

## The Way to Heaven

In October 1707 the British Royal Navy's 90-gun warship, the HMS Association, was leading a string of 21 ships home from the Mediterranean Sea. On the night of October 22, the ships entered the English Channel. Suddenly the Association struck rocks off the Isles of Scilly and, along with three other ships, sank. Observers reported that the Association sank in less than four minutes. All 800 men on board the Association were lost. Those perishing on the other vessels brought the death toll to nearly 2,000 souls making the incident "the greatest maritime disaster of the age" (Wikipedia; six-degrees.com).

Investigation revealed that the accident was the result of mistakes in the navigation tables. Although the Association's commander, Captain Edmund Loades, thought he was taking a safe path through the English Channel, he was in fact on a collision course with disaster.

From ancient sea voyages to modern space navigation, the danger of miscalculation and human error is ever-present. No such danger is attached to the Christian's journey to Heaven. Jesus reassured His disciples, and us, that He knows the way (John 14:1-4). And why not? He came from there. For Him it is home. He alone is uniquely qualified to blaze a trail from earth to Heaven. And His is the only trail that can be trusted to bring us to God (John 14:6).

—David Bragg, bulletinGOLD, 09/18

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## Betrayed

“Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God” (Psalm 31:5). Do these words from this Psalm sound familiar? Long after they were written by the Psalmist, Christ spoke them from the cross, after He was betrayed and abandoned by His own people and most of the folks that He called friends.

Yet, he could always depend on the Father to be there. When everyone fled, the Father alone stood by Him. Has a friend ever let you down? Maybe he or she betrayed you or simply was not there for you? Maybe he told you he would help you in some way, but failed to be there for you in the time of need. The wound of a faithless friend is often very hard to bear and not easy to put behind us. There is a distinct reason for this. When a friend does not keep his word or betrays us, it is as if he is saying, “You are just not worth it. You are not worth the time and the energy it would take to keep the promises I made to you.”

To make matters worse, most of the time, these faithless men and women don't even feel you are worthy of an explanation or the truth. It hurts, and it should. Now, if you have ever felt the pain of unfaithfulness, then, you can empathize with God, who, with every sin of man, understands what it is like. From the Garden of Eden until now God understands the hurt and the pain.

In other words, you have a Father in Heaven who knows how you feel. Why not take that pain to Him and let Him bring you peace and healing? When we experience the absolute faithfulness of God, then it also helps us with our own faithfulness toward Him and toward others. In this day, take your hurts and pains to a Father who will never fail you. Grow not only in your understanding of who He is, but how you can be more faithful to Him.

—Ed Benesh, [gospelgazette.com](http://gospelgazette.com), 10/17

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**September 23, 2018**

## **The Bible Matters**

The Bible is God's unique communication to all mankind. I know there are many who do not believe the Bible is from God, but those of us who "trust and obey" God's Word, are experiencing changed lives.

The Bible is not a book of fables. It is the truth from God (John 17:17). It is historically and archaeologically accurate and that is part of the proof that shows Divine authorship.

Far too many say it does not matter what Jesus said or did. It does matter (John 8:24; 20:30-31). The things written in the Bible are designed to bring us to have faith (Romans 10:17) in Jesus.

We read in the Bible how Jesus, the Son of God, died for our sins (Romans 5:8-9) and He arose from the dead for our justification (1 Corinthians 15). Since Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), should we not listen, obey, and abide in Jesus? (Hebrews 5:8-9).

—Rob Albright, [bulletinGOLD](http://bulletinGOLD), 09/18

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## **Items for Happy Haven**

- Tomato juice
- Cereals: Golden Grahams, Toasted Oats, Rice Crispies, Strawberry Mini-Wheats, Honey Bunches of Oats
- Peanut Butter
- Nutella
- Crackers
- Individual snacks
- Bottled water

- Paper plates (plain, undivided)
  - Paper towels
  - Bathroom tissues
  - Aluminum foil
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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

**September 23, 2018**

Co-Coordinator.....George Clay  
 Announcements.....Dallas Eddie  
 Scriptures Reading.....Austin Clay  
 Song Leader.....Steve Anderson  
 Opening Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord’s Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett  
 Serve: Mitchell Brooks, Ethan Leonard  
       Justin Draper, Roger Draper,  
 Closing Prayer.....Glen Reece

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne  
 Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece  
**Greeters: Please be here to greet 20 minutes before services.**

Count Offering.....Dallas Eddie  
 .....Kaleb Bush  
 AM Sermon—Travis Thomas  
 PM Sermon— Fourth Sunday Singing

**WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM**

Announcements.....Dallas Eddie  
 Song Leader.....Steve Anderson  
 Scripture Reading..Psa. 147:7.....Austin Clay  
 Opening Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks  
 Lord’s Supper.....Jacky Carver, Sr.  
       .....Gavin Spurlin  
 Closing Prayer.....Roger Draper

**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM**

Announcement.....Dallas Eddie  
 Song Leader.....Brian Smith  
 First Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.  
 Opening Prayer.....Roger Draper  
 Invitation(09/26).....Adam Jolley  
 Closing Prayer.....Kaleb Bush

**Prepare Communion for SEPTEMBER**  
**Jacqueline Carver**

**MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD**

**NURSING HOME:**

Opal Agee-Kindred  
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,

**THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;**

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,  
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,  
Ramelle Cole, Idella Spurlin, Linda Phillips, Rita Lankford, Carolyn Hill,  
Joyce Williams (Athens, TN)

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

09/16/18

Wednesday.....	46
Worship Sunday AM.....	101
Bible Study Sunday AM.....	88
Daily Bible Readers.....	33
Worship Sunday PM(09/09).....	57

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Sept. 23rd-** Fellowship Meal
- Sept. 26th-** Prepare Nursing Home Baskets
- Sept. 30th-** Young men conduct evening service
- Oct. 7th-** Men’s Business Meeting
- Oct. 7th-** Nursing Home services

**Reminder:** Collecting supplies for Happy Haven until the end of this month

**READING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER**

01 Lam. 1-3	11 Ezek. 30-32	21 Hos. 1-4
02 Lam. 4-5;	12 Ezek. 33-35	22 Hos. 5-7
Ezek. 1-3	13 Ezek. 36-38	23 Hos. 8-12
03 Ezek. 4-6	14 Ezek. 39-41	24 Hos. 13-14
04 Ezek. 7-9	15 Ezek. 42-44	25 Joel 1-3;
05 Ezek. 10-12	16 Ezek. 45-48	26 Amos 1-4
06 Ezek. 13-15	17 Dan. 1-3	27 Amos 5-7
07 Ezek. 16-18	18 Dan. 4-6	28 Amos 8-9
08 Ezek. 19-21	19 Dan. 7-9	Obed. 1
09 Ezek. 22-26	20 Dan. 10-12	29 Jonah 1-4
10 Ezek. 27-29		30 Micah 1-4