva Howe has been having trouble with her blood levels.

Mary Harrison, Amber Heistand's grandmother, is continuing to recuperate from a broken hip.

Kevin Keeler is better after having some spots burned around his heart.

Doris Letterman, Connie Isis's sister, has worsening pain in her legs and is having trouble walking.

Keith McHenry continues to have a multitude of health problems while waiting for a kidney donor.

Tye McMasters is at his grandparents in Mt. Vernon awaiting a surgical procedure.

John Nash has basal cell carcinoma and severe arthritis pain.

Curtis Pankey is being kept sedated because he gets really agitated when he wakes up.

Donna Plummer, Marcie Marchand's mother, received a good report on her full body scan.



Birthdays

Donna Demshar
 Jim Cruise
 Nathaniel Heistand
 Missy Lewis
 Jerry Cruise
 John Nash

Tim Brashears
 Terry Cruise
 Ruth McMasters
 Ian Thompson
 Elvis Heistand
 Patsy Layne
 Taylor Page
 Helen Marchand

Anniversaries

Nacho & Beverly Bram
 Dale & Marla Graves
 Bob & Kay Lewis

Roy Phillips is recuperating at home and working to avoid common infections.

Micaiah Sedlacek is seeing some improvement from his treatment.

Lucy Stone, Margot Hyder's grandmother, has had several falls and a concussion.

James Taylor, a friend of the Hydys, is battling cancer.

Lorella Treadway, Norma Nash's sister-in-law, is going through the testing process before her kidney transplant.

Dan Wampler, Nacho's boss, has lung cancer.

Jamie Westcomb, Nicole's friend, has stage 4 kidney and liver cancer.

Remember The Homebound

- **Judy Barrow** (Webco)
- **Bonnie Doherty** (Webco East)
- **Ina Gillette** (Colonial Springs in Buffalo)
- **Estelline Jones** (Home)
- **Pat Lamb** (Marshfield Care Center)
- **Zoe Lawless** of Conway (Webco)
- **Rosalie Rosenberger** (Thad Layne's sister) is in a nursing home in Jacksonville, FL.



Record for January 20

Sunday AM	90
Sunday PM	76
Wed. PM	75
Total Contribution:	\$2488
2019 Contribution Budget	\$2416

Together we give ourselves to the Lord 2 Cor. 8:5

