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Sunday:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday:

Ladies' Class: 10:00 a.m.

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October

Welcome to Our Church



'Strait' or 'Straight'?

Recent events in the Middle East have focused our attention on the Strait of Hormuz. A strait is "a narrow, naturally formed waterway that connect two larger bodies of water" (National Geographic Society). The Strait of Hormuz is a vital chokepoint connecting the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman.

The "straight and narrow" is descriptive of the Christian's walk. Our familiarity with this expression is likely the result of hearing Jesus say, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:14).

The King James Version uses "strait" to describe the gate through which we enter the narrow way that leads to life. In our language, "straight and narrow" derives from "strait and narrow." The sense is that we must walk a hard and difficult path as compared to those who choose to walk the "wide", "broad" and well-traveled path that leads to destruction. While a "straight" path is preferred (Prov. 4:26), in this passage, Jesus is talking about a life that is well-tested by those who would turn us away from following Jesus (John 14:6).

Think about it. We are striving hard to squeeze through the narrow gate so as to follow the path that leads to life eternal. The strait has been mined. Missiles have been launched. But, with faith as our shield, we are "able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one" (Eph. 6:16). The victory that overcomes the world is our faith (1 Jn. 5:4). But, we must enter into the fray, trusting Jesus to keep our vessel safe until such time as we drop anchor on the heavenly shore.—*Glen Elliott*



Desired Destination Determines Direction

In Philippians 1:21, Paul says, “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” He follows that by discussing that in his present circumstances (being in prison) he could die, and he really doesn’t know whether he would choose life or death if it was his decision. Because if he departs, he gets to “be with Christ!”

Death would not be a disappointment for Paul, because the Destination toward which he directs his life is to be with Christ eternally. And that eternal blessing will only come about through his death or the Lord’s return!

What are you doing with your life? What goal are you pursuing? When you get where you are going, where will you be? These are eternally important questions that demand our attention.

Contrary to popular “religious” speech, all roads do not lead to heaven!

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14).

Jesus prepared his apostles for His physical departure from them:

“‘In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.’ Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me’” (John 14:2-6).

Where do you want your journey to end? Jesus has prepared a place for His prepared people!

Are you on the right path?

—John Helbig

Praise



Praise to the Father comes from deep within us. To quote the words of the song, "there's a stirring deep within us." Praise comes from an appreciation of God's gift of grace. It comes from an abiding faith that it is our Father that yearns for our presence with Him throughout eternity and He provides for our salvation through the sacrifice and blood of His son. Praise edifies us like nothing else can. But it also edifies those around us, those that see our response and hears our words of praise to the One that saves us.

—Pete Lovell





Bible Quiz: Matthew 28:1-10

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. "Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to __, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the __."
2. "For an __ of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and __ back the stone from the door."
3. "He is not __; for He is __, as He said."
4. True or False: The women were told to keep the resurrection a secret.
5. "And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, __ met them, saying, '__!'"

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Be Strong (Joshua 1:6-9)

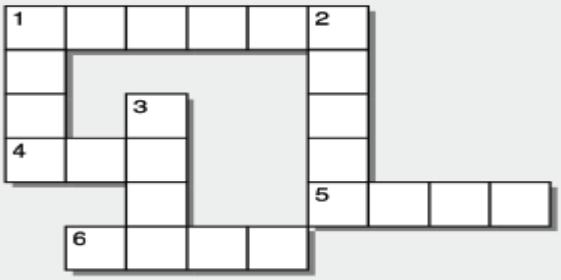
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WHEREVER

CrossWORD



"The Serpent Tempts"

Genesis 3

Across

1) "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the ____?'"
4) The serpent told Eve she wouldn't ____.
5) What the serpent would eat after God's punishment.
6) Second-hand eater.

Down

1) Eve saw that the tree was ____ for food.
2) Without clothing.
3) He shall bruise your ____.

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On the Lighter Side!

Wife: "Doctor, my husband talks in his sleep."

Doctor: "Try giving him the opportunity to talk during the day!"

Word SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a Bible word!

L E G I S E N T

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Clue: Not Israelites (Acts 9:15)

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Prayer Request

Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Lisha Cassell. In need of kidney transplant.

Dixie Clifton. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Health concerns.

Greg Clifton. Dixie's son. Health concerns.

Tony Cockram. Upcoming GI surgery on Oct. 28.

Kaitlyn Donovant. Recovering from a car accident.

Trinity Harvey. Debbie's granddaughter. Recovering from a broken arm.

Tammy Ingram. Kitty's step-daughter. Health concerns.

Axel Keller. Health Concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Surgeries set for on Oct. 19th & 21st. Has to stay away from crowds to stay well before surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Recovering at home.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Tommy Stanley. Recovering from a car accident.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Kyle & Madison Willis. Friends of Brad. Madison has a mass that is pushing on her aorta.

Caregivers.

Our Country, Military & Leaders.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Oct. Birthday!

28TH KEVIN WYATT



Men's Breakfast!

October 24! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



Pizza-Movie Night

Our November Pizza & Movie Night will be on Saturday, November 7th! Pizza Supper at 5:00p.m. and movie starts at 5:30 p.m.



Holiday Dinner!

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Dinner! Sunday, November 29th following worship.

Upcoming Events:

ccocva.org/events

Lightpost Calendar!

BIBLE WORD SEARCH! *Solution*

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K	D	I	V	I	D	E	M	A	K	E	A	T

Word SCRAMBLE

Solution: Gentiles



Solution

dawn, tomb; angel, rolled; here, risen; False; Jesus, Rejoice



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