

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad you came to worship God with us this morning! You are our honored guests! If you have any questions or are looking for a church home, then please feel free to talk to us!

You should have received a Visitor's Packet with card when you came in. Please fill it out on both sides and drop the large portion of the card into the collection basket as it comes by. The small portion is yours to keep. Thanks again for being a part of our service today!

- *The North Beach Family*

## PRAYERS NEEDED

Wanda Campbell	Joyce Maddox
Fred Chance	Phyllis McDoniel
Vesta Collier	Carlene Stark
Carol Fertig	Venus Johnson (John's sister)
Emma Getsko	Lorrie Spiering (Gary Mangus' niece)
Carma Jacklet	
Janice Lumpkin	

### Police/Fire:

Mark Gray	Clayton Baxley
Joe Shipp	

### ELDERS

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### EVANGELIST

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### QUESTIONS FOR Q&A

*can be given to Steven personally, left in his box in the resource room, or sent by email*

## SERVICES:

**Sunday:**  
9 a.m. Bible Class  
10 a.m. Worship  
5 p.m. Worship

**Wednesday:**  
7 p.m. Bible Class

**Thursday:**  
10 a.m. Bible Class

## SERMONS

If you would like a CD of a particular sermon, please fill in the information on the sign-up sheet in the foyer on the table. Alternately, sermons can be listened to or downloaded from [www.nbcoc.org](http://www.nbcoc.org).

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

morning: <b>Matt.</b> <b>4:12-17</b>	evening: <b>Psalms</b> <b>13</b>
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### EMAIL CHURCH FAMILY INFO TO:

nbcoc-family  
@googlegroups.com

# NORTH BEACH

CHURCH OF CHRIST

**JANUARY 5, 2020**

## IN THE IMAGE OF GOD GARY HENRY

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27).

SURELY IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT WE YEARN FOR GOD. This profound longing cannot have resulted from a quirk in the operation of merely physical forces. Our hunger for righteousness is no caprice of nature. We desire God because we were created to do so by God Himself, the Creator in whose image we were made. As our Beginning, He is the only perfect End toward which we were meant to move.

Human beings are inherently religious. As Spinoza said, “We feel and know that we are eternal.” Though we may often distract ourselves with lesser concerns, we still experience a deep-rooted longing for communion with the divine. God having put eternity in our hearts (Ecclesiastes 3:11), we instinctively reach out for concord with the Source of our being.

As creatures made in God's image, we long for relationship with other personal beings. And if we need personal relationship with our fellow creatures, we need it even more

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deeply with our Creator. We were designed for what the Scriptures call “fellowship” with God (1 John 1:3). Without that essential involvement, our spirits waste away in emptiness.

The purpose of our existence is described in a familiar old tradition: “The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” These words well state the ultimate fulfillment that is available to us, looking at the matter from our perspective. But from God’s perspective, may we not also say that God gave us the power to glorify and enjoy Him in order that He might show forth His goodness through us? We are vessels, instruments through whom God intends to demonstrate His goodness in our actions.

If we’re alienated from God, He can’t fully reveal His goodness through us. If His purpose isn’t being fulfilled in us, we can’t experience the joy for which we were designed, and if we miss that joy, all else in the world is futility and frustration. “O God . . . my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water” (Psalm 63:1). Having been made by God, we long for Him. When our hearts hurt in this world, what we are is homesick.

“He that is made in the image of God must know Him or be desolate”  
(George MacDonald).

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS



Mon: **Matthew 4**  
Tues: **Matthew 5**  
Wed: **Matthew 6**  
Thurs: **Matthew 7**  
Fri: **Matthew 8**

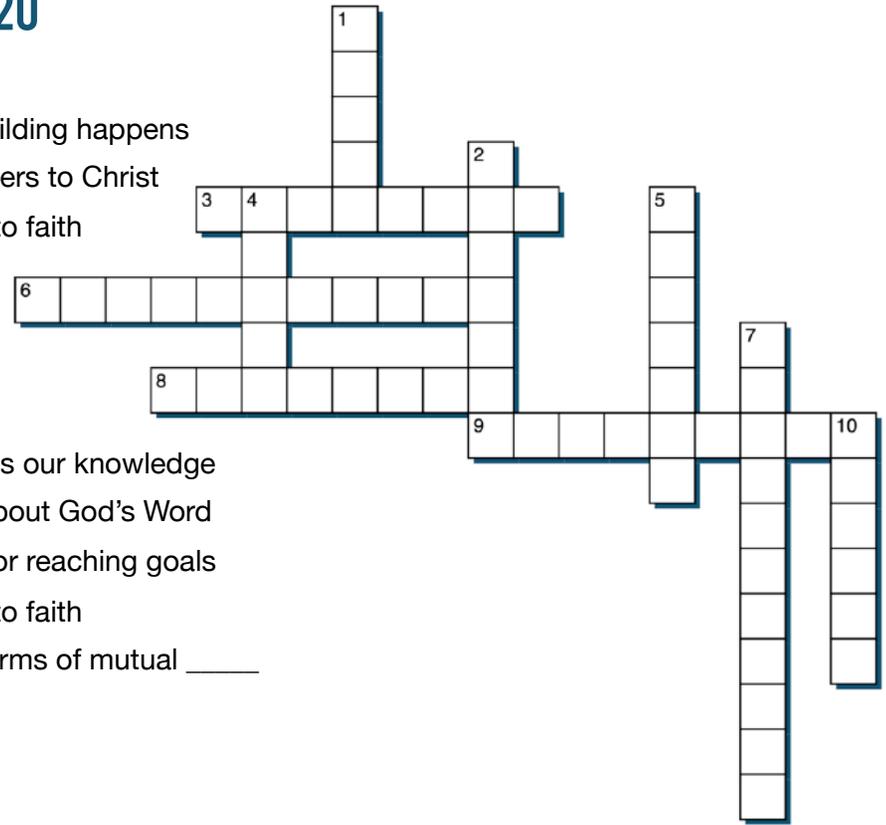
## PRESSING FORWARD 2020

### Across

- 3) one place where mutual upbuilding happens
- 6) indispensable for bringing others to Christ
- 8) vital for bringing our children to faith
- 9) are we \_\_\_\_\_ one other?

### Down

- 1) regularly reading this increases our knowledge
- 2) these help us to learn more about God’s Word
- 4) acronym for what is needed for reaching goals
- 5) vital for bringing our children to faith
- 7) we must “press forward” in terms of mutual \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) God’s power



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### TODAY:

**Elders & Deacons Meeting**  
(3:30 p.m. at the building)

### January 12:

**Singing Practice**  
(4:15 p.m. at the building)

### **Teen Devo**

(after evening services  
at Kelly & Alyssa Johnson)

### January 19:

**Group Meetings**

### TODAY'S BIBLE DRILL:

Grades 6-8  
Grades 9-12

### THURSDAY CLASS:

*meets for visitation  
this week*

### TODAY'S SERMONS:

morning:  
**Pressing Forward  
2020**  
evening:  
**January Q&A**

### JANUARY'S GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS:

**Group 1:**  
@ Paul Jones

**Group 2:**  
@ David Parks

**Group 3:**  
@ Greens

**Group 4:**  
@ Wards