

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	Phyllis McDoniel
Fred Chance	Carlene Stark
Vesta Collier	Lee Keller (Linda Ford's sister)
Carol Fertig	Leann Kenum (Rose Ramos' sister)
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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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

morning: Mark 12:13-17	evening: Psalms 20
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EMAIL CHURCH FAMILY INFO TO:

nbcoc-family@googlegroups.com

NORTH BEACH

CHURCH OF CHRIST

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

TEMPTED TO SWITCH GOALS GARY HENRY

"Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, 'All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve"' (Matthew 4:8-10).

OUR ADVERSARY, THE DEVIL, IS A MASTER OF DECEIT. He has found some very creative ways to persuade us to move toward him rather than toward God. He knows that what we want is joy, and he shrewdly tempts us to seek it on his terms. His argument runs something like this: "I'm not asking you to desire anything different; I'm just showing you a better way to get what you desire." But that is a lie. He knows it, and as soon as we take the bait, we know it too. The path he offers is not simply a better path to the same destination; it's a different destination altogether. The devil is asking us, in the most ultimate sense, to switch goals.

How many people would do what the devil suggests if they knew what he was up to? If we knew that death, and not joy, would be the result of going his way, we wouldn't go

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there, would we? But many of us do know what the devil is up to. Why do we let ourselves be seduced into changing the direction of our lives?

For most of us, the answer is not hard to find. When we switch goals, we think of ourselves as doing it only temporarily. After we've indulged ourselves, we'll get back on the path to God. And we naively suppose that since God will see our sin as nothing more than an insignificant lapse, nothing very radical or traumatic will be required of us in the way of repentance. But what we fail to see is how insulting to God's love our sin is. When we turn away from a God who has loved us to follow His archenemy, we take our place in the ranks of those who're in rebellion against God.

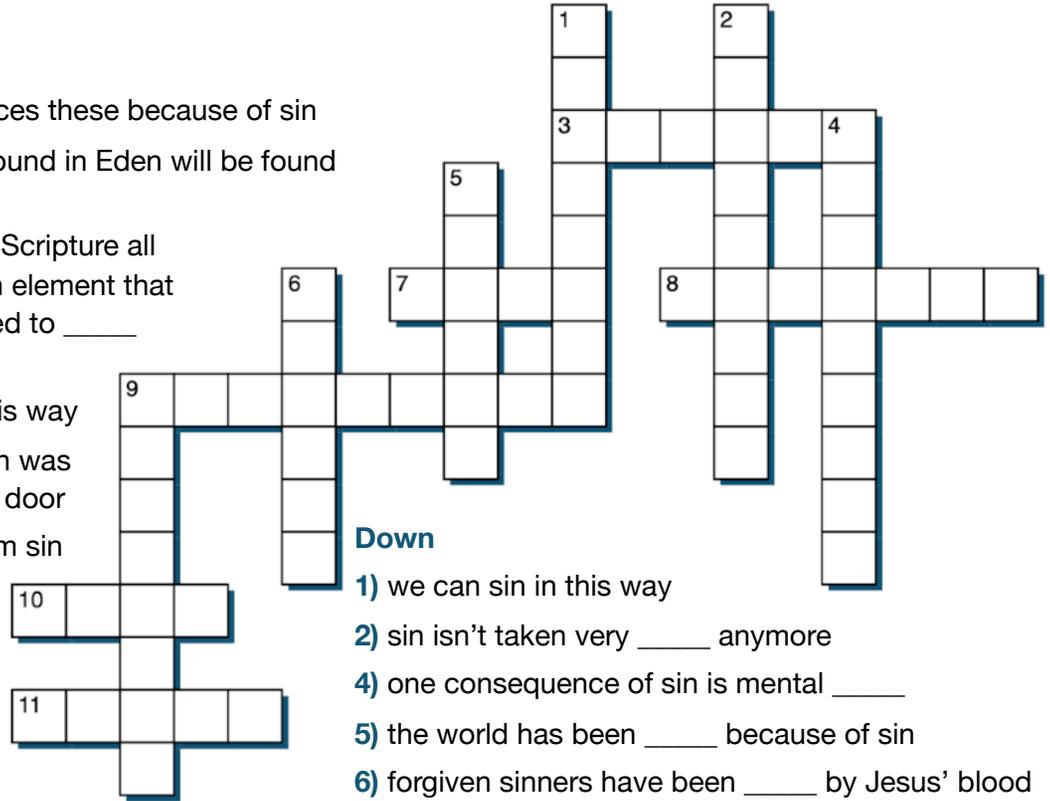
We need to see sin for what it is: a worshiping of the wrong god. Sin — any sin — is a denial of God. Samuel summed it up starkly when he said to Saul, "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry" (1 Samuel 15:23). Not many of us would want to be known as idolaters, but that's what it comes down to when, at the devil's suggestion, we exchange God, our hearts' true desire, for anything else at all.

"The whole effort — the object — of temptation is to induce us to substitute something else for God. To obscure God"
(R. H. Stewart).

SIN

Across

- 3) the earth produces these because of sin
- 7) the ____ once found in Eden will be found again in Heaven
- 8) words for sin in Scripture all contain a common element that the sinner has failed to ____ God's law
- 9) we can sin in this way
- 10) warned that sin was "crouching" at the door
- 11) this results from sin



Down

- 1) we can sin in this way
- 2) sin isn't taken very ____ anymore
- 4) one consequence of sin is mental ____
- 5) the world has been ____ because of sin
- 6) forgiven sinners have been ____ by Jesus' blood
- 9) one consequence of sin is ____ suffering

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY:

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

MARCH 8:

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

Teen Devo
(after evening services
at the Wards)

TODAY'S SERMONS:

morning:
Sin
evening:
Endurance

NEW QUARTER:

begins one week from today, sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the foyer.

NEW MEMBERS:

Fred and Brenda Hembre have expressed their desire to work and worship with the saints here at North Beach. Let's make sure to give them a warm welcome and make them feel at home!

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS



Mon: **Mark 11**
Tues: **Mark 12**
Wed: **Mark 13**
Thurs: **Mark 14**
Fri: **Mark 15**