

No Other Way

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The distance from my house to the Bear Valley church building is roughly 16 miles. Traffic in the mornings is rather minimal, though the evenings is when the terror of Wadsworth comes to life. Every day for the past few years, as I get in my car to go home, I open Google Maps on my phone and look at the most expedient route (whether it's Wadsworth, C-470, or the occasional suggestion of Kipling).

I would like to think that driving is the only topic in which expediency takes precedence in life but that is far from the truth. Bill Gates utilized a philosophy in how he approached hiring individuals for the tech giant of Microsoft; "I will always choose a lazy person to do a difficult job because a lazy person will find an easy way to do it," the billionaire stated. Though, long before Bill Gates developed such a strategy, Frank Gilbreth Sr noticed the characteristics of lazy bricklayers. Gilbreth noticed they were individuals who managed to do a job in the least amount of work involved. Shortcuts and expediencies have become a staple in a myriad of industries. We seek innovation, development, and progress – all of which are signs of an advancing society.

Discovering and inventing more efficient means of processing a task is admired and even sought after when it comes to working secularly. Spiritually speaking though, there are no shortcuts involved in seeking the eternal life of God. Jesus is the timeless expediency of eternal life and His method is irreducible. His words ring through the chapters of human history; "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me" (John 14:6).

In a climactic, and even intimate, point in the teaching of Jesus, He speaks this life-changing truth. Direction is absent without the Shepherd. Truth is irrelevant and subjective without the Messiah. Life is meaningless and truly intangible without the Lord. If we seek the eternal blessings that are exclusive to the Heavenly Father, it is imperative that we seek Jesus and His teaching. Set a pursuit toward Jesus and you will find yourself in company with direction, truth, and life.

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **SAMUEL RAY MCPHERSON**, coach Bramblett's Father in Law passed away
- **ELLYE NICHOLS** is healing after her surgery.
- **BETTY SUE BLACKWELL** recovery from surgery
- **KEN & BETTY RAMAY** with his health struggles.
- **MR. SNELLER PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR HIS BROTHER BEING IN REMISSION**
- **DANNY DAILEY** and the upcoming tests
- **BARBIE SMITH'S FATHER** and all of health issues
- **TAMMY TOXEY**, Becky's neighbor has breast cancer
- **JACK ADKINS** and his upcoming decisions about surgery
- **GLENN LAWRENCE**, Andy caddell's uncle, in hospital with bad health
- **DAVID HOWARD**, Andy Caddell's cousin, bad car wreck
- **BILLY GUYTON'S** wife has stage 3 breast cancer
- **CORDIA PHILLIPS**, Ken Ramay's Aunt, in bad health
- **JERRY FARLEY**, Donna's Brother in Law, and his recovery from surgery
- **FAYE CADDELL** is in need of prayers
- **MEDIA SLOAN** with all her tests and surgeries
- **LYN'D DUNNWOODY** Debbie's Brother in Law's Daughter, has breast cancer
- **JAMIE KELLEY**, James Hall's daughter, health struggles, is home still needs prayers
- **JAMES HALL** needing prayers and is needing encouragement
- **RUBY MILLIGAN**, Doug's SIL, has T-Cell Lymphoma. Pray for her and Don.

ATTENDANCE

Worship A.M. ... 67
Worship P.M. 34
Wed P.M.54

CONTRIBUTION

Last Week...\$1,963.00.

BUDGET

Weekly.....\$3,000.00



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Naomi Mills	4/2
Nate Mills	4/3
Myles Banks	4/4
Kristy Sloan	4/11
Scott Sloan	4/15
Kolton Sloan	4/18
Briana Odom	4/19
Christine Odom	4/20
McCord Sloan	4/21
Kayla Banks	4/22
Tim Banks	4/28