

# **A Great Homecoming**

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This week is an exciting week for our Karns family. All week long our building will be buzzing with activity because it's Lectureship week. Every morning from about 7:00 until 9:00 each evening, people will be walking the halls, looking at book displays, hearing the Gospel presented and eating lots of delicious food together.

This week is always a favorite for many of our Karns members, as well as many men and women throughout the brotherhood. The Lectureship is a week where former students and their families return for a physical and spiritual feast. It presents a great opportunity for many of us to reunite with brothers and sisters who hold special places in our hearts. For many of us, the Southeast Lectureship week is one immense homecoming.

As wonderful a homecoming as this reunion may be, this week fails in comparison to the great homecoming that will take place when all the saved are called home to heaven. How splendid it will be to be reunited with all those we loved in this life who have already passed on! After the child David conceived with Bathsheba died, he longed for the day that he could be reunited with him again in heaven (2 Sam. 12:23). I, like most of you, have lost some people I love dearly. Not a day goes by I don't think about them and miss them. I look forward to heaven so I can be reunited with them once again around the throne of God.

When we think about our Lord preparing a special place for us in the dwelling place of God, a place that is more beautiful than we can fathom, where we will know no sadness and have the opportunity to be reunited with our loved ones who have gone on before, the only thing that could make that homecoming any better is the fact that it will last forever (1 Thess. 4:17).

Our enjoyable homecoming this week will come to an end in just a few short days. We will say our goodbyes and look forward, Lord willing, to seeing each other again a year from now. But thanks be to God that the day is coming when a GREAT, never-ending homecoming will take place. How magnificent that homecoming will be!