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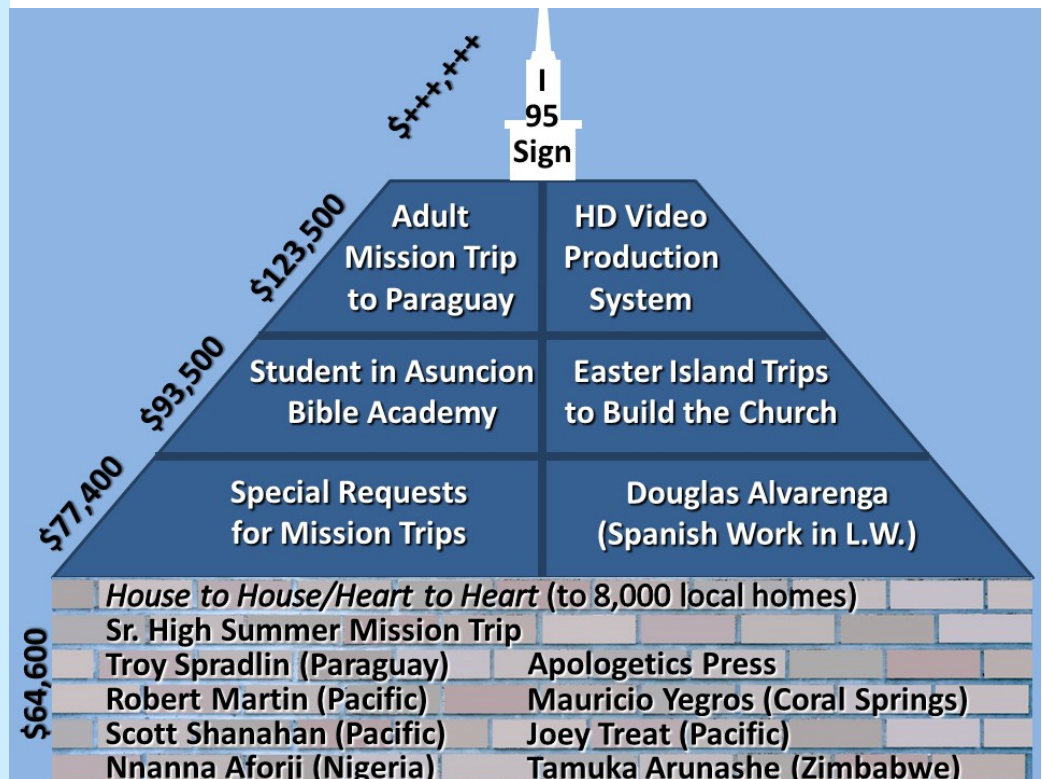
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MISSION SUNDAY 2015

January 25

***Every dollar given will be used
for PBL Mission Work.***



***May God bless us,
use us & be glorified in us!***





By Dan Jenkins

What If God Had Lied?

One of the most remarkable aspects of the nature of the Almighty God is one thing which He cannot do! Think of His power to speak the world into existence and it immediately happened. Think of that same power when His voice will roar from heaven and the entire universe will cease to be. Yet there is one thing He cannot do—He cannot lie.

Imagine trying to serve a lying God—one whose words just cannot be trusted. We seek to deal with sin, but how do we know He was not lying when He revealed the plan of salvation? We seek to honor Him by worshiping every week with the five avenues of worship He gave to us, yet how do we know if He was lying when He gave us these things? Imagine trying to honor a lying God who speaks of sin, salvation, prayer, purity, holiness, kindness, peace and providence. He cannot lie (Titus 1:2) and that changes every relationship we have with Him. Our God is a God of truth!

The truthful God has given us the words of truth. On the night of Jesus' betrayal, He spoke of the Father and truth. While He had been with those apostles for over three years, He had given them part of God's truth. He said, "I have given to them the words which you have given Me" (John 17:8), but there was more truth which they had to learn. He told those

apostles that when He went to the Father, the Father would send the Spirit of truth to the apostles (John 14:16). The Spirit which dwelt in them was to guide these men into all truth (John 16:12-13). The result of that is the Bible. Jesus summed it up best when He said, "Your word is truth" (John 17:17).

The truthful God has given us the words of truth and they are eternal. David said, "The truth of the Lord endures forever" (Psa. 117:2). The word of the Lord is forever fixed in the heavens (Psa. 119:89) and every single precept of God endures forever (Psa. 119:160). God cannot lie; He has given us His words of truth and not one syllable of any word has been lost.

The truthful God wants to write His truth on our souls. Knowing truth is not just memorizing it. His plan is to take the eternal truth and make it part of our nature. Moses said, after he had given the law, "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart" (Deut. 6:6). Most Jews felt that if they know every detail of the law (and even some that were not there), God was pleased with them. There is a vast difference in knowing the law and knowing the Lawgiver. There is a difference in knowing about the Lord and knowing the Lord.

God help us to take His eternal truth from the One who cannot lie and love the truth, hide it in our heart and walk in His truth.

**If God has ever
lied we would
have no way of
knowing how to
serve Him!**



By David Sproule

How Much Should I Forgive?

One of the hardest things to deal with as a Christian is when a "brother sins against you." In a perfect church, no one would mistreat or sin against a brother, but the church is made up of humans who make mistakes in thoughts, actions and words. So, how much should I be willing to forgive?

In Matthew 18, Jesus dealt with the very difficult topic of when a "brother sins against you," and He gave the proper steps for one to follow in handling the matter in a Christ-like manner (18:15-20). After discussing this with His disciples, Peter came and asked, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" (18:21). In an effort to illustrate the magnitude of one's responsibility to forgive and the length one must go, Jesus told the parable of the unforgiving servant.

Read Matthew 18:21-35 and be reminded of the servant who was forgiven a large debt by the king but refused to turn around and forgive a fellow servant of a much smaller debt. Let's put some values on the amounts to give it some perspective to us in the twenty-first century.

The first servant owed the king "ten thousand talents" (18:24). The Roman talent in this case was worth 6,000 drachmas, and a drachma was worth about 19 cents, so the

total sum owed to the king was about ten million dollars. That's a lot of money in any culture, but think what it meant to Peter. The average daily wage was about 17 cents, so it would have taken (if giving the king every cent earned every day) about 200,000 years to pay the debt. When the servant pleaded with the king, the king forgave the huge debt (18:25-27).

Contrast that with the rest of the narrative. Having just been forgiven \$10,000,000 or 200,000 years of debt, that servant went out and found a fellow servant who owed him 100 denarii. A denarius was the average daily wage for a working man (20:2), so the second servant owed 100 days' wages. Contrast owing 100 days' wages with owing 200,000 years' wages (or over 60,000,000 days), and you'll understand the extreme disproportion that Jesus was illustrating.

Now, what was the point? Peter asked how often he should forgive a brother who sins against him. Jesus responded by emphasizing the extreme level to which servants of the Lord have been forgiven by our Master (a debt that would take 200,000 years to pay, if such were even possible), and how comparatively "small" the debt is for us to forgive brethren who sin against us. Forgiveness is not typically easy to extend to another (because we have been hurt, and often deeply hurt), but it must be done, for the sake of our own soul. Our heavenly Father will punish each of his servants, who, "from his heart, does not forgive his brother" (18:35).

**Servants of the
Lord have been
forgiven by our
Master to an
extreme level!**



By Josh Blackmer

Darkness and Light

It was completely dark on the island. The generators had gone out, and Easter Island was plunged into darkness. With no nearby city lights and only the moon and stars overhead, I lit a candle in my small room. It reminded me of World War 2 and the “Blackout Regulations.” This was a general mandate—that all windows should be prepared with heavy cloth, cardboard or paint to keep light from shining into the night. It was an effort to prevent light from the cities aiding enemy bombers. They understood this simple truth, even the smallest of light can be seen from miles away. Because of this, stiff fines were enforced for those who violated the blackouts. Though today these blackouts have been rendered futile by modern technology, the truth still remains.

Jesus put it this way, “A city set on a hill cannot be hidden” (Matt. 5:14). He goes on to say in that same context, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). Some of you may already be singing, “Hide it under a bushel. NO! I’m gonna let it shine...” Could it be that simple?

Those who are living and practicing the teachings of Christ are called “light.” Examine this passage, “For you were

formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord” (Eph. 5:8-10). And another, “But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober” (1 Thess. 5:4-6). Those of the light are characterized as good, righteous, truthful, alert and sober. We are to be those people that please God.

There are fewer things in life with greater contrast than light and darkness. We are to be that light that stands out in the dark world. “Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among who you appear as lights in the world” (Phil. 2:14-15). We must realize that we will be different from those we come in contact with daily. It is for their good and our own that we shine. There are zero shades of grey with God. You are either darkness or light. Choose light.

It was completely dark on the island. Now there are two that have chosen the light, pray that there will be more.

There are fewer things with greater contrast than darkness and light.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Jesus was obligated to be like you!

It could be stated that, when God came to live on this earth, He could have taken on and lived in whatever form He preferred. For example, He could have come and lived as a spirit being and not been subject to human ailments. Or, He could have come and lived with a protective force-field around Him and not let any evils penetrate into His surroundings. **However, to make any of these statements would be absolutely false! He could not take on just any form!**

Hebrews 2:17-18 makes some intriguing revelations. Think deeply about each of these: (1) Jesus is our “merciful and faithful High Priest”; (2) Jesus came to “make propitiation for the sins of the people”; (3) Jesus “Himself has suffered, being tempted”; (4) Jesus “is able to aid” us when we “are tempted.” We so desperately need all of these to be true, and the ONLY way they could become reality is that Jesus “Had. To. Be. Made. Like. His. Brethren. In. All. Things.”

That thought is just too much! To understand what I’m going through and to help me through it, God had to become just like me! Oh, how horrible for Him! Oh, how wonderful for me! –DS



THE identifying mark of Christians

So, what is THE characteristic that makes a Christian stand out from everyone else? Above everything else, what is THE one piece of evidence by which a person could be identified as a Christian? Is it his devotion to sound doctrine and pure, undiluted truth? Is it his ability to quote Scripture upon Scripture? Is it her faithful, uncompromising attendance at every Bible class and worship assembly? No, it is not any of these things or even all of them combined!

Jesus made it abundantly clear: “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). There it is! He didn’t use any hard words or confusing sentence structure! He laid it out plain and simple! I must possess and demonstrate agape love for my brethren (in word and deed, 1 John 3:18), or I cannot be identified as one of Jesus’ disciples!

Do I comfort, encourage, admonish, serve, care for, pray for, give to and bear the burdens of my brethren? Am I kind, forgiving, humble, compassionate and hospitable? Am I a Christian? –DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	suffering with back & leg pain
Sandy Colage	undergoing testing for cancer treatment
Betsy Donahue	recovering from foot surgery
Margaret Griffo	under Hospice Care, not doing well
Sallie Moses	PBG Med Ctr, surgery to remove stomach cancer (1/23)
Joe Quigley	being treated for extreme dehydration, improving
Cathy Seay	PBG Medical Center (room 350), blood pressure issues
Linda Studer	recovering from blood transfusion
Cherylann Wineinger	suffering with the shingles

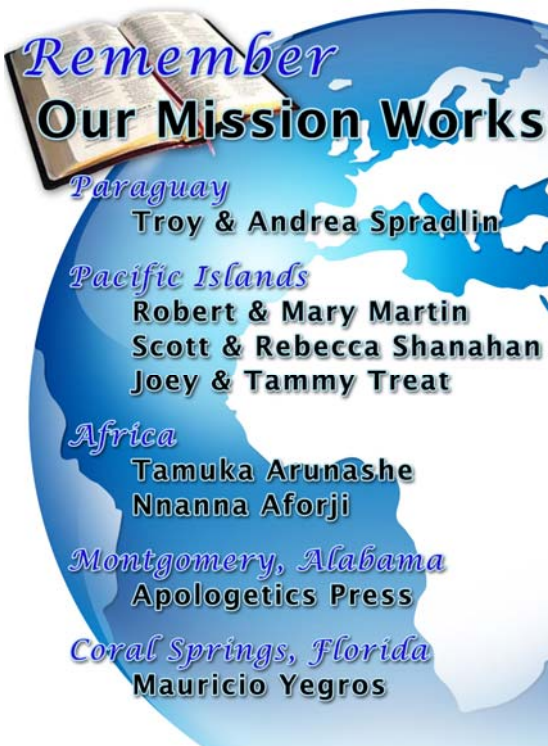
Long-Term Health Issues

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	Don & Betty Matter	Leigh Puckett
Millie Ames	Kay Fish	Margie Hardin	Daniel Johnson	Deidra Miley	Ricky Smedley
Vera Day	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Jean McMasters	Rosa Nash	Margaret Wade

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

David Dawson	Glen Dawson's brother, now at home from the hospital
Maureen Findley	Maria Hackshaw's cousin, brain aneurysm & stroke
Audrey James	Gloria Boyd's cousin, chemo for breast cancer
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, chemo for lymphoma
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Hillary Nicholson	Jackie Creary's sister, recovering from thyroid surgery
Roger Sanders	Betty Sanders' brother, ICU at Martin Memorial Hospital
Eddie James Smith	Mary A. Jackson's cousin, cancer spread to his liver
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, stent inserted, recovering at home





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 25

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work.

Monday, January 26

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

Tuesday, January 27

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

Wednesday, January 28

- ♦ **"With God We Can"** T-Shirt payments due. Please give your payments to David Sproule or Cindy Nelson.

Sunday, February 1

- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home** at 2:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, February 6-8

- ♦ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$35 per person. Go to www.cfbiblecamp.org for more details.

Saturday, February 7

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway** from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Jagi Kenyon will be speaking. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, February 8

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

Sunday-Wednesday, February 8-11

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Belle Glade.** Arlin Chapman will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). *We have designated Tuesday night as PBL night. Let's try to support this effort of this good congregation.*

Sunday, February 15

- ♦ **PBL "Family Groups" Sunday.** Be here Sunday morning to learn about these new groups.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Saturday, January 31

- ♦ **Young Adult Area-Wide Singing & Fellowship** hosted by PBL at 6:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and \$5 for food. RSVP to Amber Villard by January 28.

Monday, February 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amber Villard. Bring an empty picture frame to use for the craft. See Amber for more details.

Friday-Monday, February 13-16

- ♦ **Young Adult Camping Trip.** Cost is \$32 per person. Money can be given to Rachel Fuller or Ivan & Amber Villard.

Saturday, March 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer.



Palm Beach Lakes

Youth

Sunday, January 25

- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Jackie Price.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

Sunday, February 1

- ♦ **Young Families' Pizza & Play Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. All families with children in 5th Grade & under are invited. Bring \$5 for lunch. RSVP to Melinda Price.

Sunday, February 8

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

Friday-Sunday, February 20-22

- ♦ **YES Weekend for Grades 8-12** at the Forrest Park congregation in Valdosta, GA. Cost is \$50. Please give payment to Bob Higbee, Paul Metzkes or Josh Blackmer by January 25. Sign up on the bulletin board.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - February, 2015

February 1

February 8

February 15

February 22

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly	Jerry Pittman	
Opening Prayer	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Rick Hall	Gary Jenkins	Henry Bass	
Scripture Reading	Daniel Swayne	Chris Thompson	Chuck Clark	Bob Higbee	
Presiding at Table	Johnny Davis	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Justin Maloney	Kevin Weeks	
Serving at Table:	Jimmie Banks	Shea Brown	Doug Carrick	Freddie Gadson	
	Tim Cox	Gorman Ericksen	Andy Griffiths	Charles Hayes	
	Paul Hensel	Tim Fry	Ken Long	Brent Leslie	
	Namdidie Ikon	Bobby Ingraham	Dan McLeod	Austin Metzkes	
	Tommy Pauldo	Paul Metzkes	Vincent Rogers	Gene Puckett	
	Taylor Reeves	L.H. Richardson	David Thorpe	Carmen Ruckman	
	Mike Trujillo	Brad Shelt	Clayton Trujillo	Ross Stone	
	Marty Williams	Chris Thomas	Lawrence Williams	Scott Studer	
Closing Prayer	Richard Watson	Orlando Lolo	Victor Colage	Jerry Hopkins	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	Bobbo Lupo	
Opening Prayer	Mike Erickson	Eugene Williams	Jeff Leslie	Stephen Beliech	
Scripture Reading	Mike Fox	Austin Williams	Harrison Carter	Nate Nelson	
Presiding at Table	Dirk Summerlot	Richard Lerro	Gary Seames	Phil Porter	
Serving at Table:	Pete Brown	Jeff Goodale	Paul Batitsky	Novel Brown	
	Bobbo Lupo	John Kemp	Lance Collier	Rick Price	
	Leonard Williams	Nick Pietro	Warren Porter	Adam Seal	
Closing Prayer	Jim Davis	Dick Kelley	Kane Campbell	Tom Martens	

Alternates:					
	David Brown	Cam Crotts	Ted Friesner	Les McQuinn	
	David Lord	Jim Rogers	Darin Summerlot	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	

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

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	Feb. 1 & 4	Feb. 8 & 11	Feb. 15 & 18	Feb. 22 & 25	
Head Usher	Glen Dawson →				
	Andy Griffiths	Justin Maloney	Jordan Beasley	Jimmie Banks	
	Kevin Weeks	Les McQuinn	Mike Erickson	Jim Rogers	

- 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,
January 18

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I thank you for all the cards and the flowers you sent to **Ornans Pierre** and family upon his father's passing. Thank you especially for the prayers offered over the last few months. We have enjoyed the encouragement and strength that we have received from our church family. Thank you all.

Juliette Mauvais and Ornans Pierre

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Barbara Coe; Terry & Regina Crews; Miss Valerie Elliot; Pierre Irby; Sasha LaToya Johnson; Mark & J. Lombardi & Nickolas; Rimma Nikolova; and Michael Staley.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Brenda Betts, Okeechobee, FL; Jasmine Davis & Elijah Adkins, Hermitage, TN; Nick & Kimberly Dodd, Corinth, MS; Joe Dolan, New York, NY; Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Ms. Monique Leblanc, Canada; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Joe & Thelma Miller, Orange City, FL; Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; Greg & Michelle Morris, Cordova, TN; Ronnie Norris, Cookeville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Risa Schamel, Pleasant Hill, IA; Claudette Smith, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Andrea Spradlin, Asuncion, Paraguay; Mrs. Jan Todd, Woodbury, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Guy Wood, Prattville, AL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday (January 26th)

Jimmie Banks
Winifred Patterson
Andrea Spradlin

Tuesday (January 27th)

Ed Buonadonna

Wednesday (January 28th)

Joyce Parker
Lana Smith

Thursday (January 29th)

Lawrence & Kay Richardson (Ann.)

Thursday (January 29th) cont.

Annie Faison

Friday (January 30th)

Lynn & Cynthia Parker (Ann.)
Joyce Barnhouse
Dick Haines
Carol Hardman

Saturday (January 31st)

Charles Hayes
Mary A. Jackson

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, January 25

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer Nate Nelson
Scripture Reading..... Stephen Beliech
Presiding at TableDavid Thorpe
Serve at Table:
Henry Bass Austin Metzkes
Harrison Carter Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Lance Collier Gary Seames
Freddie Gadson Kevin Weeks
Alternates:
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Closing Prayer David Holaday

Sunday Evening, January 25

Lead SingingBobbo Lupo
Opening PrayerJoe Maloney
Scripture Reading..... Jerry Hopkins
Presiding at Table.....Jerry Pittman
Serve at Table
Paul Batitsky
Doug Carrick
Clayton Trujillo
Prayer.....Phil Porter

Wednesday Evening, January 28

Lead SingingShea Brown
Invitation..... Jerry Hopkins
Family Prayer Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Jan. 18</u>	<u>Dec. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	250	231
Sun. A.M. Worship	439	366
Sun. P.M. Worship	189	189
Wed. Bible study	203	174
Contribution	\$14,279	\$14,802

2015 Weekly Budget: TBA

Ushers for the week of **Jan. 25**: Head Usher: Novel Brown; Bob Higbee & Carmen Ruckman

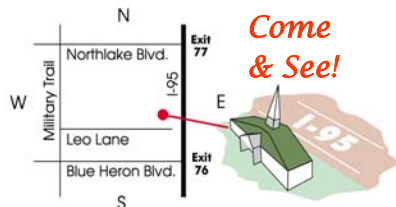


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Service Schedule

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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Weeping may tarry for the night,
but JOY comes with the morning!
Psalm 30:5