

Coming to Know the Lord

HEAVEN, THE LORD'S KINGDOM, is not simply a place, or state, that we enter after death if we have lived good lives. Heaven is a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. And because our relationship with Him cannot be separated from the way we think about Him, after we die the angels will be very, very interested in the way we think about the Lord (cf. LJP 119). They will be interested in this because our very place in heaven depends upon our idea of the Lord (DLW 13).

We have been provided by the Lord with the most wonderful opportunity. We have been provided with the opportunity to learn about Him, to come to know Him and to know what He is like, even while we still live here upon this earth. Many people in the world believe that there is a God. Because of this they do have a connection with heaven and they do have some relationship with the Lord (AE 1098:2). Most do not come to know the Lord fully, though, until they are taught about Him after they die.

We do not have to wait until after we die. There is, in the work

Apocalypse Explained, a most remarkable statement about thinking about the Lord. It is said that, "the thought of what God is, is so great that it fills heaven, and makes all the wisdom of the angels" (*ibid.*). In the Writings we are not only taught him that there is a God, that there is someone "upstairs" governing the universe, but if we are also taught *what* He is, what He is like. We can learn about His love for us, about His love for every single person in the world. We can learn about the gentle process by which it leads us to Himself in heaven. We can learn about His government, called the Divine Providence, by which He leads us every single instant during our lives here on earth.

In the Heavenly Doctrines the Lord teaches us about Himself, shows Himself to us. He does not have to be someone who seems mysterious and far away. He does not have to be someone we feel scared of. He becomes someone very, very close to us, someone we can walk with and talk with every day, someone who will bend down and hold us by the hand as we stumble, someone who will comfort us in His

arms when we are sad. He is our wants us to come to Him, and Father. He is our God. He loves learn about Him, and draw close us very, very much. And He to Him forevermore.



Baptism

KEITH ROLOSON was baptized into the faith of the New Church on August 31, 2008, at A. H. Stephens Historic Park, Crawfordville, Georgia, the Rev. Patrick A. Rose officiating. Welcome, Keith!!!



Brian, Patrick, Cedric and Keith immediately after the baptism

Nominating Committee

PLEASE BE ADVISED that Terry Warley and Jayne Burke graciously accepted appointment to serve as the nominating committee for the elections to be held during the Fall Meeting of the society. The committee will be placing in nomination Eli Echols, for an additional term as secretary, and Wayne Wadsworth, for an additional term on the board.

Patrick A. Rose
Pastor

Pastor's Council

FOR THE COMING church year, starting this September, there will be a new council consisting of Stuart and Jayne Burke, Tom Kimble, Linda Carr, Jon Widerstrom, and Patrick and Dinah Rose.

This council will be meeting, whenever possible, following service on the second Sunday of each month. The chancel committee, which used to meet that Sunday, will now meet fewer times, on the fifth Sunday when one exists.

My thanks to Cedric and Janice Lumsden and Freya Heinrichs for their much appreciated service on the previous council.

Patrick A. Rose, Pastor.

Society Meeting

THE FALL MEETING of Morning Star Chapel will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008 following the church service.

This is a departure from our previous practice of holding meetings on a Saturday night.

Around The Society

Wedding



July 19th was a blistering hot day with scarcely a cloud in the sky and mercifully a lovely breeze. And on this halcyon day Dan Deckert and Kaemmerle Fitzpatrick were married in a lovely private ceremony on the lawn of the Bryn Athyn Cathedral. Family and friends worked at a feverish pace for the two days before to pull together all the pieces of their all-volunteer wedding and reception.

Dan's family from Canada, Colorado, New York and Pennsylvania plus Kaemmerle's family from Georgia, Florida, Canada and Pennsylvania, as well as friends, all gathered under the brilliant sun to witness their vows while Grandpa Dan Heinrichs officiated. Then everyone headed with all due haste to the air-conditioned Heilman Hall for the reception with short, entertaining speeches and lots of dancing.

Dan and Kaemmerle are having fun moving into their first home in Kennesaw.

Dan and Kaemmerle Deckert
900 Executive Lane, Apt. J
Kennesaw, GA 30144

Engagement

CHARIS AND BOB DIKE are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sasha to Matthew Weber.

Sasha and Matthew are planning on getting married on December the 28th in the Bryn Athyn Cathedral.



New Address

Spc. Ian Lumsden
B Co., 2nd Plt.
2nd Bn., 75th Rgr Rgt.
Ft. Lewis, WA 98433
Cell: 253-278-5455

New Babies

Adam Matthew Odhner



MATT ODHNER tells us that Hani and he had a baby boy named Adam Matthew on August 9th at 12:21 in the afternoon. He was just a little guy, 5 lbs and 8 oz, not premature though.

Congratulations, Matt and Hani! And a big welcome to Adam!!

Marshall William Boehle

BOB AND CHARIS DIKE have a grandson, Marshall William Boehle, born Aug. 6th, and weighing in at 8 lbs and 9 oz.. As you can tell from the picture, Marshall looks just like his granddad!



Party for Nazareth

You are all invited to the house of Drew and Faith Ludwick on Saturday, September 13th at 4:30 p.m.

They are having a welcome to the world party for Nazareth Echols. There will be lots of socializing, appetizers and time to congratulate Nicola, Eli and Asher on the new addition to their family.

So please put the time and date on your calendars and RSVP to Faith or Drew.

Address is -265 Singletree Trace, Alpharetta, GA 30004.

Phone number – 770-663-3922

You are Invited

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE on September 21, we will be holding a potluck to thank Eleanor for her many faithful years of service as our church organist.

We hope you will be able to be there to express your appreciation for all Eleanor has done in service of our worship of the Lord.

Margie Echols

Our love and thoughts go out to the Echols family as Margie Echols enters upon her life in the spiritual world. Margie simply and quietly stopped breathing on the afternoon of September 5th.

Magnolia Leaf Camp

The 2008 Magnolia Leaf Camp has come and gone. Even though it was hot & humid it managed to be one of the best camps ever. Many thanks go to Wayne and Dawn for putting it all together for us. Dianna organized a wonderful set of meals for our physical bodies. Thanks also go to Patrick and Brian who taught us the natural and the spiritual meaning of the 10 commandments, and thanks also to Charis for the projects that she did with the younger children.



Upcoming Events

- Mon. Sep. 1 Camp Magnolia closes.
- Sun. Sep. 7 11:00am Church Service.
Trustees.
- Mon. Sep. 8 6:30pm Swedenborg-Atlanta event in
Marietta/Smyrna.
- Fri. Sep. 12 8:00pm Reading Group. Lumsdens'. Reading:
De Conj. 1-65
- Sat. Sep. 13 4:30pm Party for Nazareth Echols at Ludwicks'
(please RSVP).
- Sun. Sep. 14 11:00am Church Service
12:30pm Pastor's Council
- Sun. Sep. 21 11:00am Church Service.
Potluck in honor of Eleanor.
- Fri. Sep. 26 8:00pm Reading Discussion via Phone
Conference. CL 184-206.
- Sun. Sep. 28 11:00am Church Service
12:30pm Fall meeting of Morning Star Chapel

Go to <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.

More Camp Pictures

If you would like to see more pictures of camp, please go to <http://www.morningstarchapel.org/MagCamp2008/> . If you attended camp and have pictures you would like to share please send them to Stuart or Jayne and we will add them to this page.



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TIME, PASTOR, WILL YOU AGREE
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WHO STEALS THE BALL!"

