

The Way That Is Safe and Cannot Be Wrong

Several years ago, we lived in Savannah, Georgia. It was a new experience for us to watch huge freighters entering the Savannah River to travel 15 miles inland to the state docks. It did not seem possible that the massive ships could achieve such a feat. However, we learned that a channel had been dredged for safe passage. As long as the captain steered the vessel in the channel, there was safety. It was not necessary for him to know all the hidden dangers; it was only essential to possess knowledge of the safe way.

This is applicable in the study of the New Testament. Jesus taught men to enter the “narrow gate” and walk in the “difficult” way (Matthew 7:13–14; cf. Proverbs 14:12). We should seek out the way that is infallibly safe and cannot be wrong in religion. We suggest studying the following aspects of this way. It cannot be wrong to:

- ✦ Accept the Holy Scriptures as being the inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:3, 21).
- ✦ Believe in God and in His Son Jesus Christ (Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24; Matthew 16:16).
- ✦ Teach sinners to repent of sins (Acts 17:30–31; 2 Peter 3:9).
- ✦ Be baptized for the remission of sins, having confessed your faith in Jesus (Romans 10:10; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:35–39).
- ✦ Be immersed in water instead of being sprinkled (John 3:23; Romans 6:3–4; Colossians 2:12).
- ✦ Have an obedient faith instead of a faith-only religion (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8–9; James 2:14–26).
- ✦ Wear the name of Christ (Christian) rather than names that honor men/movements (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16; Romans 16:16).
- ✦ Sing praises without adding instruments (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:12; 13:15).
- ✦ Partake of the Lord’s supper upon the first day of every week (1 Corinthians 11:23–30; Acts 20:7).
- ✦ Be faithful in attendance to the periods of worship (Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:24–25; James 4:17).
- ✦ Be pure in heart and live a faithful Christian life (Matthew 5:8; Hebrews 12:14; Revelation 2:10).

We need to possess the wisdom of following the safe way wherein is assurance and security. Why take risks when the safe way can be learned by all who choose to do so? Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). The infallible Word of God provides us the infallibly safe way that cannot be wrong (John 12:48).

—Raymond Elliot

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Sympathy is extended to Karen, Zac, Sam, Lucas and friends of Norman Eubank of Pontiac. He suffered a massive heart attack while on his daily walk/run Thursday morning.
- ◆ All those in the Bakersfield and West Plains communities who lost lives, homes, and possessions to the tornadoes.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Casey Hambelton, Dorlene and Larry Butler, Aleta Collins, Ruth Strain, Steve and Diane Siebels, Bob Robbins.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Jim Kirkland, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry’s sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg’s sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Nikki Smith, Jenny James, Bill McFarland, Debbie Eslinger, Sharon Fox (Dora).
- ◆ Those in GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Jack Moyers, Sycamore Springs. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven, West Plains.

I am the Way, the Truth,
and the Life. No one
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except through me.

Jesus Christ

NOW THE LORD IS THAT SPIRIT: AND
WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS,
THERE IS LIBERTY.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 KJV



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
3-6	Melinda Abraham	3-8	Doyle & Peggy Johnson
3-6	Tinker Langston	3-31	Dana & Marsha Crisp
3-8	Norma Jones	Birthdays	
3-11	Lauren Hillhouse	3-22	Renee Hambelton
3-18	Karen Langston	3-29	Rene Blackburn
3-18	D. E. Pleasant	3-29	Richard Blackburn

Barbara Stevens will be serving sheet pan ranch pork and roasted vegetables, and dessert for fellowship supper Wednesday night before Bible classes.

Remember to bring small candies to fill eggs for the Community Easter Egg Hunt!

Date	Event	Details
Saturday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt	See Barbara Stevens if you can help. They need candy donated for the plastic eggs.
Saturday, April 26 10 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Brunch	We Host! Karin Reynolds will be the speaker.
Saturday, June 21 9 a.m.—2 p.m.	VBS—Magnified!	Discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things.

April Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

Today Don Luna
4-6 John Abraham
4-13 Mark Lane
4-20 David Stevens
4-27 Don Luna

Communion & Closing Prayer

Halbert Smith
Dana Crisp
R. J. Moyers
D. E. Pleasant
John Abraham

Song Leader: John Abraham; Titus Smith
Greeters: Dana and Marsha Crisp; Don and Barbara Luna

The Family News

March 30, 2025

Gainesville Church of Christ

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: ***Vine, Branches and the Holy Spirit***

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages Downstairs

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up front

#71, *As the Deer*; #410, *He Leadeth Me*

#383, *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*; Communion Service

#428, *Oh to be Like Thee*

Sermon and Invitation

#912, *Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary*

#874; *Walking Alone at Eve*; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

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Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us