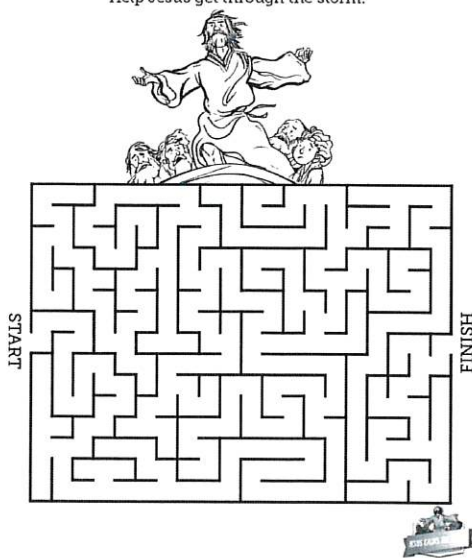


## JESUS CALMS THE STORM

Help Jesus get through the storm.



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### WELCOME TO CROSSROADS

We are delighted you have chosen to join us in worship today! We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some important information about our service.

We are here to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and to glorify God by living faithfully for Him and serving Him as He directs us.

### SERVICE & MINISTRY TIMES

Sunday School: 10:00am

Sunday Morning Service: 11:00am

Adult Choir Practice: Sundays at 5:30pm

Orchestra & Youth Choir Practice: Sundays at 6:00pm

### MINISTERING TO OUR CHILDREN

At Crossroads we encourage each family to determine when their children are ready to join us for the entire worship service. We understand that this is a process and varies from child to child and from family to family.

We offer the following options for your children:

- Nurseries on the West Hall for Infants & Toddlers.
- Nursery #3 on the South Hall (front entrance) for 2-3 years old

Children's Churches are available for children from age 3 through 6th grade. (Morning only)

Nurseries are available on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

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THAT MADE  
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AND *earth,*  
AND *the sea*

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# Welcome

January 4th

## HEAVEN OR SNAILS?

"...Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" -Matthew 3:2

One day a beautiful swan alighted by the banks of the water in which a crane was wading about seeking snails. For a few moments the crane viewed the swan in stupid wonder and then inquired:

"Where do you come from?"

"I come from heaven!" replied the swan.

"And where is heaven?" asked the crane.

"Heaven!" said the swan, "Heaven! Have you never heard of heaven?" And the beautiful bird went on to describe the grandeur of the Eternal City. She told of streets of gold, and the gates and walls made of precious stones; of the river of life, pure as crystal, upon whose banks is the tree whose leaves shall be for the healing of the nations.

In eloquent terms the swan sought to describe the hosts who live in the other world, but without arousing the slightest interest on the part of the crane.

Finally, the crane asked: "Are there any snails there?"

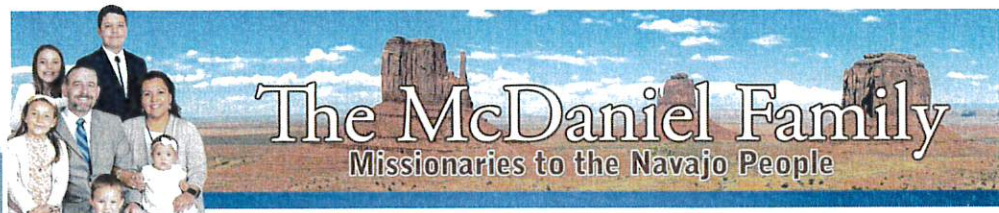
"Snails!" repeated the swan, "No! Of course there are not."

"Then," said the crane, as it continued its search along the slimy banks of the pool, "you can have your heaven. I want snails!"

This fable has a deep truth underlying it. How many a young person to whom God has granted the advantages of a Christian home, has turned his back upon it and searched for snails! How many a man will sacrifice his wife, his family, his all, for the snails of sin! How many a girl has deliberately turned from the love of parents and home to learn too late that heaven has been forfeited for snails!

People are still swapping heaven for snails. How about you? John the Baptist's words are for each of us: Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Are there some changes that need to be made in your life?

Pastor Morgan



**Greetings from the McDaniel Family,**  
Thank you church for your prayers and support!

December 15, 2025

### Fall Ministry

We had a tremendous fall ministry, traveling well over 5,000 miles to be in missions conferences and meetings from Ohio to California. It was a blessing to return to many supporting churches we had not visited in a long time, as well as to visit a few new churches. Thank you for praying for us. The Lord kept us safe, blessed our ministry, and touched many lives through our ministry.

We had the opportunity to return to Arizona for an Arizona Independent Baptist Fellowship meeting hosted by our sending church. It was a blessing to see both my former and current sending church pastors together.

### Naschitti Baptist Church

Our church has had several new visitors in recent weeks. We enjoyed celebrating Thanksgiving together as a church family with a meal. Our church van has been steadily picking up teens and adults for services each week. I am preaching through a series in 1 Kings, along with messages related to the holiday season. Please pray for our people to be faithful and to keep Jesus the main thing.

### Family

While traveling in Ohio, we had a brief scare when Reina came down with croup. She recovered very quickly through the treatment she received and the prayers of many. We also had a Christmas cookie contest at church, and Alyx won with her white chocolate raspberry cookies. David and Riley have been a great help, serving alongside me in the ministry. Jonathan is enjoying being a four-year-old. We are thankful for good health and ask you to pray that we would maintain a good balance between life and ministry.

### Prayer Requests

1. Mexican Water Baptist Church—for a pastor and the discipleship class.
2. Naschitti Baptist Church—Continued growth and faithfulness.

Sincerely,  
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Missionary to the Navajo People

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**Naschitti Baptist Church**



**Van Ministry**



**Pastor Hughes and Pastor McBay**



**Missions Conference in Hemet, CA**

## FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE

The FBI spring semester will start on January 13th at 6:00pm. All students, even online students, will need to come to the first class to get their books, or get with Bro. Randy to make other arrangements to get your books.