



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## Class Reunion

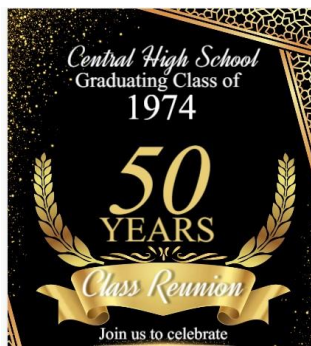
*A few weeks ago, I attended my 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. I had not been in contact with anyone since graduation. When I got there, I thought I was in the wrong place. I did not recognize anyone. They all looked old except me. One person came to me and said, "We grew up as neighbors." OK, there is one person I remember. Another person said, "You and I were born on the same birthday." Ok, there are two people I remember. A third person said, "We sat next to each other through elementary school." I had to say, "I am sorry I do not remember you." I repeated these words to many others. Even with their name tags on, I could not remember that I had met these people. It seemed like the friends I did remember were not there.*

*My wife did not attend with me. However, one gentleman asked me how Susan, my wife, was doing. We talked for a while, and he seemed to know more about her than the average person. I finally asked how he knew her. He said, "We use to date each other." I was taken back. She had never told me about this guy. When I got home, I asked her about him. She said that they were just friends for a short time.*

*Most of my time at the reunion was spent in light conversation or no conversation. I felt alone in a room filled with people laughing, talking and drinking. Only a few were sharing about their life since graduation, where they live, the families they have, and their memories of school. I finally prayed, "Lord, what am I doing here?" I finally decided to leave.*

*As I was gathering my things, I overheard someone at the next table, saying something about a physical heart issue and that God did not want their time to be up. I went to that table and introduced myself. I shared with them the story of my heart issue and how God worked through it. We spent the next 10 minutes sharing. He said that I was a great encouragement to him, and we exchanged emails. We did not know each other in high school but we became Christian friends 50 years later. God works in mysterious ways.*

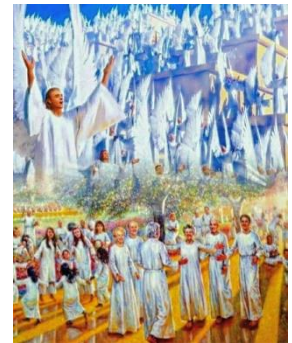
*I look forward to a greater reunion in Heaven, where I will see my Grandmother, Mother, Father and so many others. We will have a great time of remembering, sharing, and worshipping God. You are invited to attend that reunion. Have you accepted the RSVP? (Righteous Savior Victory Plan)*



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*"To be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." II Cor 5:8*

*"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb." Rev 7:9*



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