

“You Can Not Get There From Here!”

(via “The Beacon” / Bellview church of Christ Pensacola, FL)



You have heard the story of the man who stopped at a farm house and asked directions to a certain place. Supposedly, the farmer had heard of the place, but looked at the traveler and said, “Yeah, I know of the place, but you can’t get there from here.” That would be like driving on a one way street and coming to an intersection that had all of the street signs shown above. You could not go on straight because it says *do not enter*; you cannot turn right or left; nor can you make a “U” turn. You discover that you are really going the wrong way! Well, you may think that this whole idea is impossible, but it is not any more impossible than telling someone that he/she cannot get to one place from another. Yet, we sometimes think that some people cannot get to heaven because of where they are in their lives.

The truth is that anybody who wants to be saved can be saved, if they are willing to do God’s will in the matter. If you know the right directions you can get to any spot in the world, assuming that you are willing to do your part. John 3:16 assures us that God truly has loved the whole world. II Peter 3:9 asserts that God wants everyone to find their way to heaven. Everyone you see is a person whom God wants to be saved!

Look at those who were saved in the Scriptures. Those guilty of crucifying Christ were saved (Acts 2:36-41). Saul of Tarsus, who was a murderer and blasphemer, was saved (Acts 7:58-8:2; 1 Tim. 1:13-16). People who were homosexuals, drunkards (same as drug abusers), idol worshippers, common thieves, and robbers, men and women who were sexually immoral - **all of these kinds of people were saved by the gospel and can still be saved today** - if they are willing to obey the Lord and give up their sinful ways of life! The apostle Paul, after describing the kinds of wickedness above, said to the Corinthians, “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor. 6:11).

Brethren, let us never act as if or tell certain people that they cannot get to heaven from here, regardless of how wicked they may be. Let everyone know that they can get to heaven, give them the proper directions from wherever they are and let God’s word work (Heb. 4:12). When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die the world cries and you rejoice.

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NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM

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This bulletin can also
be found on our website.

We seek to be a place of healing and worship.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God’s Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's pray for the situation in the Ukraine and surrounding areas.

Roger Mapes He is back home but no visitors at this time. Let's pray for him as he continues to recover.

Jessica Alcorn Let's keep her in our prayers as she continues with chemo.

Marge Reed Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues.

Frank Marsden Let's keep him in our prayers as he deals with his brother's recent death.

Shawna Martinez Let's continue praying for her as she deals with struggles in her life.

Michael & Hope Rice Let's pray for them as they strive to walk with Christ.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother). She is now in Arkansas to be with Ray's sister.

Cheryl Moore-Johns (lifelong friend of Bev McArthur) She is facing several surgical procedures. She had oral surgery a few months back and it's planned to have surgery on her left shoulder in April. She is thankful for our prayers.

Peter, husband of Denise Garlitz' niece, has colon cancer and is awaiting surgery.

Lamont, Louella Hopkins' brother, is dealing with kidney cancer.

Miranda, Louella Hopkins' granddaughter, is expecting and is due in July. She is Type-1 diabetic and is having problems with her sugar and blood pressure. She is wearing monitors. She has pre-eclampsia and gestational hypertension. There is an 80% chance she will deliver by cesarean.

Kassandra, Louella Hopkin's granddaughter had gall bladder surgery this past Tuesday.

Lisa, Richard Wheeler's sister, was admitted to N.F.M.M.C. Apr. 5 with very high blood sugar and bacteria infection. As of Apr. 7 she was stable and in ICU. No visitors. Thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

Cheryl, Bruce Brink's future mother in law is facing hip replacement surgery.

Friends of Bruce Brink are in need of prayers as they deal with cancer and grief.

John, a friend of Maria Swindlehurst, recently had a biopsy and is anxiously awaiting the results.

Laverne, Wilma Patterson's granddaughter, recently had carpal tunnel surgery. She is resting at home.

Tracy, Wilma Patterson's granddaughter, had coronary artery bypass surgery and as of Wednesday was still in the hospital but hoping to go home soon.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Apr. 16 Today. Men's Business Meeting

Apr. 21-23 Great Lakes Youth Rally

Apr. 29 Ladies Day at Amherst church of Christ

Apr. 30 Short sermon to give extra time for singing, prayers, communion, scripture reading.

May 06 Brockport church of Christ 18th Annual Spring Sing. See posting.

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,075.00

Attendance Last Sunday 47

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

Mission Info

Please check the *Mission Board* in the back.

Ukraine Relief

John Kachelman, Jr. Cell (901) 626-4538 john@kachelman.com https://kachelman.com

For updated reports go to John's website and click on the tab for ***Mission Work.***

Philippines

Caleb Callari with his wife Vanessa and family are doing mission work in the Philippines.

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Talamban, Cebu City

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Radio Program "Everyday Follower" can be found on YouTube.

Do a search on youtube.com for "School of National Evangelism Philippines."

Zambia

The LaSalle congregation has been involved in the Zambia mission work for many years.

If you would like to help support the Zambian Mission, please place funds in the offering basket marked for Zambia. More information may be found at www.zambiamission.org

Matthew 19:14

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Keep Moving

by Glen Elliott Greenbrier church of Christ Greenbrier, AR

When passing a water station, why do long-distant runners grab their water on-the-go? Sure, time has something to do with it. But, greater still is the fact that it is easier to keep running than it is to stop and get started again. Inertia is "The tendency of a body to resist acceleration" or "the tendency of a body in motion to stay in motion..." (Amer. Her. Dict.). Ever take a break from strenuous activity and found it difficult to get back to work? Ever tried to change a habit and, then, let it slip for a day or two? Was it easy to get started again or was it a struggle to get back on course? Momentum lost is not easily regained.

Nothing about being a Christian is static. From the moment we rise out of the waters of baptism, we are walking "in newness of life" (Rm. 6:4). Our journey is a walk of faith (2 Cor. 5:7). We are moving forward – pressing "on toward the goal of the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Ph. 3:14). Our eyes are fixed on Jesus as we "lay aside every encumbrance" and "run with endurance the race that is set before us..." (Heb. 12:2). We must keep moving!

As the Apostle Paul begins his first epistle to the church at Thessalonica, he makes mention of the fact that he is constantly remembering their "work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ..." (1 Th. 1:3). Paul's underlying acknowledgement in mentioning this familiar triad of faith, hope and love (cf. 1 Cor. 13:13) is the ongoing labor of the brethren to whom he is writing. Faith is not merely mental assent to an agreed upon set of facts, it is the active, ongoing implementation of the will of Christ in our daily lives. Because of all that Jesus has done; because of all that He is doing; and because of all that He will do for us, we must "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). When tempted to slow down and let others do the Lord's work for us, think about the importance of momentum. Keep moving as Jesus direct us in His word for we have not as yet reached "the rest" that is promised to the faithful (Heb. 4:1).