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- Chuck Clark 627-4132
- Victor Colage..... 798-6275
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Welcome New Members

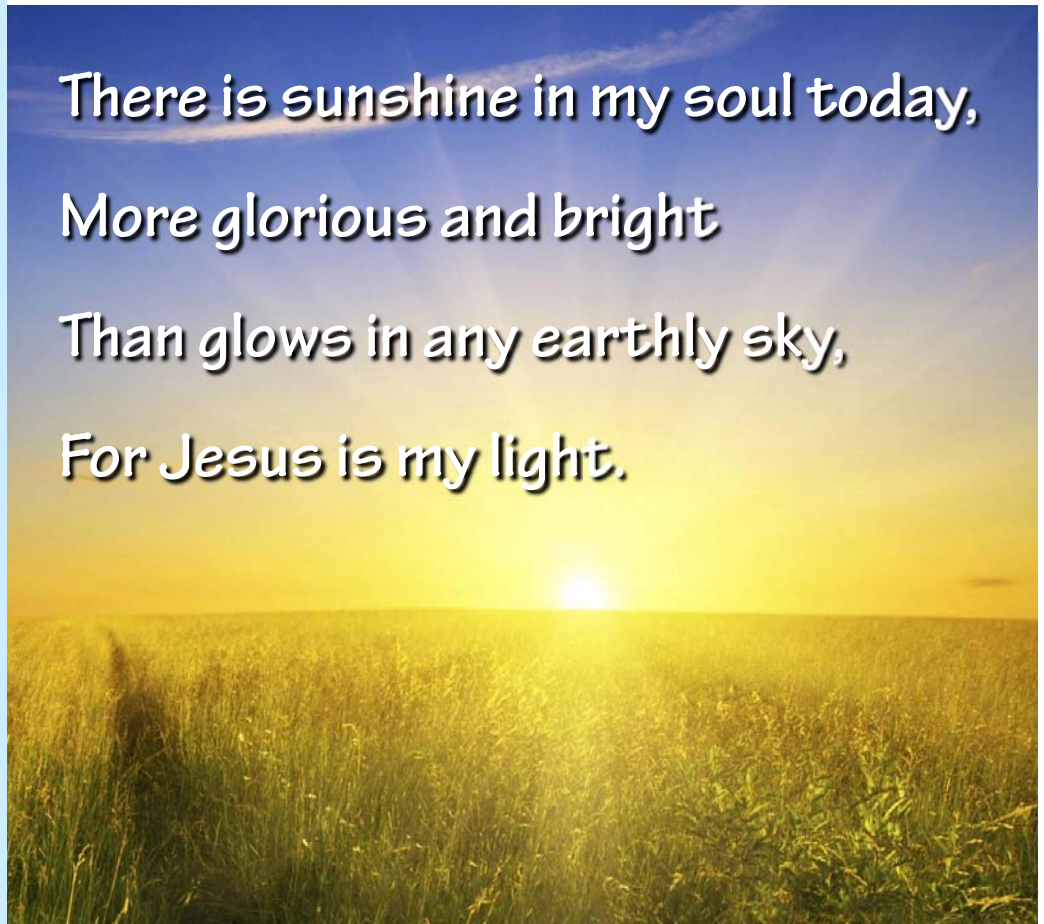


Thomas, Jeff

Group 3

Identified July 5

**There is sunshine in my soul today,
 More glorious and bright
 Than glows in any earthly sky,
 For Jesus is my light.**





By Dan Jenkins

Understanding the Kingdom's Nature

There were eighty-four divinely sent messengers who proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven was about to be established. Beginning with John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2), then with Jesus (Matt. 4:17), then the twelve apostles (Matt. 10:7), and finally the 70 disciples Jesus sent out, the message was, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." No one can deny that those in the first century expected the kingdom to come during their lives (Mark 9:1). To understand this message and the place of the kingdom in God's eternal plan, look at the parables of Jesus.

The kingdom is like a man who goes out sowing seed in his field. Matthew 13 and Luke 8 record this message from the Son of God. That seed was the word of God, and when sown in the hearts of men, it produced the children of the kingdom. The book of Acts shows exactly how this happened. The Lord never described the kingdom as Jesus sitting on a throne in Jerusalem. The preaching about Jesus produced the kingdom!

The kingdom is like a man sowing good seed in his field and his enemy (the devil) sowing weeds in the same field. Jesus wanted those who saw the kingdom in their lifetime to understand that Satan would come and seek to hide the kingdom from mankind by confusing them. He would make

it hard to see the difference between the pure seed (the gospel) and counterfeit seeds he would sow. Jesus wanted us to understand the importance of knowing the word and following it so we could be the children of the kingdom.

The kingdom of heaven is also a mustard seed, leaven, a hidden treasure, a man seeking one good pearl and a fishnet. All these are described in Matthew 13. Jesus told five other parables to help men understand the kingdom. When it began, it was like a tiny seed that grew into a large tree. There were only 12 men in the upper room, but soon the whole world knew of the kingdom. It spread like leaven into the lost world. Its worth was so great that every honest man should invest everything when he finds the treasure of the kingdom. Those in the kingdom search the world to find a soul to teach (a pearl of great price) and then give their all to gain that soul. Jesus also wanted men to know that in the kingdom there would be great and godly individuals, but there would be some evil men (bad fish) which would be dealt with on the last day.

Do you want to understand the kingdom? Then read Matthew 13 two or three times, and you will see its nature. Having read this chapter, then read the book of Acts. When you get to the end, you will see how Jesus proclaimed the kingdom. It is tragic so many do not teach this today!

The kingdom parables of Jesus makes it easy for us to understand the kingdom



By David Sproule

What God Says About Homosexuality (Part 4 of 5)

When one claims to speak (or write) what "God says," obligation is placed upon that person to do just that—speak what God says and only what God says. The apostle Peter wrote, "If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God" (1 Pet. 4:11, NIV). The intent of these articles is not to present personal opinion or to offer harsh criticism or to render unfair judgment. It is simply to present "what God says"! Having already investigated some Old Testament passages, consider these from the New Testament.

Romans chapter 1 is explicitly clear. "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men" (1:18). Now, notice what God's wrath is revealed against specifically. "God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies" (1:24, ESV). What were they doing? "God gave them up to dishonorable passions" (1:26). What were they doing? "For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another" (1:26-27). These were "men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due" (1:27, NKJV). This is such a graphic and instructive text.

Note in this passage that the behavior is "impure," "dishonorable," "contrary to nature," "shameful" and an "error." Those are not my words or my evaluation; those are God's words and God's evaluation. Verse 32 goes on to conclude that "those who practice such things are deserving of death," as well as those who "give approval to those who practice them." This is serious and not something to be taken lightly or dismissed nonchalantly.

As Romans 1 revealed the wrath of God against all unrighteousness, Paul asked this question in 1 Corinthians 6: "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?" (6:9). Those who practice unrighteousness will suffer eternal consequences for it. Paul then specifies, "Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (6:9-10). Note the two words, "homosexuals" and "sodomites," which the NIV translates, "men who have sex with men." While some have been led to believe that this doesn't actually mean what it says, note how Paul begins by saying, "Do not be deceived."

This is not a comfortable or popular topic to discuss, in some respects, however, we must know what God says, so that we can follow what God says in our lives.

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By Josh Blackmer

The Exalted Christ and the Accuser

John was on the Isle of Patmos, which is just off the coast of Miletus in the Aegean Sea. It was the Lord's day, and he was given the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. The image of the Christ before him was different than the one he had come to love while in Jerusalem. It was different than the resurrected Christ John saw in the locked room or off the coast of the Galilean Sea. He saw the exalted Christ, "and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength (Rev. 1:13-16). It is this Christ that stands in the middle of the churches and says, "I know your works..." It is this Christ that has thrown down the accuser from chapter 12.

In this chapter, Satan is shown to be the one that accuses us day and night of sin. "And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and

Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.'" (Rev. 12:9-11). Now that these things have come (salvation, power, the kingdom and the authority of Christ), the accuser has been thrown down. We are able to overcome because of these three things. The blood of the Lamb, the sacrifice for our sins so that they will be taken away and there will be nothing to accuse us of on the day of judgment. The word of our testimony, that is, that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of the living God (Acts 8:37). A love for God more than life (Rev. 2:10; Gal. 2:20).

If these three things are in place in our Christian lives, then we can overcome what Satan will throw at us. We must be vigilant. Satan is still as a roaring Lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet. 5:8, 9). If we are abiding in the love of God by keeping his commandments, then we can be made as conquerors through His love (Rom. 8:33-39).

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Taken captive to do his will

God's desire is for His people to "know His will" (Acts 22:14; Rom. 2:18; Col. 1:9) and "do His will" (John 7:17; Heb. 13:21). But, there is another entity who wants us "to do his will." Some Christians have strayed from "the truth," and they need to "come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil," for they have "been taken captive by him to do his will" (2 Tim. 2:25-26).

Some individuals live their days ignorant to the reality that they are actually pawns in the hand of Satan, doing his bidding and making a devastating impact on the world, according to his will. The temptation of sin is strong. The pleasure of sin is enticing. The blindness to sin is pervasive. And, too often, those who are engulfed in the power of the devil do not even realize that he "transforms himself into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14).

Who is in control of your life? Whose will are you doing? Who are you seeking to please? Take time to evaluate your thoughts, your wishes, your decisions, against the will of God!
-- DS



God is waiting for you

God promised Noah that He was going to destroy the earth with a flood and only those who were prepared would be saved. Noah began preparations by building the ark, and "during the construction of the ark," "the patience of God kept waiting" (1 Pet. 3:21). Notice the tense of that verb. The patience (or longsuffering) of God--for people lost in sin to repent and turn to Him--kept on waiting and waiting and waiting. God wanted so much for them to be saved!

That same word is used about our present day. "The Lord...is longsuffering toward us" continually and persistently (as evidenced by the tense of the verb) (2 Pet. 3:9). And, how should we interpret the "longsuffering" of God? How should we interpret the delay in Christ's coming? We must "consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation" (2 Pet. 3:15). Like in the days of Noah, the Lord has warned that He is going to destroy the earth one day. And now, the Lord is waiting and waiting and waiting to send Christ, because He wants everyone to be saved! Have you responded to the longsuffering of God toward you? -- DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Kay Fish	recovering at home
Margaret Griffo	not doing well
Dick Haines	now at home, recovering from diverticulitis
Loretta James	recovering from a procedure
Lynne Jorgensen	scheduled for knee replacement surgery (7/28)
Godfrey Pratt	recovering at home from a fall

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
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Our Shut-Ins:	Millie Ames	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Don & Betty Matter	Joe Quigley
	Cora Lee Dennis	Margaret Griffo	Shelton Howell	Deidra Miley	Ricky Smedley
	Kay Fish	Margie Hardin	Daniel Johnson	Leigh Puckett	Margaret Wade

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Maggie Anderson	Novel Brown's sister, not doing well
Bessie Butler	Bessie Walker's sister, on life support in Miami
Victor Colage	Victor Colage's father, recovering from surgery
Jackie Hensel	Paul & Kim Hensel's daughter, recovering from accident
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy's great-grandson, chest surgery (7/30)
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, recovering at home from heart surg
Traci Scott	Scott Lewis' sister, recovering from a procedure

Remember Our Mission Works

Paraguay
Troy & Andrea Spradlin

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, July 27

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume in September.

Tuesday, July 28

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

Sunday, August 2

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

Wednesday-Sunday, August 5-9

- ◆ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night (Wednesday-Saturday) at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "*Following the Followers of Jesus.*" Speakers will be Ralph Walker (Tampa) and Mark Boyles (Kansas City). See the bulletin board for more details.

Thursday, August 6

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

Sunday, August 9

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

Tuesday, August 11

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lana Smith.

Thursday, August 13

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin & Stephanie Weeks.
- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Sunday, August 30

- ◆ **5th Sunday Singing** during evening assembly.

Sunday, September 6

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



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Saturday, August 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier.

Monday, August 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Goodale.

Sunday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 16

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.

Saturday, August 22

- ◆ **Young Adult Service Project.** See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, September 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.



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Youth

Sunday, July 26

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

Saturday, August 1

- ◆ **Jr. High Back-to-School Shopping & Lunch** from 11:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring \$20 (for lunch & school supplies). See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 23

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - August, 2015

August 2

August 9

August 16

August 23

August 30

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Garry Friedly
Opening Prayer	Jerry Hopkins	Jeff Leslie	Jimmie Banks	Richard Lerro	Rick Hall
Scripture Reading	Freddie Gadson	Johnny Davis	Mike Erickson	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Dan McLeod
Presiding at Table	Jerry Pittman	Justin Maloney	Kane Campbell	Kevin Weeks	L.H. Richardson
Serving at Table:	Jordan Beasley	Chad Brown	Pete Brown	Henry Bass	Novel Brown
	Chuck Clark	Jeff Goodale	Lance Collier	Doug Carrick	Shea Brown
	Gorman Ericksen	Bobby Ingraham	Jim Davis	Tim Fry	Harrison Carter
	Namdidie Ikon	Les McQuinn	Wallace Jones	Orlando Lolo	Ted Freisner
	Deltom Lequernaque	Vincent Rogers	Taylor Reeves	Ken Long	Charles Hayes
	Morris McDaniel	David Thorpe	Dirk Summerlot	Carmen Ruckman	Tommy Pauldo
	Nate Nelson	Daniel Wagner	Chris Thomas	Scott Studer	Gary Seames
	Mike Trujillo	Lawrence Williams	Eugene Williams	Richard Watson	Clayton Trujillo
Closing Prayer	Paul Hensel	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Darin Summerlot	Brent Leslie	Dan Fuller

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer	Bob Higbee	Chris Thompson	Gary Jenkins	Cam Crotts	David Brown
Scripture Reading	Harrison Carter	Austin Williams	Bobbo Lupo	Adam Seal	Deltom Lequernaque
Presiding at Table	Jim Rogers	Josh Blackmer	Phil Porter	Joe Maloney	David Lord
Serving at Table:	Tommy Pauldo	Mike Fox	Paul Batitsky	John Kemp	Gorman Ericksen
	Clayton Trujillo	Jeremy Maloney	Nick Pietro	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Vincent Rogers
	Marty Williams	Austin Metzkes	Leonard Williams	Daniel Swayne	David Thorpe
Closing Prayer	Glen Dawson	Kevin Weeks	Victor Colage	Bill Ingram, Sr.	Jerry Pittman

Alternates:					
	Novel Brown	Ted Freisner	Mike Ellis	Jeff Goodale	Kane Campbell
	Charles Hayes	Rick Hall	Brad Shelt	Nate Nelson	Eugene Williams

Technical Assignments						
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Shea Brown	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Adam Seal	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Adam Seal	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	August 2 & 5	August 9 & 12	August 16 & 19	August 23 & 26	Aug. 30 & Sep. 2
Head Usher	Dick Kelley →				
	Doug Carrick	Shea Brown	Jordan Beasley	Morris McDaniel	Bob Higbee
	Gary Seames	Paul Metzkes	Rick Price	Jim Rogers	Namdidie Ikon

- 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,
July 19

Congratulations to **Mike & Melanie Heitman** upon the birth of their son, **James Winston**, on Saturday, July 18, weighing 4 lbs., 1 oz.



Tracey Brady was baptized Sunday morning, July 19.

LOCAL VISITORS: Nadine Alexis; Mr. Jean Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Antone Faria; Eddie Gooden; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Shantel Martin; James Proby; Mrs. Kayla Robinson; Kevin Schenk; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; and Ralph Williams, Sr.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson, Dubai, UAE; Mrs. Daisy Blunt, Charleston, SC; Terry & Sherri Cheshier, Duncanville, TX; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Mr. Kyree Davis & Moriah Mobley, Ft Pierce, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Davison, MI; Imani Irby; David & Jennifer Jar-ess, Taylor, & Kaitlyn, Port St. Lucie; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Corinn Miller; Ray & Benetia Russell, Welaka, FL; Ms. Melanie Sanks, Haines City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry Varner, Marietta, OH; Jon Wasserman; and Ms. Linda Wolfe & Ava Johnson, Fayetteville, NC.



Sunday (July 26th)

Marsha Beasley
Jeff Feeney
Eva Fulton

Monday (July 27th)

Willie Cox

Tuesday (July 28th)

David & Skye Brown (Ann.)
Joy Cantrell

Wednesday (July 29th)

Les & Betty McQuinn (Ann.)

Thursday (July 30th)

Victor Colage
Adam Seal

Friday (July 31st)

Janet Hickerson

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, July 26

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Henry Bass
Scripture Reading..... Phil Porter
Preside at Table Dick Kelley
Serve at Table:
 Doug Carrick Jeremy Maloney
 Ted Friesner Chuck Reeves, Sr.
 Jeff Leslie Chris Thomas
 Kenneth Long Kevin Weeks
Alternates:
 Dan Fuller Scott Studer
Closing Prayer Paul Metzkes

Sunday Evening, July 26

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer David Thorpe
Scripture Reading..... Bob Higbee
Presiding at Table.....Dirk Summerlot
Serve at Table:
 Tim Fry
 Nick Pietro
 Adam Seal
Closing PrayerJoe Maloney

Wednesday Evening, July 29

Lead Singing Adam Seal
Invitation..... Daniel Wagner
Family Prayer Johnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	<u>July 19</u>	<u>Jun. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	181	210
Sun. A.M. Worship	338	343
Sun. P.M. Worship	158	195
Wed. Bible study	158	212
Contribution	\$14,250	\$13,854
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -8,710		

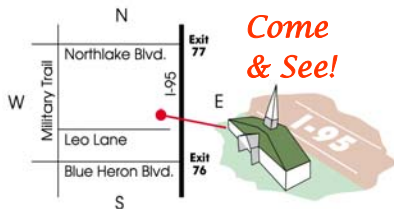
Ushers for the week of **July 26**: Head Usher: Tim Cox; Jimmie Banks & Dan McLeod



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, silent where the Bible is silent.



Come & See!

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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: **Nate Nelson**

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).



“All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).