

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

I had the opportunity to preach a revival at Longtown UMC, September 21-24, and it was a blessing. It made me excited about our own revival beginning October 12. I hope that you are and will continue to be in prayer for the speakers and this revival. With our world in the state that it is in, we certainly need a revival—to turn our minds, our thoughts back to God. On Sunday October 12, which is our homecoming, Rev. Fred Jordan will be speaking. Rev. Jordan is our current District Superintendent and a spirit-filled preacher. We decided to have one service at 10:00 a.m., and then have a covered-dish lunch afterwards. I hope that you will be able to come, and I hope that you will invite many friends and relatives. We will also be celebrating our \$10,000 Sunday. I realize the economy is not what it was a year ago. We all may have to make a sacrifice to reach this goal. But we need to remember that, if we are faithful in our tithes and our offerings, then God says that He will open the windows of heaven and pour out overflowing blessings upon us (Malachi 3).

This leads me to share a devotion that comes from a book entitled *Grace for the Moment*, by Max Lucado. It is entitled *Heaven Knows Your Heart*. Think for just a moment about the things you own. Think about the house you have, the car you drive, the money you've saved. Think about the stocks you've traded and the clothes you've purchased. Envision all your stuff, and let me remind you of two biblical truths.

Your stuff isn't yours. Ask any coroner... When the wealthiest man in history, John D. Rockefeller, died, his accountant was asked, "How much did John D. leave?" The accountant's reply? "All of it."

All that stuff—it's not yours. And you know what else about all that stuff? It is not you. Who you are has nothing to do with the clothes you wear or the car you drive. Jesus said, "Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot" (Luke 12:15 MSG). Heaven does not know you as the fellow with the nice suit or the woman with the big house or the kid with the new bike. HEAVEN KNOWS YOUR HEART.

Think about it.

Peace,

Rev. Eric Lane

