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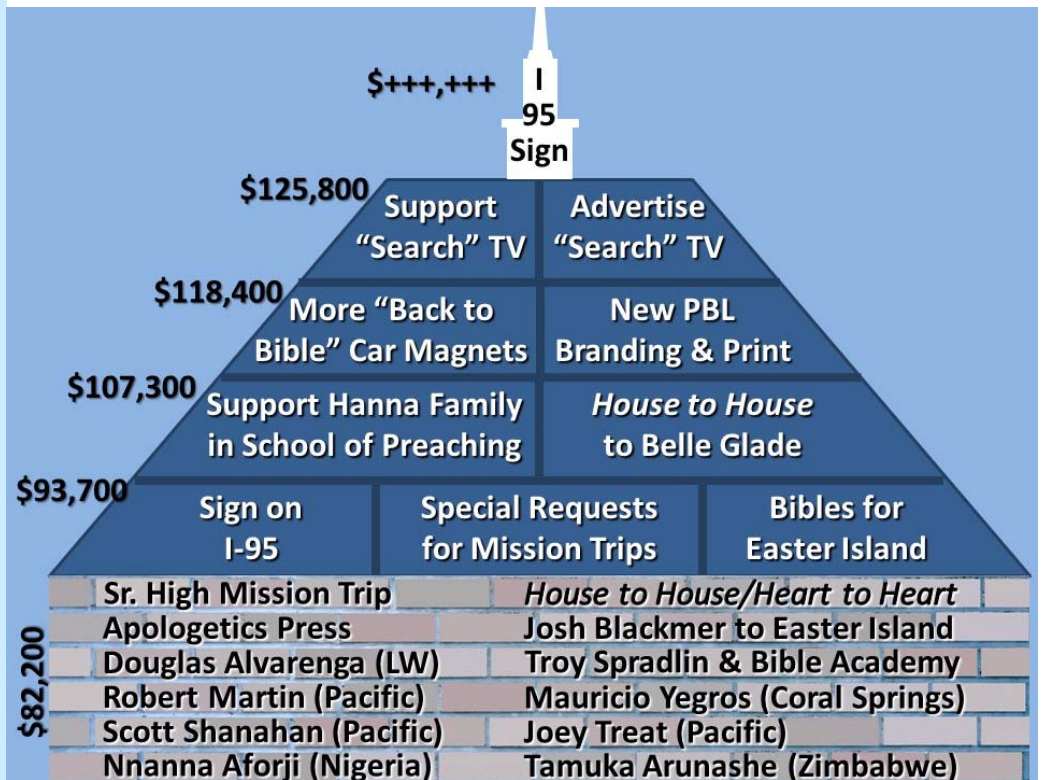
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MISSION SUNDAY 2016

January 31

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



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





By Dan Jenkins

Eyes of Faith Looking Upward

It is remarkable how often the Bible makes reference to our ability to see. The contrast between righteousness and unrighteousness is illustrated by referring to light and darkness. The Bible uses the spiritual eyes of Christians walking by faith in contrast to those who walk in darkness. Our God wants us to use the eyes of faith to look upward.

David, whose heart was like the heart of God, gives insight into the source of his spirituality. How did he begin his day? Take time to read his words slowly and think about them. "My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to You and I will look up" (Psa. 5:3). Imagine how busy the life of the king of Israel was, yet he found time each day to look upward and spend time with God. How foolish are we when we get so busy that we cannot find time to look up to our God!

The prophet Micah also showed this same use of spiritual eyes. "Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me" (Mic. 7:7). Reading his description of Israel is like reading the description of America today. It was a land where men went to bed at night but not to rest. "Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it" (Mic. 2:1).

Some men practice evil, but the prophet described Israel as those who "...successfully do evil with both hands" (Mic. 7:3). How did Micah deal with all of this? He looked upward to God, waiting for God to bring about His salvation. As you are filled with despair about all that is happening in this land, look upwards and wait for God.

The writer of Hebrews dealt with those whose faith was being challenged and who were tempted to turn away from God and choose a less demanding life. What illustration did he use to encourage them? He described life as being like a race. He urged them to lay aside every weight which encumbered them as they ran and to keep going onward with patient steadfastness. Then he said, "Looking unto Jesus...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:2). Instead of focusing on our own "crosses" and adversities, we should look upward to see our Lord seated in heaven. He never gave up, and we can look upward and see Him there awaiting our arrival.

So, when you are in the midst of trial, remember the examples set before us by David, Micah and the Lord. We are never alone, for He will never leave us or forsake us. Instead of looking outward at the problems, may God help us to look up. The eyes of faith see things which others will never see!

How foolish are we when we get so busy we cannot find time to look upward!



By David Sproule

I'm a Christian First

Life. Sometimes it controls us. Sometimes we get so entrenched in what we're doing that we lose sight of what is most important. As Christians, there is one simple truth that must guide every decision we make and every move we take—Christ is to "have first place in everything" (Col. 1:18).

Christ must have first place in my life! My relationship with Christ must take first place in all that I do! Above all other things in this life, I am a Christian first!

As a citizen of this country, I am a Christian first! My citizenship must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better citizen and my nation a better place!

As an employee with a job, I am a Christian first! My job must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better worker and my job a better place!

As a member of my family, I am a Christian first! My family must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better spouse, parent, child or sibling and my home a better place!

As a friend to others, I am a Christian first! My friends must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better friend and my relation-

ships a better place!

As a member of various organizations, I am a Christian first! My involvement must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better member and my organization a better place!

As a user of social media, I am a Christian first! My browsing and posting must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better user and my posts, pages and walls a better place!

As an aficionado of fun, I am a Christian first! My hobbies must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better participant and my recreation a better place!

As a student at school, I am a Christian first! My educational pursuits must not deter me from my first priority! Rather, being a Christian should make me a better student and my school a better place!

Don't let your life control you! Let Christ control your life! As difficult as that might be, that's the way it's supposed to work! Life on this earth is not about living for ourselves but about living for Him! "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). Think about it!

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By Josh Blackmer

“Do this in remembrance of Me.”

What would it have been like to partake in the Lord’s Supper with the apostles? Or, with Mary, Martha and Lazarus? Or any of those upon whom the Lord made such a lasting impact? What would they be thinking about as the words rolled across their minds, “Do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19)? They could have been thinking about any of the events that we have recorded in the gospels. There was the upper room when He told them of this ceremonial meal (Matt. 26:26-29). There was the washing of the feet that took place that night (John 13:3-10). They also could be thinking of any untold number of things that were never recorded in the Bible. Maybe each of them had an event that was special to themselves that they never told anyone about. To have been in the room with them and to have heard them talk about Jesus, the man they saw, loved and missed, would have been such a treasure.

As we think about our Lord, we can only imagine what Christ would have been like. We have an intellectual understanding of the events as they were recorded and a heart of faith, but we stop short of having enough detail for an accurate mental image. The Bible was not written as a novel that it would lay out details which would allow us to form an image of the scene in our minds. We are given the events, dialogue and

pertinent details as the story unfolded. The rest of the blanks we have to fill in with our limited understanding of that time period, culture, geography and ancient history. We can be confident that we have “all things that pertain to life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3). It is just that those details are not needed for life and godliness.

The beauty of this is that it is no less meaningful for us who never saw, heard or touched the Lord. With the details out of the way, we are able to focus on the bigger picture and see what the Lord had been preparing for thousands of years, even our salvation (Eph. 3:9). We were given no forms, images or descriptions so that we would not create idols or things to be revered (Deut. 4:15-16). As we read the words, “Do this in remembrance of Me,” we are remembering a price that was paid. We are remembering a body that was hung on a tree. We are remembering a covenant that was sealed in a more precious blood than that of bulls and goats. We are remembering the love of the Father that He demonstrates in the death of His only begotten Son.

These thoughts may not give us the sensation of remembering the Master’s touch as He washed our feet, but our hearts are no less touched, moved by the profound act of love by the Creator. The Great I Am purchased us, made us His own, and at the table we remember the “Me” that made it possible.

Every time we partake we are saying, “We remember.”

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Only loving parents discipline

“Mom, I thought you loved me!” “I do love you, sweetheart!” “Then, why did you spank me? If you loved me, you wouldn’t spank me!” “I disciplined you because I love you! If I didn’t love you, I wouldn’t discipline you!”

How many parents have had a conversation like that? Discipline, to a child and some outsiders, seems so unfair and so unloving. But, “he who loves [his child] disciplines him promptly” (Prov. 13:24). The motivation of parental discipline is love. The goal of parental discipline is heaven, for prompt and proper discipline can “deliver his soul from hell” (Prov. 23:14).

Do you know that the discipline of God is for the very same reason? Some say, “If God is a loving God, why does He have such rigid rules? Why does He punish so harshly?” “For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines” (Heb. 12:6). The motivation of God’s discipline is love. The goal of God’s discipline is heaven. Let us respect Him and submit to Him (12:9)! – DS



Is it ever ok to be angry?

When Moses came off of Mount Sinai and caught sight of the golden calf, his “anger became hot” (Ex. 32:19). Was Moses wrong to be angry at Israel’s idolatry? When Jesus came into the temple and caught sight of “those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables,” “He made a scourge of cords, and drive them all out” (John 2:14-15). Was Jesus wrong to be angry at the materialistic use of God’s house? When the hypocritical Pharisees, intent on destroying Jesus, refused to answer His simple question, He looked at them “with anger,” because of the hardness of their hearts (Mark 3:5). Was Jesus wrong to be angry with their self-centered, heart-hearted, evil-minded behavior?

Sin is wrong! There is nothing about sin that should put a Christian at ease! Sin separates a sinner from God, and its tentacles impact the lives of others! “God is angry with the wicked every day” (Psa. 7:11). Therefore, sin should make the Christian angry! The anger must not be an uncontrolled rage (Eph. 4:26), but a controlled righteous indignation toward evil is Christ-like. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Bonnie Arthur	recovering at home from hospitalization
Gloria Boyd	recovering at home from surgery
Mary Brown	recovering at home from outpatient procedure
Joseph Charles	JFK Hospital (room 2201), kidney stone complications
Dick Haines	continues to struggle with health issues
Juanita Huser	recovering from fall, broke her left upper arm
Bill Ingram, Sr.	recovering from carpal tunnel surgery (1/29)
Tracy Jamison	recovering from surgery (1/29)
Joe Quigley	recovering at home from kidney failure
Jim Rogers	recovering at home from chemo for leukemia

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Annie Faison	suffering with chronic pain
Janet Hickerson	chronic health problems
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Godfrey Pratt	suffering with back issues
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bonnye Cox	Connye Plouffe's sister, chemo for chronic leukemia
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, biopsy for possible cancer
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, rehab, recovering from hip surg.
Curtis Spann	Glen Dawson's cousin, pneumonia & heart problems

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

Sunday, January 31

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work.
- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby** during evening assembly.

Sunday-Wednesday, January 31-February 3

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Clewiston** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). David Caskey will be preaching.

Sunday-Thursday, January 31-February 4

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Third Street** each night at 7:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday). Gale Nelson will be speaking on "The Family."

Monday, February 1

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2

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

Friday-Sunday, February 5-7

- ♦ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** The year's theme is "Create in Me a Clean Heart." Peggy Hall is the retreat coordinator. Cost is \$35. See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, February 6

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Julie Moore will be speaking on "Apples of Gold." See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 11

- ♦ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Johnny & Betty Davis.

Saturday, February 13

- ♦ **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. Tickets are \$5 per person (pay at the door). RSVP to David Sproule by January 31.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Monday, February 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hayden Lau. Bring salad, drinks and desserts.

Friday, February 12

- ♦ **Young Adult Bonfire Devo** at 7:30 p.m. Meet in the Family Room. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring an item for the taco & burrito dinner.

Saturday, February 20

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Dinner & Event.** Location TBD.

Sunday, February 21

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

Monday, February 22

- ♦ **Meat Night for YA Men** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Sproule. BYOM.

Friday-Sunday, February 26-28

- ♦ **Young Adult Camping Trip.** See Ivan, Shea or Adam for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Friday, February 12

- ♦ **Sr. High Camping** on the church property. Tents will be set up at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner & a bonfire devo with the Young Adults. Parents should pick up teens on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring an item for the taco & burrito dinner. See Mike Trujillo or Ivan Villard for more information.

Saturday, February 13

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** Jr. High Youth should arrive at 3:30 p.m. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, February 14

- ♦ **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 26-28

- ♦ **YES Weekend for Grades 8-12** at the Forrest Park congregation in Valdosta, GA. Meet at the church building at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person (pay by Feb. 15).

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - February, 2016

February 7

February 14

February 21

February 28

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	
Opening Prayer	Eugene Williams	Tim Cox	Victor Colage	Justin Maloney	
Scripture Reading	Jerry Pittman	Novel Brown	Paul Hensel	Taylor Reeves	
Presiding at Table	Daniel Swayne	Kane Campbell	David Thorpe	Richard Watson	
Serving at Table:	Jordan Beasley	David Brown	Jimmie Banks	Pete Brown	
	Doug Carrick	Josue Charles	Chuck Clark	Mike Damron	
	Eddie Gooden	Rick Hall	Freddie Gadson	Tim Fry	
	Brett Lau	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Deltom Lequernaque	Bobby Ingraham	
	David Lord	Jeremy Maloney	Les McQuinn	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	
	Vincent Rogers	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Jacade Reynolds	Jim Rogers	
	Micah Trujillo	Daniel Wagner	Clayton Trujillo	Chris Thompson	
	Nahum Villard	Marty Williams	Lawrence Williams	Austin Williams	
Closing Prayer	Brad Shelt	Johnny Davis	Orlando Lolo	Henry Bass	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Ken Tipton	Dan McLeod	Jerry Pittman	
Opening Prayer	Paul Metzkes	Gary Seames	Nate Nelson	Morris McDaniel	
Scripture Reading	Kevin Weeks	Mike Erickson	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Leslie	
Presiding at Table	Scott Studer	Joe Maloney	Darin Summerlot	Richard Lerro	
Serving at Table:	Gorman Ericksen	Nick Pietro	Mike Fox	Jeff Goodale	
	Bobbo Lupo	Carmen Ruckman	Adam Seal	Scott Lewis	
	Ken Tipton	Mike Trujillo	Leonard Williams	Tommy Pauldo	
Closing Prayer	Harrison Carter	Dirk Summerlot	Tom Martens	Josh Blackmer	

Alternates:					
	Charles Hayes	Cam Crotts	Dan Fuller	Lance Collier	
	Phil Porter	L.H. Richardson	Ken Long	Jim Davis	

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

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	Feb. 7 & 10	Feb. 14 & 17	Feb. 21 & 24	Feb. 28 & Mar. 2	
Head Usher	Glen Dawson →				
	Bob Higbee	Namddie Ikon	Stephen Beliech	Shea Brown	
	Rick Price	Dick Kelley	Wallace Jones	Dan McLeod	

- 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)



Directory Changes

Tracy Brady moved to Miami.



Sunday,
January 24

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (January 31st)

Charles Hayes
Mary A. Jackson

Tuesday (February 2nd)

Gai Ingram

Wednesday (February 3rd)

Jennifer Goodale

Thursday (February 4th)

Novel & Mary Brown (Ann.)

Thursday (February 4th) cont.

Lilly Lolo
Deidra Miley

Friday (February 5th)

Glen & Josie Dawson (Ann.)
Mike & Tasha Ellis (Ann.)
Maurine Reed

Saturday (February 6th)

Kenneth Long
Sherrie Tibbetts

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Andy & Letha Anderson; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Mr. Greg Bland; Mr. Jean Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Carol Gerber; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Jessie Gower-Winter; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Milton Jones; Mrs. Karen Lester; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Mr. & Mrs. Henry & Alecia Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Mrs. Cecilia Tipton; Mrs. Marion Vanderwende; and Ms. Mary Sue Young.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Don & Judy Mahaney, Vienna WV; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann, Delray Beach; Consuelo & Marta Mendoza and Isabel Rojas, Costa Rica; Mr. & Mrs. Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Pauline Montgomery, New Albany, IN; Mr. Jake Musgrave, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Mrs. Lenis Villard, Daytona Beach, FL.



Thank you for the cards, visits and encouragement during my recent illness. I really appreciate all the love that was shown to me from my family here at Palm Beach Lakes.

Charles Fifield

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 31

Lead Singing Jerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Rick Hall
Scripture Reading Stephen Beliech
Presiding at Table Ivan Villard, Jr.
Serve at Table:
Mike Ellis Orlando Lolo
Tim Fry Tommy Pauldo
Wallace Jones Jim Rogers
Brent Leslie Dirk Summerlot
Alternates:
Josh Blackmer Jeff Goodale
Closing Prayer Dan Fuller

Sunday Evening, January 31

Lead Singing Sproule, Lupo, Friedly
Opening Prayer Chuck Clark
Scripture Reading Richard Watson
Presiding at Table D. Lequernaqué
Serve at Table:
Lance Collier
Richard Lerro
Jeremy Maloney
Closing Prayer Les McQuinn
Wednesday Evening, February 3
Lead Singing Ivan Villard, Jr.
Invitation Bobbo Lupo
Family Prayer Nate Nelson

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 24	Dec. Av.
Sun. Bible study	237	232
Sun. A.M. Worship	363	375
Sun. P.M. Worship	190	183
Wed. Bible study	173	187
Contribution	\$14,076	\$15,475
2016 Weekly Budget: TBA		

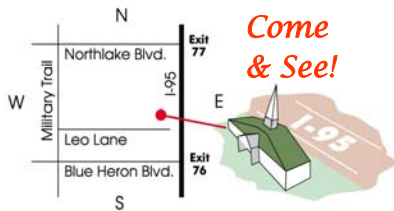
Ushers for the week of **Jan. 31**: Head Usher: Victor Colage; Jim Davis & Bobby Ingraham



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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: **Glen Dawson**

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

January 31

Mission Sunday

January 31

Fifth Sunday Singing in the Lobby

February 13

Sweetheart Banquet

March 6-9

Gospel Meeting with Sam Jones

Theme: "You Can Be Just a Christian"

April 17

Promotion Sunday

April 21

Ladies' Day

May 1

Troy Spradlin Mission Report