

RELIGION

The Monticello Christian Church was recently involved in a book project involving a book published in 2011 titled *Heaven's Praise*, by Dwayne Moore. A total of 148 families purchased the book to do a six-week Bible study.

After reading a chapter (five days), the participants would get together in one of four groups if they chose to do so. And Pastor Chris Dodson would do a sermon



as a review of the chapter and the parishioners could follow the sermon by filling in information on a sheet of paper, so it was a very interactive sermon.

The book is very interactive as well. As you are reading the book, it will send you to parts of the Bible to read, so you are jumping back and forth between the Bible and the book. It invites you to interact to write your thoughts and feelings. The book focuses on The Servant's Creed:

"Think right: I yearn to know my Lord. Above all fortune and all fame; aim right. To yield to him and love him more, Then

that must be my aim.

Act right: In serving Christ through serving men, His praise I will proclaim.
Stay right: By grace through faith I press to win, The prize and lift his name.

End right: So when before my Lord I come, Then I can hear him say:
Win right: "Well done, my good and faithful one; You made the most of what I gave."

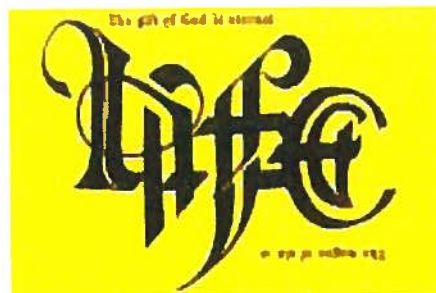
Heaven's Praise Week One concentrated on thinking right. You have to read the parable of the three servants in Matthew 25:14-30. The focus of the week was Romans 12:2: "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think..."

Week Two was titled Aim Right. It focuses on the two commandments that Jesus said were the most important in Mark 12:28-34. He used dart throwing as an example of aiming right.

Week Three focuses on acting right. At some point you have to throw that dart and do what you had planned. You will want to do the right thing in order to please God.

Week Four is called Stay Right. Jesus said, "We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us." Our time here is short, so we must take on a sense of urgency. Week five concentrates on ending right, so that when you see Jesus in Heaven that he will say, "Well done!" The chapter points out that faith should be passed along to others and that God should be feared.

The six-week journey will help you start well, run well, and finish well in life. The book is available online at www.christianbook.com or you can order it from the New Life Christian Book Store on South Main Street. ☒



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