

# ***Fort Payne church of Christ***



## **The Weekly Moment**

*A Weekly Motivational Message*

Wednesday, February 20, 2018

### ***Where Is Your Home?***

Almost 40 years ago, Fort Payne locals Randy Owen & Teddy Gentry wrote these words in a song:

*Oh I'll speak my Southern English just as natural as I please  
I'm in the heart of Dixie, dixie's in the heart of me  
And someday when I make it, when love finds a way  
Somewhere high on Lookout Mountain I'll just smile with pride and say  
That my Home's in Alabama,  
No matter where I lay my head  
My home's in Alabama,  
Southern born and southern bred.*

When I first heard that song, I immediately fell in love with it because my home's in Alabama. For years, I thought Lookout Mountain was in Chattanooga and couldn't understand the meaning of using it in the song. It wasn't until we moved to Fort Payne and discovered that Lookout Mountain extended from Chattanooga to Gadsden did I fully understand the meaning of "somewhere high on Lookout Mountain." I understand now.

You see, for Randy, Teddy and Jeff, Lookout mountain was their home. And they were proud to sing about it. Many of you who read this are from Alabama also and are proud of that fact. I know I am. Most people, regardless of where they are from, are proud of their home. And even though I can proudly sing that "my home's in Alabama," that's not the home I long for.

As a Christian, I long for another home. A land beyond the river.

*There's a land beyond the river  
That we call the sweet forever  
And we only reach that shore by fate you see  
Yes, I want to see my Jesus*

*Shake his hand and hear him greet us  
When they ring those golden bells for you and me.*

*Don't you hear the bells a ringing  
Can't you hear the angels singing  
This glory hallelujah jubilee  
In that far off sweet forever just beyond the shining river  
When they ring those golden bells for you and me.*

Yes, we can be proud of our earthly home, but *Heaven holds all to me!*

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

***Bob Strickland***