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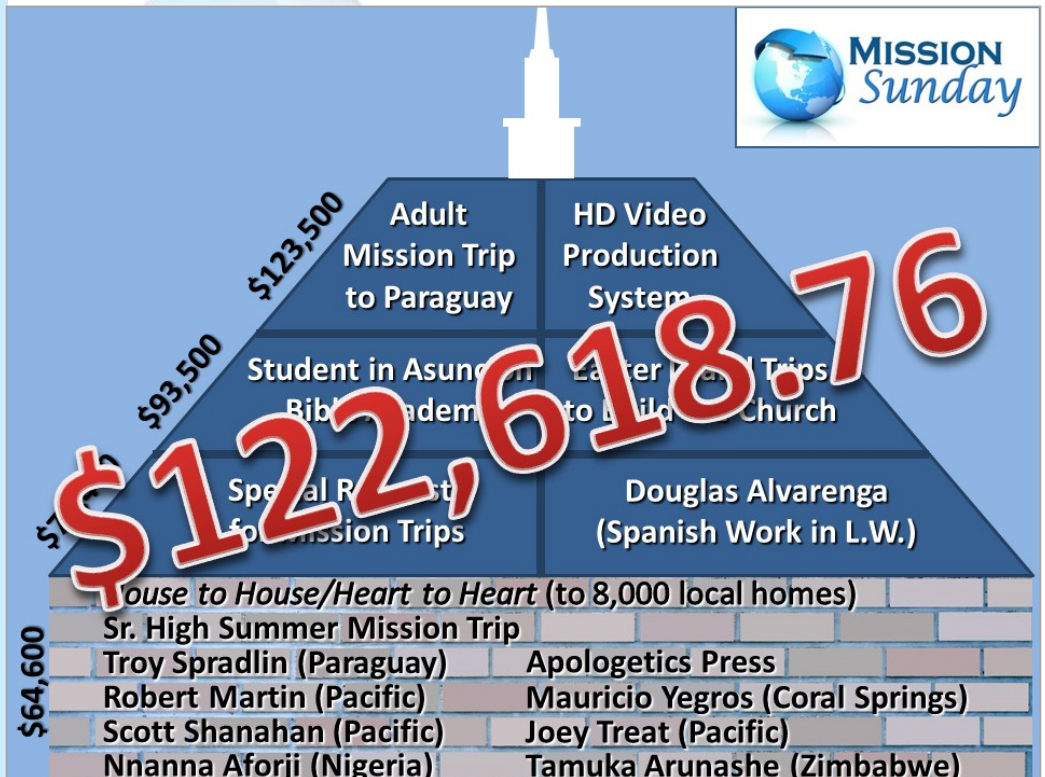
February 1, 2015

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MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD



12-Year Total:

\$1,406,622.33

TO GOD
Be the Glory



By Dan Jenkins

God Helps the Godly, Always!

The account of David's flight from King Saul is filled with vivid description of just how much hate the king had for the son of Jesse. First Samuel chapters 22 and 23 give such great insight in the hearts of the first two kings of Israel. Had it not been for the friendship of Jonathan with David, the life David might have ended and the history of Israel would have been so different.

The evil King Saul called the priests of God to his side, and when he learned of how they had added David in his flight he killed eighty-five priests. He then entered Nob, one the cities given to the priests by God and slaughtered men, women, children, infants and their animals. He was determined to kill David, no matter what was the cost.

David fled city to city and even foreign nations. He sought refuge in Keilah only to have Saul pursue him there. David left that city and thought he had found his place of refuge in forest near Ziph, but the people offered to deliver David to Saul. What hope could anyone have at a time like this?

The answer lies in the psalm David penned as he fled from Ziph. Read those seven verses in Psalm 54 and learn from this man how God helps. See his faith. Read it again when life has crumbled around you. Let his words become your words.

**Let these words
feed your soul,
let them become
the expression of
your heart**

Hear his words. He saw God as his Savior and the One who would vindicate him (v. 1). He saw God as the One who would hear his prayers and answer them (v. 2). He understood his situation but knew there was no way his enemies would prevail, for God was not in the forefront of their lives (v. 3). God was his Helper and stood with those who stood with David (v. 4). He knew God would repay his enemies and separate them from Him (v. 5). He knew that his response to God's presence was a heart filled with the joy of worship and praise (v. 6). He looked at all the adversity he had just endured, and this gave him confidence that victory would belong to him.

What's happening in your life? I guarantee you that it is not nearly as bad as David's was when he wrote this psalm. Whatever it is, whether the adversity is one in your life or one that you may face in the future, rest assured that these words of David will help you. You may not need to memorize this psalm in its entirety, but let these words feed your soul. Let them become the expression of your heart. If we want to people after God's own heart, then the words of David need to become our words.

By the way, you do know the rest of this story, don't you? Saul was thwarted in his attempts to kill David. Saul's life ended in a most tragic way. The victory has never belonged to the ungodly, for our God never forsakes His children.



By David Sproule

As Clean As a Newborn Baby!

To describe the complete cleansing that takes place when one is baptized, it is sometimes stated that one arises from the waters of baptism "as clean as a newborn baby." And that is so true, not pertaining to an outward cleansing but to a soul cleansing. Consider how the Bible portrays this.

In baptism, a cleansing takes place. The love of Jesus for His church is beautifully portrayed in Ephesians 5, revealing to us that Jesus "gave Himself up for [His church], that He might sanctify her, having **cleansed her by the washing of water** with the word" (5:26). The water of baptism is "washing water," but it is not an outward cleansing for "the removal of the dirt from the flesh" (1 Pet. 3:21). When Ananias had the opportunity to tell Saul of Tarsus about the need and the blessing of baptism, he exclaimed, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and **wash away your sins**, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). When the blood of Jesus cleanses from sin (Rev. 1:5), it will make you "whiter than snow" (cf. Ps. 51:7). That's a powerful cleansing!

In baptism, a birthing takes place. In a physical birth, a living person comes forth and obtains new life. In a spiritual birth, the exact same process takes place. Jesus introduced this "new birth" in His conversation with Nicodemus in John 3.

**A baby born into
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Jesus proclaimed, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus thought Jesus was speaking of a physical birth: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus' answer demonstrates that He was speaking of a spiritual birth and not a physical birth: "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water** and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

"Born of water" is an expression that indicates one "comes out of, is raised out of" water, which is exactly what happens when someone is immersed (cf. Matt. 3:16; Acts 8:39). When a penitent believer is brought forth from the waters of baptism, he obtains "**newness of life**" (Rom. 6:4; cf. 2 Cor. 5:17). Peter described recent converts to Christ as "newborn babes" (1 Pet. 2:2). That's a powerful birth!

In baptism, a perfecting takes place. A baby born into this world is perfect in the eyes of God—sinless, pure and holy (Matt. 18:3; 19:14; Luke 18:16-17). As the child matures and begins to make personal decisions (Jas. 1:14-15) to break God's law (1 John 3:4), he becomes a sinner (Ezek. 18:20) and separates himself from the eyes of God (Hab. 1:13). When that same person turns back to his Father, puts his faith in Jesus, turns from his vile sin and is baptized, he is made perfect once again in the eyes of God—as clean as a newborn baby! That's a powerful perfecting! Have you been baptized?



By Josh Blackmer

Some Emoticons of the Bible

Emoticons are those facial expressions that you make in your texts, emails, Facebook statuses and Tweets using letters and symbols. They reflect the mood or emotion of the writer. The most popular emoticon (or “emoji” as they are commonly referred to) is the smiley face :-). There are also the upgraded versions in full color. 😊 Emojis are becoming so popular that there is an author currently raising funds to write the Emoji version of the Bible.

So, why are we talking about this? Emotion plays a large part of who we are and how we interact with each other and the world around us. One listing states that there are 5,844 Scriptures that mention the emotion of either humans or of God. That is a large number and calls to our attention the importance of emotion in our faith. Let me be clear about one thing. I am not promoting emotionalism or the over emphasis of pure emotion. There must be a balance between logic and emotion or heart and mind. “A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back” (Prov. 29:11).

Let’s look at some examples from the Bible. Love 😍 is said to be the greatest of emotions (1 Cor. 13:13). We can see how important love is as it is the very basis or reason for our salvation (John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10). Love is something that

should define us as Christians (John 13:35) and is a requirement for truly knowing God (1 John 4:7-11). Love also casts out all fear (1 John 4:18).

Fear 😨 is another very real emotion. It is something that is a reaction to a stimulus like a scary movie, person, place or situation. On the night of His betrayal, Jesus said this to the disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27). In the same discourse, He goes on to speak of difficult times, but He closes with this, “But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). There is nothing in the world that should cause us to fear.

Anger 😡 is another strong emotion, and though anger itself is not a sin, unresolved anger gives way to the devil. “Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil” (Eph. 4:26-27).

Joy 😄 is an emotion that many strive for, yet find it very elusive. It is elusive because they search for it all the wrong places (Psa. 32:11; Rom. 14:17; Gal. 5:22; 1 John 1:4; Jude 24).

Whatever the emotion is, we can be certain of two things—there is an emoji for it and a Bible verse for it.

There must be a balance between logic and emotion or heart and mind.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The next time someone says, “God wants me to...”

You have certainly heard numerous justifications offered from various people for why they do what they do: “It’s what my dad/mom always taught me to do”; “It’s what felt right at the moment”; “It’s what my husband/wife told me to do”; “I have a right to be happy and do what I want”; etc. You, no doubt, have heard some real whoppers over the years.

One explanation that is commonly made goes something like this: “I understand what you’re saying, but I believe God wants me to be happy.” Or, “I’ve spent a lot of time thinking about this, and there’s no doubt in my mind that Jesus wants me to do this.”

If someone says this to you to explain an action, let me give you a simple (and politely-toned) thing to say: “How do you know?” There is only one way we know what God wants us to do and that’s in the Bible. The only way to be able to justifiably claim God’s approval (“God wants me to...”) is to be able to show authority for it in the Bible (cf. Col. 3:17). So, can it be said, “God wants me to...,” or should it be, “I want me to...”? Something to think about. – DS



Pour out your soul to the Lord!

Here are some questions to which we do not have answers: How old was Hannah when she gave birth to Samuel? How often had Hannah prayed to have a son? How often, in the “year by year” that she went to the house of the Lord, did she beg the Lord for a son? Was it possible that Hannah was soon going to think that her situation was hopeless?

Think about Hannah’s plight and apply it to your own. Hannah was “miserable” (1 Sam. 1:6), “she wept” (1:7) and her “heart grieved” (1:8). But, she did not alter course. Are there circumstances in your life that have left your heart grieving and your eyes weeping? As painful as life’s circumstances can be, do not allow them to alter your course! God’s ways are always the right ways (cf. Hos. 14:9)! Sometimes our ways or the world’s ways or the easy ways look so much better, but His way is always best!

Pour your heart out to the Lord (like Hannah, 1:15)! Trusting in the Lord is not hopeless! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jeannie Buonadonna	recovering from major dental surgery
Judy Carmack	suffering with back & leg pain
Sandy Colage	undergoing testing for cancer treatment
Margaret Griffo	under Hospice Care, not doing well
Harriet Morris	has not been feeling well for several weeks
Sallie Moses	recovering at home from surgery to remove growth
Joe Quigley	still not doing well, slowly improving
Cathy Seay	recovering at home from blood pressure issues
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	dialysis treatments



Robin Stone and her daughters, Kailee, Courtney, Christy, & Karly, upon the passing of **Ross** on Tuesday morning. A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 31.

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Gail Archer	Mike Archer's daughter, shoulder & foot problems
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
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, stent inserted, recovering at home

Pray for Our Missionaries

Troy & Andrea Spradlin	Paraguay
Robert & Mary Martin	Pacific Islands
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan	Pacific Islands
Joey & Tammy Treat	Pacific Islands
Tamuka Arunashe	Zimbabwe
Nnanna Aforji	Nigeria
Apologetics Press	Montgomery, AL
Mauricio Yegros	Coral Springs, FL



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 1

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

Monday, February 2

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

Tuesday, February 3

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

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. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, February 8

- ♦ **"Laborers Together with God" Sunday.** Every member is encouraged to be here.
- ♦ **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.

Friday-Sunday, February 20-22

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebastian.** Melvin Otey of Montgomery, Alabama will be speaking on *"Edifying the Church."* See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, February 21

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL Members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited.
- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street in Pompano** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. This year's theme is *"You Are Not Alone."* Various ladies will be presenting lessons. RSVP by February 13.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Monday, February 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amber Villard. Bring a salad topping and bread or a drink. Also, 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. Please pay by Sunday, February 1.

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.

Sunday, March 15

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



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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.

Saturday, February 21

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth need to be at the building by 3:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY:

GOD

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

WE CAN

Find a Place to Serve

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

“Laborers Together with God” Sunday

- ♦ Hundreds of “Opportunities to Serve” presented to every member
- ♦ Every member is urged to be here

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

PBL “Family Groups” Sunday

- ♦ New congregational groups for every PBL family
- ♦ Every member is urged to be here

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve” (Matt. 20:28).

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



Directory Changes



Sunday,
January 25

Linda King placed membership on January 4.
Iva Ardoin moved to Orlando.
Brayden Gilles moved to Tennessee.
Warren Porter moved to Lake Placid.
Rodney Robinson moved to Ft. Lauderdale.

LOCAL VISITORS: Angelica Castro; Terry & Regina Crews; Seline Francois; Mrs. Maxine K. Griggs; Christine Hunter; Pierre Irby; Morris McDaniel; Kevin Schenk; Michael Staley and Nahum Villard.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Anderson, Jacksonville, FL; William & Jackie Brooks; Mrs. Jo Ann Campbell, Clearwater, FL; Jim & Irene Carron, St. Charles, MO; Jim & Irene Casey, Sarasota, FL; Squadeina Davis & Aaron, Pembroke Pines, FL; Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hamlen, Valdosta, GA; Ms. Monique Leblanc, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lewis, St. Charles, MO; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Don Mahaney, Vienna, WV; Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Andrea Spradlin, Asuncion, Paraguay; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Tellmann, Pacific, MO; Mrs. Jan Todd, Woodbury, TN; Shaun, Emily, Simon & Sully Tyson, Melbourne, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Leon Weeks, Valdosta, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (February 2nd)

Gai Ingram

Tuesday (February 3rd)

Jennifer Goodale

Wednesday (February 4th)

Novel & Mary Brown (Ann.)

Deidra Miley

Lilly Lolo

Thursday (February 5th)

Glen & Josie Dawson (Ann.)

Mike & Tasha Ellis (Ann.)

Timothy Arnold

Maurine Reed

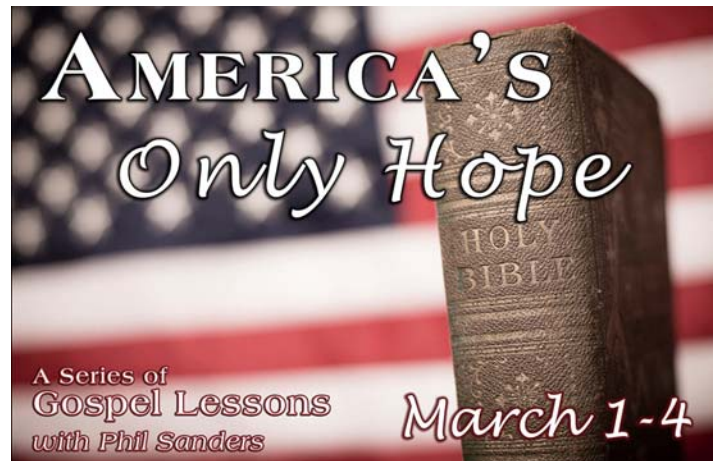
Friday (February 6th)

Kenneth Long

Sherrie Tibbetts

Saturday (February 7th)

Connie Plouffe



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, February 1

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
 Opening Prayer Ivan Villard
 Scripture Reading Daniel Swayne
 Presiding at Table Johnny Davis
 Serve at Table:
 Jimmie Banks Tommy Pauldo
 Tim Cox Taylor Reeves
 Paul Hensel Mike Trujillo
 Namdidie Ikon Marty Williams
 Alternates:
 David Brown David Lord
 Closing Prayer Richard Watson

Sunday Evening, February 1

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
 Opening Prayer Mike Erickson
 Scripture Reading Michael Fox
 Presiding at Table Dirk Summerlot
 Serve at Table
 Pete Brown
 Bobbo Lupo
 Leonard Williams
 Prayer Jim Davis

Wednesday Evening, February 4

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
 Invitation Shea Brown
 Family Prayer Chuck Clark

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 25	Dec. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	252	231
Sun. A.M. Worship	381	366
Sun. P.M. Worship	201	189
Wed. Bible study	211	174
Contribution	\$122,618.76	\$14,802
2015 Weekly Budget: TBA		

Ushers for the week of **Feb. 1**: Head Usher: Glen Dawson; Andy Griffiths & Kevin Weeks



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Service Schedule





Sunday:
Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

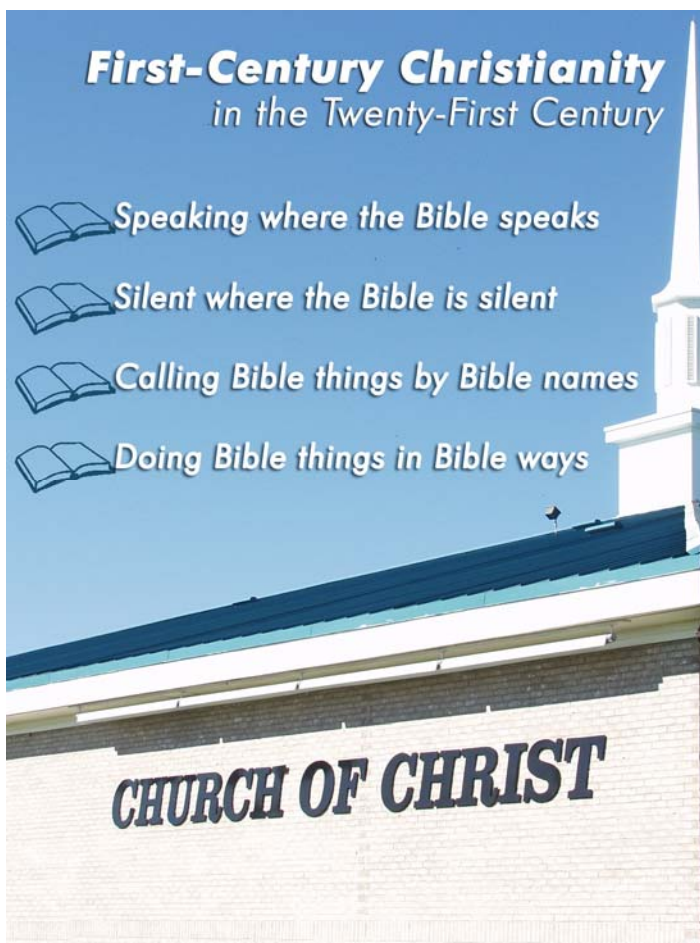
Wednesday:
Bible classes 7:00 p.m.



Front Cover: **Mauricio & Kayla Yegros (our missionaries in Coral Springs)**
(Baby Yegros is due any day now)

First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

-  Speaking where the Bible speaks
-  Silent where the Bible is silent
-  Calling Bible things by Bible names
-  Doing Bible things in Bible ways



Upcoming Events

February 8
"Laborers Together with God" Sunday

February 15
PBL "Family Groups" Sunday

February 21
Sweetheart Banquet

March 1-4
Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

April 16
Ladies' Day with Celine Sparks

April 19
Troy Spradlin Mission Report

May 1-2
Evangelism Training for Youth with Lonnie Jones