

A Better World Ahead

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Deep inside us, there is a sense of something more in life that drives us on. No matter what experiences you've had, no matter how wonderful they were, they were just a glimpse of what is still ahead. You are really homesick for a place you have never been before, and that place is Heaven. You were wired this way.

The Bible says that God has put eternity in our hearts (see Ecclesiastes 3:11). This simply means there is a sense inside of us that there is more to life. That is what keeps us moving forward.

It is sort of like the homing instinct we see in the animal kingdom, like the salmon making their way upstream with such determination. We see it in the way the swallows return every year to San Juan Capistrano. It's a homing instinct that drives them.

We have the same thing, but it is a homing instinct for a place we haven't seen yet. It is a homesickness for Heaven. Until that day, there is nothing that will completely satisfy our lives. No matter what happens to us on Earth, it pales in comparison to this great hope.

The apostle Paul wrote, "For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever" (2 Corinthians 4:17–18 NLT).

This is the hope of the Christian—the hope of a place called Heaven. There is a better world ahead. There is something greater than what we're experiencing now.

News and Notes

- The next soup kitchen will be November 3. For questions, please visit with Gary.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email prayer@scottsbluffchurchofchrist.org.

Birthdays

Janie Bechtold	10/09	Chris Stillahn	10/12
Pablo Alfaro Jr	10/14	Lupita Bechtold	10/24
Megan Rudy	10/25	Pablo Alfaro 3	10/30

If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

Those Serving

10/15/2017

Opening Prayer	Gary
Song Leader	Shane
Scripture Reader	Jeremy
Closing Prayer	Christ
Devotion:	Tom

Announcements: Shane

Table: West	Gary
Center	
East	Jay
Preacher:	Tom
Song Leader:	Jay

10/22/2017

Opening Prayer	Shane
Song Leader	Chris
Scripture Reader	Shane
Closing Prayer	Jeremy
Devotion:	Jay

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