

Oikos focus

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First B,

During my recent quiet times I've been studying out of the Gospel of Matthew and in the middle of the Sermon on the Mount in chapter 7 Jesus begins teaching on the contrast of "twos" – two ways, two fruits, and two foundations.

Here's the text:

*13 "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. 14 "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."
Mat 7:13-14 NASB*

After contemplating this for a while I begin to concentrate on the two ways – broken down here is how it unfolds:

Way #1

- gate is small
- way is narrow
- leads to life
- few find it

Way #2

- gate is wide
- way is broad
- leads to destruction
- many enter by it



Notice at the end of each road or way there is a description of those that are affected by the ways. The small way is described as few "finding" it – as if they have been searching for this way all their lives. **John 6:44 - "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."** It's the Father's work to draw people to the narrow way. But also notice that the description for the broad way simply states the many "enter" through it. Meaning they simply walk on through of their own accord. **Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

We are born into this world already by default on the broad way that leads to destruction. This is why our "oikos" needs us. They, who do not know Christ, are on this way or road. Will you be the one standing at the fork in the road pointing to a life in Christ? God draws, God saves, but we are called to help point the way to this narrow path. **Be the best sign post you can be.**

For the Kingdom,

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Thank You!

We so appreciated all that came to our house Christmas caroling! The songs were so beautiful and very touching! Thank you very much! Love to all!
Wayne & Pat Ammerman ♥

Dear Ladies,
I'm so very thankful and blessed for the beautiful quilt you made for me. My daughter, Mandi Grayum delivered it to me. I appreciate all your prayers. I wrap up with it knowing I'm in God's hands.
Thank you—Bev Every

“Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden.”
Corrie Ten Boom

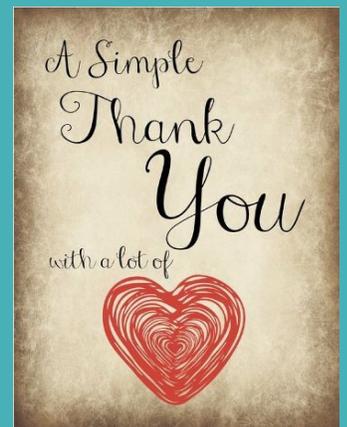
Dear Prayers & Squares Ministry,
A heartfelt thank you for my beautiful prayer quilt. My elbow surgery was extensive and the added prayers on my behalf are very much appreciated. I am healing well and have been able to enjoy a wonderful Christmas with my family. A special thank you to Clarice Henderson for including me in this special honor. God bless each of you and thank you again.
Lena Spencer

Thank you for the beautiful quilt you so graciously sent to me! Having it on my lap while I recuperate from surgery makes me feel blessed. So many took the time to make this with added prayers just for me, someone you have never met! I will always remember that feeling whenever I use it!
Thank you!
Kelly Alderson

I love the prayer quilt—it's just perfect and colors are great. Hope to be back to make one soon.
Thanks again.
Carolyn Ray

Proverbs 22:17

“A merry heart does good like medicine”



Welcome

New To Our Family

Andrew and Mandi Grayum
Newest members at First B!



KODIAK ALASKA 2020 MISSION TRIPS

MAY 2nd—16th

AUG 1st—12th

Duties:

Carpentry
light construction

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Light construction
painting

Contact:

Louis Zink
620.506.8827

Contact:

Pastor Dave
620.660.0294

Cost: \$950 approx. (plane tickets)

Deadline for sign up: February 23rd

FEBRUARY



BENJAMIN MCJUNKIN

BEN BAKER

BROOKE ISTAS

JOYCE JORDAN

CHELSEIE COLE

SCOTT SWEETWOOD

GRACE MCJUNKIN

SCOTT CUSHENBERY

KYNDEL SCHWYHART

ROBIN GRAVES

MADYSON BROCE

SHIRLEY MOORE

AMBER WILEY

NANCY SWEETWOOD

DANA THOMAS

FM ABRAMS

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CONNIE SHANKS

JAXON VICKERS

PHILIP BROWN

NOAH RAMIREZ

AMY PHILLIPS

JUDIE KADAU

CORY MORGAN

LARRY PIKE

BROOKLYN VICKERS

CONNIE YOUNG



New In The Library

1. The Prayer Jars, by Brunstetter
#3 The Healing Jar
2. An Amish Marketplace, by Clipston
#1 The Bake Shop
3. The Deacon's Family, by Fisher
#2 Stitches in Time
4. The Timepiece, by Lewis
5. Redeeming Love, by River

Please make **sure you check out all books and videos** before you take them out of the Library (**adult or children**). Also try to bring them back on time. You may recheck out your books.

Your Librarian,
Peggy McClure

Dial-A-Devotion

Call (620) 442-5000
for a new devotion every day!

- 1 Dick Reedy
- 2 Suzanne Moore
- 3 Larry Longshore
- 4 Judy Reedy
- 5 Janet Sparks
- 6 Robin Graves
- 7 Twyla Hawkins
- 8 Dorothy Johnson
- 9 Frankie Meek
- 10 Helen Czaplinski
- 11 Dick Reedy
- 12 Jason Brewer
- 13 Lucy Stockton
- 14 Ernestine Kennelley
- 15 Larry Longshore
- 16 Gary Bowker
- 17 Susie Bolf
- 18 Pam Broce
- 19 Jan Miller
- 20 Kathy Foust
- 21 Joyce Jordan
- 22 Susie Bolf
- 23 Suzanne Moore
- 24 Janet Sparks
- 25 Judy Reedy
- 26 Phyllis Bradfield
- 27 Jacque Ramirez
- 28 Frankie Meek
- 29 Mark McGuigan

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Feb 9	Vickers
Feb 16	Wiley
Feb 23	Stoner



Teaching kids how to be disciples of Christ on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm.

We provide meals, build relationships, and learn Gods word all while having fun with activities, lessons, special events, and missions.