

# MORNING STAR VOICE

## JANUARY 2012

“I AM THE ROOT AND OFFSPRING OF DAVID, AND THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR” REV. 22:16

### **YOUR OWN PLACE IN HEAVEN**

**W**HEN WE CONSIDER the purpose of life on earth, we see that it is a preparation for heaven. What, though is the purpose of heaven? In a sense we could say that heaven does not *have* a purpose. Heaven *is* a purpose! Heaven is being useful to others, serving them in our own unique way. Heaven is said to be in the human form. By this is meant, primarily, that just as the human body is a kingdom of uses, each part serving the whole in its own unique way, so each angel has his own individual and very special way of serving the society in which he lives, and through that society, serving heaven as a whole.

To have your own place in heaven -- to be able to fit in perfectly with those around you -- to contribute in your own way to the overall good of all who are there -- to be needed, really needed, and to be surrounded by those whom you need in return: this is the Lord's kingdom. He is fully present in this kingdom, inspiring the hearts of each and every angel, and giving them the light to see how best to serve others.

It takes only a little reflection to realize that all of this would be impossible were it not for the fact that the Lord is governing and watching over each little thing that happens to us. In heaven each person, each angel, has his own use. No one is quite like another. Since life in this world is a preparation for heaven, each one of us, during our time here, must be prepared, in a unique way, for a use we will

perform to all eternity. The Lord never violates our freedom; and yet He leads us, from the very beginning to the very end of our lives on earth, through all kinds of experiences, so that, in the end, we will have been most perfectly prepared to serve our fellow angels in our very own way.

We might at times complain that other people have it easier than we do. At other times, we might wonder why others have so many hardships compared to ourselves. The truth is, though, that we are all different, and we are all being led by the Lord in different ways. Providence does not merely seek to lead us to heaven. If people just "ended up" in heaven, then heaven would be merely a conglomeration, a crowd, of millions upon millions of good people; no matter how good these people might be, an unorganized heaven would be absolute chaos. And so we read, in the work *(Continued on [page 3](#))*

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## BREAKFAST BEFORE CHURCH

COME JOIN US Sunday January 1st at Morning Star Chapel for breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 9:45am until 10:15am.

Menu includes: pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, coffee, tea and orange juice.



There is a charge of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under ten for a plate.

Bring a friend and eat free!!!

R.S.V.P either –  
[Hairbydianna@gmail.com](mailto:Hairbydianna@gmail.com)  
or [lancashirelass@bellsouth.net](mailto:lancashirelass@bellsouth.net)

## THANK YOU

WE THANK YOU for your generous Christmas gift and we wish you all the best for the New Year.

Thanks for all you do.

Patrick and Dinah.



## INFORMAL SERVICES

OUR SERVICE on the first Sunday of most every month will be an informal service to be held in the sanctuary (Palm Sunday in April will be an exception). We ask you to sit towards the front on the right to help with the singing and a sense of togetherness.

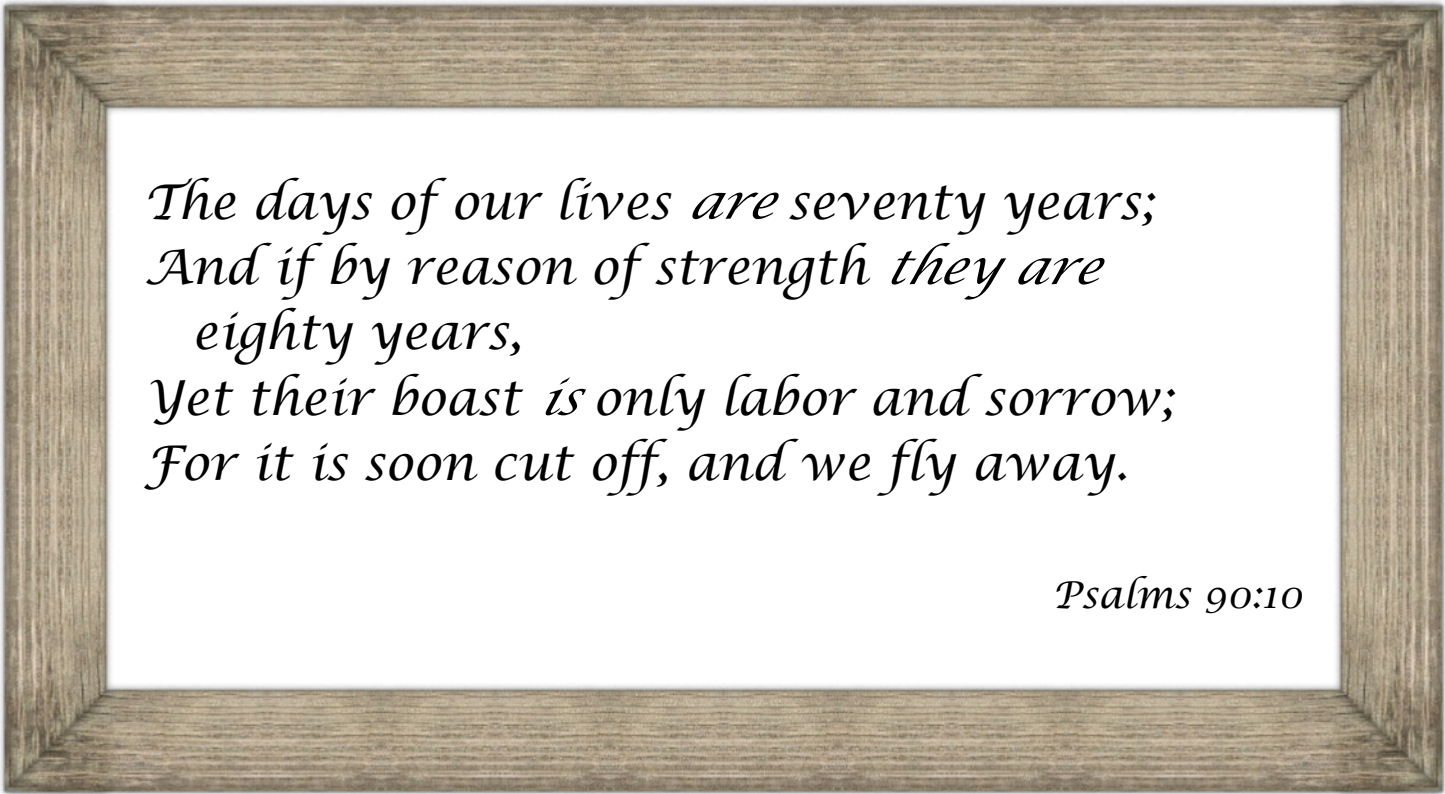


Bring yourselves. Bring your hearts. Bring your voices.

## GATHERING AT LUDWICKS

THERE IS A SUPPER at Ludwicks' on Sat. Jan. 14 at 5:00pm. Mike Gladish will be visiting this weekend. Please remember to RSVP to Faith's email to let her know whether you are coming and what you will be bringing.





*The days of our lives are seventy years;  
And if by reason of strength they are  
eighty years,  
Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;  
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*

*Psalms 90:10*

(Continued from [page 1](#)) *Divine Providence*, that the Lord's inmost purpose is not that a person might simply go to heaven, that but he "may be in this or that place in heaven" (DP 67). Heaven is most perfectly organized -- each angel having his or her very own place.

We can thus see that that same wisdom which formed us in the womb -- ensuring that the millions and millions of cells in our bodies might each have their own place and their own functions -- that this Divine wisdom does not cease working after we are born, but watches over each individual person, each single member of the human race, ensuring that nobody will ever arrive in heaven to find that there is not a place for which he or she is prepared (cf. AC 6491).

There is, then, a need to trust the Lord, to realize that a wisdom so great as to create us so wonderfully in the first place will not desert us, but will continue to watch over us all the

time. There is a need to take comfort, and to turn in prayer to the Lord with the deepest gratitude. Certainly life can be hard. Certainly we all undergo things that we cannot understand -- things that seem meaningless and even tragic at times. But we are not alone -- we are not left to ourselves in an uncaring hostile world. The Lord is with us in a world that He Himself constantly governs. And whilst we are here, He is preparing us to live with Him in heaven, a heaven in which we will be surrounded by other angels, angels we will know, angels we will be close to, angels whom we will serve and love for ever and ever. In heaven we will feel at home, because in heaven we will be at home.

## JANUARY 2012 CALENDAR



- Sun. Jan. 1 9:45am Breakfast at church.  
11:00am Informal Church Service.  
Sunday School – Eleanor. Flight into Egypt. Matt. 2.
- Sun. Jan. 8 11:00am Church Service. Ryan Sandstrom preaching.  
Sunday School –Joshua and the Walls of Jericho. Josh. 6.
- Mon. Jan. 9 6:30pm Swedenborg-Atlanta in Marietta/Smyrna .  
DP 217-219. Brian presenting.
- Fri. Jan. 13 8:00pm Reading Discussion Group. Meeting via Skype.  
*New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine*. HD 187-201.  
Contact pastor for details.
- Sat. Jan. 14 Potluck at Faith and Drew's.
- Sun. Jan.15 11:00am Church Service. Holy Supper.  
Sunday School –Terry. Samuel. 1 Sam. 1.  
Potluck and informal meeting with Mike Gladish..
- Sun. Jan.22 11:00am Church Service.  
Sunday School –Nicola. Jonathan and David. 1 Sam. 18.  
Outreach Committee.
- Fri. Jan. 27 8:00pm Reading Discussion via Skype.  
DLW 205-221.  
Contact pastor for details.
- Sun. Jan.29 11:00am Church Service. Tom Kline preaching.  
Sunday School –Geneva. Solomon. 1 Ki. 3.

Go to [www.morningstarchapel.org/calendar.html](http://www.morningstarchapel.org/calendar.html) to get the latest calendar information.  
Information on Swedenborg-Atlanta events can be found at [www.swedenborg-atlanta.org](http://www.swedenborg-atlanta.org).

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## DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH

From downtown Atlanta, take GA 400 north to exit #11, (Windward Parkway). At the bottom of the exit ramp make a left on Windward Parkway. Proceed through the sets of traffic lights, and cross Hwy. 9 (Alpharetta Hwy). Continue on the new extension of Windward past the Kroger. This new extension to Windward bends gently into Cogburn Rd. Take Cogburn about 1.5 miles to the traffic light on Bethany Bend. Make a left on Bethany Bend. Our church, *Morning Star Chapel*, is the second property on the right. The address is 2780 Bethany Bend.

### BOARD MEMBERS WITH TERM EXPIRATIONS:

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Eli Echols — Secretary. 2013  
Drew Ludwick — Treasurer. 2012  
Cedric Lumsden. 2013  
Jon Widerstrom. 2014

### PASTOR'S COUNCIL:

Stuart & Jayne Burke  
Tom Kimble  
Jon Widerstrom  
Patrick & Dinah Rose

### CHURCH LIBRARY

Corinne Echols — Librarian  
Keith Roloson — Assistant

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Patrick Rose (Chair)  
Bill Burke  
Eleanor Burke  
Jayne Burke  
Stuart Burke  
Corinne Echols  
Eli Echols  
Keith Roloson

## OUR FAITH

**JESUS CHRIST (THE LORD)** is our one loving God in perfect Human form. Within Him there is a trinity of soul (Father), mind and body (Son) and influence (Holy Spirit).

His Word (the Bible) is a parable with a spiritual meaning throughout.

Faith and charity cannot be separated. The life of religion is to do what is good.

Life continues immediately after death. In the other world what we are really like inside ourselves becomes evident.

Marriage is holy. All joy, happiness, and delight from the Lord are gathered into the love of marriage. A husband and wife who truly love each other and approach the Lord in their marriage will live together as married partners after death. True love really is forever.

The Second Coming of the Lord is not a coming in person but in the Word. The Lord has come again by revealing the internal sense of His Word for His New Church. The Lord used a servant (Emanuel Swedenborg) to reveal these deeper things, just as he used servants to write down the Old and New Testaments.

Our **Lord God Jesus Christ** is the Ruler of Heaven and Earth.