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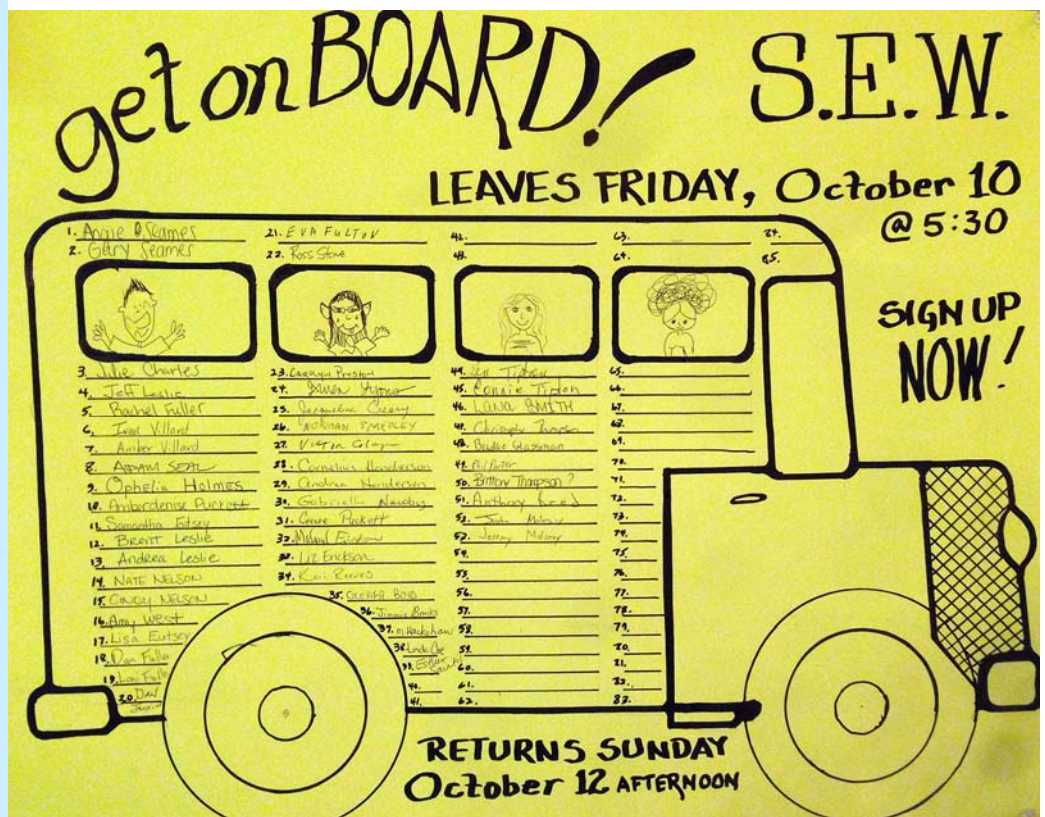
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Spiritual Enrichment Weekend October 10-12

There's still room on the bus!

Only \$65 for the whole weekend.

See Jeff Leslie for details.





By Dan Jenkins

Don't Live Too Long

I clearly remember hearing my grandmother say, "Getting old ain't what it's cracked up to be." When I mentioned this to Fran Reynolds (older members will know who she was), she said, "No it's not. It is all cracks." There are many wonderful blessings about aging, and there are many hard adjustments to be made. However, it might help us to consider that sometimes we can live too long.

The seventy years preceding the reforms made by Josiah were the worst period in the history of Judah. While Hezekiah had been one of the great kings of the Jews, his son, Manasseh, led Israel in a downward spiral of spiritual depravity which lasted nearly seven decades. There were only two courts in the temple which Solomon built, and in both of them this evil king built altars to worship pagan gods. God described his reign in these words, "Manasseh led them astray to do more evil than the nations had done whom the Lord destroyed before the people of Israel" (2 Kgs. 21:9).

At the end of his life, he repented and tried to bring the nation back to God, but it was too late. His son, Amon, led the nation even farther away from God. Just two generations removed from the spiritual heights brought by Hezekiah, the Jews reached the depths of depravity. How did this happen?

It might not have happened had the king died before the birth of his evil son

It might not have happened had Hezekiah died sooner and Manasseh had not been born. He almost did die! God sent Isaiah to tell righteous Hezekiah, "Set your house in order for you shall die; you shall not recover" (2 Kgs. 20:1). As the prophet left, the king begged God to extend his life, and God heard him. Before Isaiah left the palace, God told him to return and tell the king his life had been extended fifteen years. It was during these fifteen years that Manasseh was born.

Wonder what would have happened had another son replaced Hezekiah? It is hard to imagine that it would have been worse. It would have been far better had Hezekiah accepted the first message of Isaiah and prepared everything for his death. The obvious conclusion is that Hezekiah lived too long.

One of the most tragic things I have ever observed is Christians living too long and in the last years of their lives destroying much of the good they have done earlier. I have seen preachers and elders whose behavior in their last years brought havoc to the church. I have seen parents destroy the righteous influence they had on their family by ungodly actions as they aged. I have watched Christians characterized by kindness become bitter with age and lose their influence for righteousness.

Let each of us live faithful to the very end! God help us to never outlive our righteousness. Do not live too long!



By David Sproule

Warming Up Their Vocal Cords: "Me, Me, Me, Meeee!"

Have you ever met someone who loved to receive attention? Loved to be in the spotlight? Loved to receive accolades for work that had been done? Loved for everyone to notice him, especially if he was doing something noteworthy or commendable? Do you know anyone like that?

Jesus knew a whole host of individuals, who met that description, and had many "run-ins" with them. The Pharisees were a Jewish sect that was truly "full of themselves." They were "so full," that they lacked room for the actual law of God or for God Himself. They were only interested in following their own traditions AND making sure that others saw how "holy" they were in following their own traditions.

Notice how Jesus not only saw the external deeds that they were doing but how He also saw the heart that was behind the deeds. "Therefore, when you **do a charitable deed**, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, **that they may have glory from men**" (Matt. 6:2). *Why did they give to the needy?* "And when you **pray**, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, **that they may be seen by men**" (Matt. 6:5). *Why did they pray?* "Moreover, when you **fast**, do not be like the

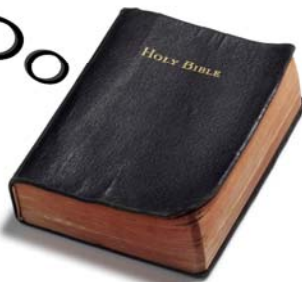
If no one ever witnessed or ever became aware of a certain righteous deed...

hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces **that they may appear to men** to be fasting" (Matt. 6:16). *Why did they fast?* To summarize their deeds, Jesus later said, "But **all their works** they do **to be seen by men**" (Matt. 23:5).

All of these activities (in and of themselves) were good, proper, righteous deeds: giving to the needy, praying, fasting. But, when those deeds were accompanied by a trumpet, or by standing in a crowded place, or by noticeably altering one's appearance, the good deeds left the station of "good, proper and righteous," and set out to gain the spotlight of, "Me, me, look at me!"

There is much for us to learn from Jesus' denunciations of these "religious folks" and much we need to apply. First question: Are you engaging in righteous deeds? Second question: If so, what's your motivation? Third question: If no one ever witnessed or ever became aware of a certain righteous deed, would that fact cause you to hesitate at all in carrying it out anyway?

Consider these two final thoughts. First, Scripture expressly says, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit" (Phil. 2:3). Nothing! Second, Jesus affirmed with each act of vainglory, "They have their reward" (Matt. 6:2, 5, 16). The reward of man's spotlight and man's praise was theirs. But, not God's spotlight and praise! Which one do you want?



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Are there some altars you need to tear down?

Before entering the Promised Land (inhabited by pagan idolaters), the Jews were commanded, "You shall destroy their altars" (Ex. 34:13; Deut. 7:5; 12:3). In Judges 6, Gideon tore down his father's altar of Baal (6:25-32). King Asa "removed the altars of the foreign gods" (2 Chron. 14:3). The Israelites, led by Jehoiada the priest, "went to the temple of Baal, and...broke in pieces its altars" (2 Chron. 23:17). Josiah "broke down the altars of the Baals" (2 Chron. 23:4).

Have any of us built altars that we need to tear down? Have we built an altar to our money and toys and possessions that needs to be torn down? Have we built an altar to our job that needs to be torn down? Have we built an altar to our recreation and hobbies that needs to be torn down? None of these things are intrinsically wrong until they supersede our devotion to God!

So, are there any altars that have slowly been building in your life? Need a hammer? – DS

"He won't mind!"

Isn't it interesting how we sometimes speak for someone else, when they are not even present with us? We can be engaged in a conversation about taking a possible action, and the person we're talking to might say something like, "I don't think your dad/mom/spouse/friend/boss would want you to do that." While that third party is not physically present, it is conjectured that he/she might object. But then, have you ever said in response, "Oh, I don't think he'll mind!"

How would you ever figure out if that third party would approve or disapprove of an action? You could conjecture all day long, but the only way to know for sure would be ask them yourself!

Too often, people want to take a particular action and they justify it in their mind by saying, "I don't think God will mind." How do you know? It might make you feel better to believe He wouldn't mind, but do you know? The only way to know for sure is to go to His "answer book." What does the Bible say about it? When you find that answer, you have God's answer! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Hattie Daniels	recovering from hospitalization last week
Sandy DeVall	recovering from outpatient procedure
Tasha Ellis	recovering from surgery on eye (9/26)
Judie Jenkins	recovering at home from surgery
Lynne Jorgensen	suffering with severe knee pain
Dick Kelley	having medical tests run
David Lord	nodule on his thyroid is being tested
Betty McQuinn	recovering at home from surgery, has diverticulitis
Tia Spizzirro	recovering at home from hospitalization
Linda Studer	undergoing chemo treatments
Lawrence Williams	recovering from thyroid surgery

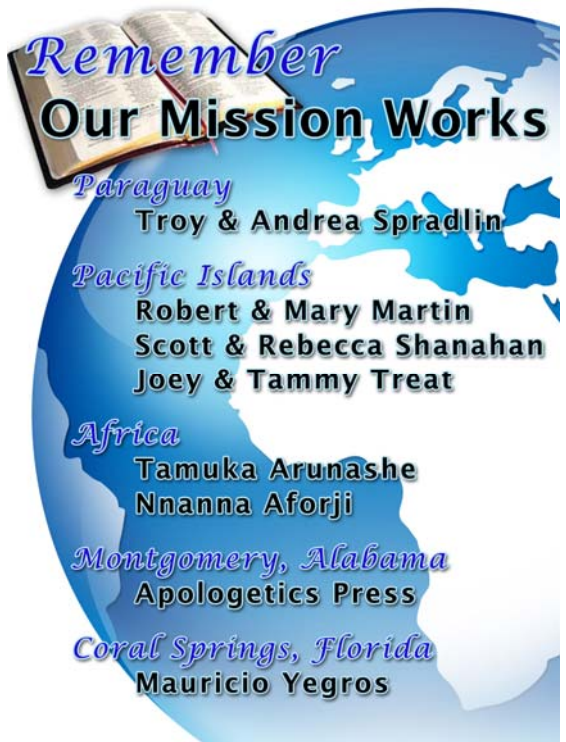
Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	both kidneys removed

Our Shut-Ins:	Cora Lee Dennis	Margaret Griffo	Shelton Howell	Betty Matter	Leigh Puckett
Millie Ames	Kay Fish	Margie Hardin	Lennie Langley	Deidra Miley	Ricky Smedley
Vera Day	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Jean McMasters	Rosa Nash	Margaret Wade

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ed Campbell	Tasha Ellis' stepfather, preleukemia, undergoing chemo
Craig Clark	Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
Shirlee Clucas	Chuck & Mary Reeves' sis-in-law, COPD, critical condition
Carl Hoeweler	Jennifer Jordan's uncle, chemo & radiation for cancer
Perry King	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer
Susan Schenk	Leesa Schenk's sister-in-law, diagnosed with bone cancer
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, chest surgery
A'Gatha Spradlin	Troy Spradlin's mother, suffered a stroke last week
Charles Thomas	Giselle Smith's father, health is failing





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 28

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, September 29

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, September 30

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Sunday, October 5

- ♦ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, October 10-12

- ♦ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at CFBC.** Sign up on the bulletin board, fill out a registration form and return it to Jeff Leslie. Cost is \$65.

Sunday, October 12

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, October 19

- ♦ **Congregational Singing Class** at 5:00 p.m. (Led by Gary Friedly) in the Auditorium.

Saturday, October 25

- ♦ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** See David or Traci Sproule for details.
- ♦ **Cornerstone Group 4 Get-Together** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot.

Sunday, October 26

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Sunday, November 2

- ♦ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. We will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Monday, October 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier. See Sarah Collier or Cindy Nelson for details.

Friday-Sunday, October 10-12

- ♦ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend.** Sign up on the bulletin board, fill out a registration form and return it to Jeff Leslie. Cost is \$65.

Sunday, October 19

- ♦ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 1.

Saturday, October 25

- ♦ **Young Adult Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the Shelt's. See Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, November 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. See Traci or Cindy for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, October 12

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, October 18

- ♦ **Young Families' Costume Party** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Sign up on the bulletin board. See Melinda Price for more details.
- ♦ **Sr. High Service Project.** See Bob or Jennifer Higbee for details.

Saturday, October 25

- ♦ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** See David or Traci Sproule for details.

Sunday, October 26

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Bob or Jennifer Higbee for details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - October, 2014

October 5

October 12

October 19

October 26

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	David McLeod	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	
Opening Prayer	Justin Maloney	Jeff Goodale	Joe Holland	Ivan Villard, Jr.	
Scripture Reading	Les McQuinn	L.H. Richardson	Jerry Pittman	Nate Nelson	
Presiding at Table	Richard Watson	David Brown	Novel Brown	Kane Campbell	
Serving at Table:	Jordan Beasley	Jimmy Banks	Henry Bass	Doug Carrick	
	Jon Jordan, Jr.	Harrison Carter	Victor Colage	Mike Erickson	
	Dick Kelley	Gary Jenkins	Charles Hayes	Freddie Gadson	
	Austin Metzkes	Orlando Lolo	Ken Long	Namddie Ikon	
	Gene Puckett	Ross Stone	Adam Seal	Jeff Leslie	
	Vincent Rogers	Daniel Swayne	Darin Summerlot	Rick Price	
	Carmen Ruckman	Clayton Trujillo	Chris Thomas	Kevin Weeks	
	David Thorpe	Eugene Williams	Marty Williams	Lawrence Williams	
Closing Prayer	Paul Hensel	Brent Leslie	Glen Dawson	Tom Martens	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Bobbo Lupo	Dan McLeod	
Opening Prayer	Josh Blackmer	Dirk Summerlot	Mike Ellis	Stephen Beliech	
Scripture Reading	Jim Davis	Tim Fry	Joe Maloney	Dan Fuller	
Presiding at Table	Phil Porter	Ted Friesner	Richard Lerro	Gary Friedly	
Serving at Table:	Andy Griffiths	Pete Brown	John Kemp	Gorman Ericksen	
	Tommy Pauldo	Nick Pietro	Paul Metzkes	David McLeod	
	Jim Rogers	Leonard Williams	Mike Trujillo	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	
Closing Prayer	Mike Archer	Chuck Clark	Rick Hall	Chris Thompson	

Alternates:					
	Bob Higbee	Johnny Davis	Tim Cox	Gary Seames	
	Bobbo Lupo	Brad Shelt	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	

Technical Assignments					
Morning:	Computer	Taylor Reeves	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt
	Audio	TBD	Bobbo Lupo	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt
	Audio	TBD	Bobbo Lupo	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	Oct. 5 & 8	Oct. 12 & 15	Oct. 19 & 22	Oct. 26 & 29	
Head Usher	Lance Collier				
	Victor Colage	Gorman Ericksen	Cam Crotts	Pete Brown	
	Adam Seal	Bobby Ingraham	Taylor Reeves	Harrison Carter	

- Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.
- Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.
- Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.
- Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.
- Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)



Sunday,
September 21

Mrs. Carol Hardman was baptized Wednesday, September 17, following evening services.



Dave Holaday thanks everyone for their prayers and calls during his recent illness.

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Once again the Widow's/Widowers Luncheon was beautiful. Lots of fun and laughs. Thank you, **Kane & Fran Campbell** and all those who helped.

LOCAL VISITORS: Debra A. Andress; Jeff & Christine Blalock; Dorcus Francois; Michael Fox; Ms. Bradlie Glassman; Ms. Sharon Morrison; Nilsa Rodriguez; Michael Staley; Cecilia Tipton; Ken & Connie Tipton; and Ramone Wolf.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Ashley Brooks, Phoenix, AZ; Miss Squadeina L. Davis, Pembroke Pines, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Amanda Fetting, Boca Raton, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Harrington, Stuart, FL; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Stan Meek, Norman, OK; Asberry Mitchell and Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Moore, Giddings, TX; Mario Moss; Ben, Tresa, Cameron, Allee and Alesha Shirrell, Stuart, FL; Joey Treat & family, Forest Park, GA; the Trent family, Okeechobee, FL; and Mrs. Lenis Villard & Nahum, Daytona Beach, FL.



Monday (September 29th)
Paul Hensel

Friday (October 3rd)
Chuck Clark
Kathy Nelson

Wednesday (October 1st)
Louise Phillips
Robin Stone

Saturday (October 4th)
Rodney Robinson

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at **9:50 a.m.***

*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:50 p.m.***

Sunday Morning, September 28

Lead Singing Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer Scott Studer
Scripture Reading Tim Cox
Presiding at Table Chris Thompson
Serve at Table:
Lance Collier Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Gorman Ericksen Chris Thomas
Rick Hall Ivan Villard, Jr.
Bobby Ingraham Austin Metzkes
Alternates:
Stephen Beliech Jerry Pittman
Closing Prayer Tim Fry

Sunday Evening, September 28

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Jerry Hopkins
Scripture Reading Harrison Carter
Presiding at Table Jeff Goodale
Serve at Table:
Rick Price
Taylor Reeves
Marty Williams
Prayer Jeff Leslie

Wednesday Evening, October 1

Lead Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Chris Thompson
Family Prayer Cam Crotts

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Sept. 21</u>	<u>Aug. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	227	224
Sun. A.M. Worship	356	347
Sun. P.M. Worship	155	185
Wed. Bible study	208	204
Contribution	\$11,650	\$14,787
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +17,483		

Ushers for the week of **Sept. 28**: Head Usher: Kane Campbell, Gary Seames & Namdidie Ikon

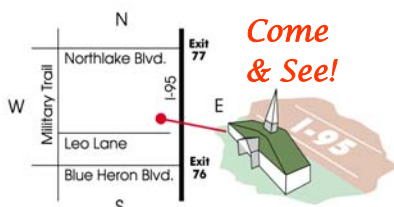


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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.



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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

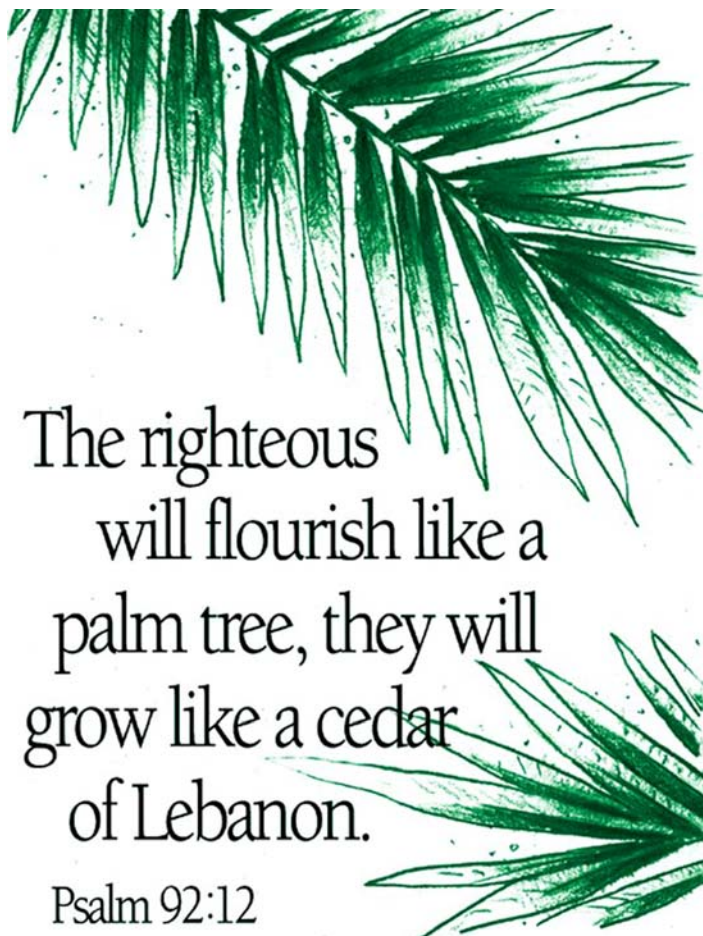
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 Calling Bible things by Bible names

 Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST



The righteous
will flourish like a
palm tree, they will
grow like a cedar
of Lebanon.
Psalm 92:12