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- Dan Fuller..... 478-3755
- Joe Holland ..... 626-2809
- \*Jerry Hopkins ..... 434-4188
- Phil Porter ..... 575-4782
- \*Chairman for the Month of May*

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- David Sproule..... 301-2230
- Josh Blackmer ..... 319-1418

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- Novel Brown ..... 848-6988
- Chuck Clark ..... 627-4132
- Victor Colage..... 798-6275
- Lance Collier..... 793-2718
- Jim Davis ..... 747-2984
- Mike Erickson..... 310-9916
- Tim Fry ..... 373-9121
- Jeff Goodale ..... 261-1188
- Rick Hall ..... 622-5131
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# Welcome New Members



**Flowers, Lowell**

Group 4

*Identified May 15*



**Kelley, Kathy**

Group 2

*Identified May 15*

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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## KNIGHT'S QUEST

The Armor of God

# JUNE 19-22

Each Night at 7:00 p.m.

Classes for all ages! (Babies, Children, Teens & Adults)



By Dan Jenkins

## The Prayer of an “Old Preacher”

We may not think of that shepherd boy as a preacher, but perhaps we should. When David arrived at the battlefield, almost every word he spoke proclaimed the power and majesty of God. His words give great insight into the heart that God described as being like His own heart. David’s older brother saw him as a youth who had abandoned the sheep and said David was filled with pride and was insolent in his heart (1 Sam. 7:28). But he was wrong.

That young man had seen the providence of God when he killed a bear and a lion who were ready to kill a helpless lamb. David knew God’s nature and the challenge of Goliath had to be answered. He was not concerned about how big that giant was, for he knew how big God was!

As a youth he had also faced sin’s temptation and dealt with it. He showed how a young man could cleanse his heart “by taking heed according to Your word” (Psa. 119:9). It was in the sheepfold that he learned of God’s green pastures, still waters, the rod, the staff and the cup overflowing with oil.

Yet he was not always a young man. His words in Psalm 71:17-18 give us great insight into the devotion he had first as a youth and the devotion he had in his old age. Look at the words of that psalm.

*“O God, You have taught me from my youth;  
And to this day I declare Your wondrous works.”*

David knew God from his youth and he had declared God’s glory to others. He knew God and he unashamedly taught others about Him. What was he like as he grew old?

*“Now also when I am old and grayheaded,  
O God, do not forsake me,  
Until I declare Your strength to this generation,  
Your power to everyone who is to come.”*

**The truths David needed as a youth were needed by all generations**

David understood that the truths which he had used to cleanse his young heart were the same truths that following generations needed to cleanse their hearts. They needed them because God’s words are eternal and truth does not change. David said, “The entirety of Your word is truth and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever” (Psa. 119:160). He had taught those truths as a young man and now as he grew old he asked God to continue using him.

Read his words again. Every generation needed God’s words, and David emphasized that that needed the *entirety* of His words—*every single one* of His righteous judgments. Mankind does not change. The needs of every generation are the same. God’s remedy for sin does not change.

It was an older generation who taught young David. He owed them a great debt. The same is true of you!



By David Sproule

## “Christ Did Not Send Me to Baptize”

It is a favorite proof text of those who deny the Scriptural teaching of the essentiality of baptism for salvation. In First Corinthians 1:17, Paul affirmed, “For Christ did not send me to baptize...” Some think this proves that baptism is not essential. The problem is that the passage actually proves more than they want it to prove.

First, consider how Paul would condemn himself in this passage for doing what he said God sent him not to do. If he was not to baptize, then why would Paul state repeatedly in this passage, “I baptized...I had baptized...I also baptized...I baptized...” (1:14-16). Four times in this passage, Paul admits to baptizing and twice even names who he baptized. If he was not sent to baptize (as some want to stress), then he condemned himself by baptizing.

Paul was not given a different commission than the apostles were given in Mark 16:15. In that passage, Jesus commanded, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel.” That is the preacher’s primary duty. Baptizing people is the natural result of preaching the gospel, as the hearers make up their minds to obey that gospel and be baptized to be saved (v. 16). Paul was emphasizing his primary responsibility (i.e., “to preach the gospel,” v. 17), which of necessity included the

**There is a direct connection between baptism and salvation from sin.**

teaching (Acts 8:35-39) and the practice (Matt. 28:19) of baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

Second, notice the contextual reason for why Paul was making these statements about baptism. The church in Corinth was being devastated by division, and Paul did not want to have contributed one iota to that division, lest a charge could be laid against him that he “had baptized in [his] own name” (v. 14). But, what would baptism have to do with that?

Various church members were claiming allegiance to different men, including Paul (by saying, “I am of Paul,” v. 12). Paul identified two actions that would have been necessary for one to rightfully say, “I am of Paul.” One, Paul needed to have been crucified for them. Two, they needed to have been baptized in the name of Paul. Then, and only then, could one say, “I am of Paul.” Therefore, by this line of argumentation, Paul equally proves how one can rightfully say, “I am of Christ.” Christ must have been crucified for that person, and that person must be baptized in the name of Christ. Then, and only then, could one say, “I am of Christ.”

This passage backfires on those who try to use it to prove that baptism is not essential to salvation. In fact, it proves the very doctrine they are fighting against—there is a direct connection between baptism and salvation from sin.



By Josh Blackmer

## “No, You Move.”

“If you alone of all the nation shall decide one way, and that way be the right way according to your convictions of the right, you have your duty by yourself and by your country. Hold up your head. You have nothing to be ashamed of.” These words from 1906, written by Mark Twain in *Glances at History*, have come alive again in recent years. In the 2007 “Amazing Spiderman #537,” Captain America quotes them to Spiderman with this addition, “Doesn’t matter what the press says. Doesn’t matter what the politicians or the mobs say. Doesn’t matter if the whole country decides that something wrong is something right. This nation was founded on one principle above all else: The requirement that we stand up for what we believe, no matter the odds or the consequences. When the mob and the press and the whole world tell you to move, your job is to plant yourself like a tree beside the river of truth, and tell the whole world—‘No, you move.’” While these words are striving to convey the deeper meaning of what it means to be a true patriot, which we would expect from Captain America, they have a message that rings out to the heart of Christian conviction.

It seems today that being a patriot that is proud of his/her country’s recent decisions has become increasingly difficult. Paul, a citizen of Rome, was not one to wave the Ro-

man banner except when it would further the message of the gospel (Acts 16:37-40; 22:28). It is up to the individual to decide how they will be a patriot in the new Rome that we find ourselves in today. However, we as Christians understand that our citizenship is not of this world. We are citizens of the grand and eternal kingdom and heavenly city (John 18:36; Phil. 3:20; 2 Tim. 4:18; Heb. 11:16). That is why these words—“the requirement that we stand up for what we believe, no matter the odds or the consequences” and “tell the whole world, ‘No, you move’”—connect with us. As patriots of heaven, we are fighting a war for the souls of those around us, including our own (Eph. 6:10-17). The beach head and the trench are in the hearts and minds of those walking around us. We can labor in confidence because the message is effective (Heb. 4:12; Isa. 55:11). We can labor in confidence because He who promised is faithful (Heb. 10:23). We can labor in confidence knowing that our feet are planted by the river of truth. “But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away” (Psa. 1:2-4). God has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness, even the power and conviction to say, “No, you move.”

**As patriots of heaven we are fighting a war for the souls of those around us.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### What does he have in common with you?

Do you know that guy who nearly ran into you this morning while texting and driving? Do you know what he has in common with the lady who is teaching your children at school? Do you know what she has in common with the guy who took your money at lunch today? Do you know what he has in common with the lady who answered your call at the service department today? Do you know what she has in common with the gentlemen who held open the door for you?

Common factor #1: You interacted, in some way, with each and every one of them today.  
Common factor #2: Each of them has a soul given to them by God. Common factor #3: Each of their souls will spend an eternity in heaven or in hell. Common factor #4: You had an opportunity to influence them for Christ, in some way, while the rest of us did not.

In the day-to-day rush of our lives, we must not lose sight of the lost souls around us! In eternity, what will they have in common with us? Or, what will we have in common with them? – DS



### “Nothing But the Blood”

A favorite hymn begins by asking this question, “What can wash away my sins?” What a tremendous question! There is nothing that could be more critical! Every accountable creature desperately needs the answer to that question!

So, what does wash away my sin? Feeling guilt for my actions will not wash away my sin. Doing a host of good deeds will not wash away my sin. Having the best of intentions while doing those good deeds will not wash away my sin. Praying a bunch of “Hail Mary’s” and “Our Father’s” will not wash away my sin. There is only one thing that will wash away our sins!

Mr. Robert Lowry, the hymn writer, took his answer to that question directly from Scripture. “Jesus Christ...loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood” (Rev. 1:5). When one is baptized, the blood of Jesus washes away sins (Acts 22:16). When a Christian confesses to God and asks for forgiveness, the blood of Jesus washes away sins (1 John 1:7-9). Oh, precious is the flow! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Dee Catanzaro</b>	diagnosed with breast cancer, surgery on June 1
<b>Brenda Collier</b>	hospitalized last week with blood clots in lungs
<b>Sarah Collier</b>	recovering at home from surgery
<b>Inell Ingram</b>	various health problems
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	Lourdes-Noreen McKeen Rehab (room 208)
<b>Harriet Morris</b>	at home and doing some better
<b>Joyce Parker</b>	chronic bronchitis
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	recovering from severe head injury
<b>Leigh Puckett</b>	blood clotting problems
<b>Sherrick Thomas</b>	recovering at home from hospitalization
<b>David Thorpe</b>	recovering at home from hospitalization

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Annie Faison</b>	suffering with chronic pain
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

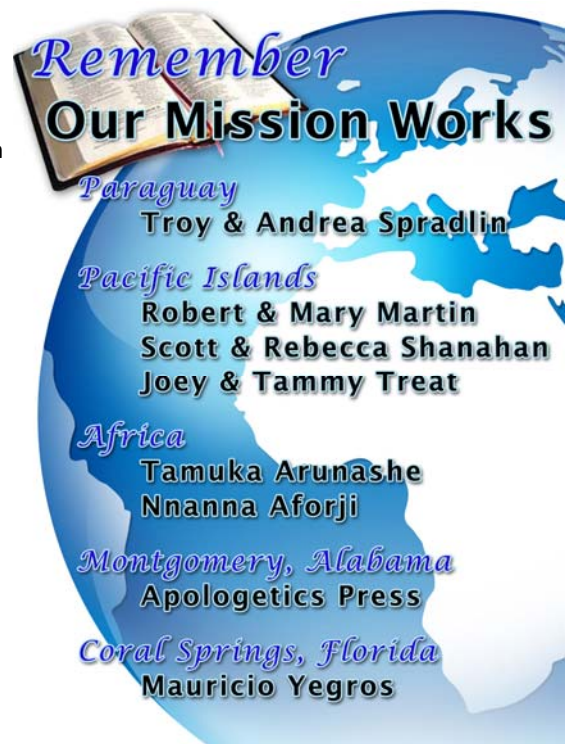
Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Helen Gardner	Deidra Miley
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Loretta Holaday	Leigh Puckett
Shelton Howell	Ricky Smedley



**Nelson Watts** upon the passing of his brother, **James Watts**, last Sunday. The funeral will be on June 4 at Royal Palm Funeral Home.

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Bobby Haines</b>	June Pack's son, heart catheterization on June 1
<b>Sharon Landen</b>	Robyn Landen's mom, Royal Manor Rehab, brain aneurysm
<b>Jimmy Logan</b>	Betty Davis' cousin, liver cancer
<b>Joel McLeod</b>	Dan & Luann McLeod's son, recovering from head surgery
<b>Hillary Nicholson</b>	Jacqueline Creary's sister, severe back pain
<b>Chantel Peters</b>	Maria Hackshaw's cousin, critical condition, leukemia
<b>Vivian Rackstraw</b>	Tasha Ellis' grandmother, diagnosed with breast cancer
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo for cancer
<b>Mariam Wagenknecht</b>	Dick Kelley's sister, under Hospice Care





# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, May 29

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Singing** during evening assembly.
- ◆ **House to House/Heart to Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to come and help.

## Monday, May 30

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

## Tuesday, May 31

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

## Saturday, June 4

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. The Media Center will also be available for teachers to work on their lessons. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.
- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

## Sunday, June 5

- ◆ **Mt. Dora Coin Can Deadline.** Return cans to the office.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

## Saturday, June 11

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

## Sunday, June 12

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** by the young men and women. There will be a separate Bible class for the ladies.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Wednesday-Friday, June 15-17

- ◆ **VBS Decoration Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study on Wednesday evening and Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and help setup. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

*Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*  
**Young Adults**

## Saturday, June 4

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The Media Center will also be available for teachers to work on their lessons. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.
- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller.

## Monday, June 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD.

## Saturday, June 11

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

## Wednesday-Friday, June 15-17

- ◆ **VBS Decoration Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study on Wednesday evening and Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m.



*Palm Beach Lakes*  
**Youth**

## Saturday, June 4

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

## Sunday, June 5

- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

## Wednesday, June 8-11

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Keep the campers and the teachers in your prayers, as they dig into God's Word together.

## Saturday, June 4

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

## Sunday, June 12

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

# PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Men's Worship Service Assignments - June, 2016

**June 5**

**June 12**

**June 19**

**June 26**

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	David Sproule	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	
Opening Prayer	Chad Brown	Chris Thompson	Paul Metzkes	Dirk Summerlot	
Scripture Reading	Tim Fry	Darin Summerlot	Lawrence Williams	Victor Colage	
Presiding at Table	Freddie Gadson	Dick Kelley	Kevin Weeks	Jimmie Banks	
Serving at Table:	Doug Carrick	Henry Bass	Jordan Beasley	Josue Charles	
	Marvin Dozier	Chuck Clark	Tim Cox	Mike Damron	
	Gorman Ericksen	Ed Gager	Jim Davis	Jeff Goodale	
	Richard Lerro	Paul Hensel	Bobby Ingraham	Charles Hayes	
	Tim Mahlbacher	Wallace Jones	Dan McLeod	Ken Long	
	Jeremy Maloney	Jeff Leslie	Tommy Pauldo	Taylor Reeves	
	Adam Seal	Vincent Rogers	Gary Seames	Carmen Ruckmen	
	Marty Williams	Tyrone Toson	Mike Trujillo	Scott Studer	
Closing Prayer	Morris McDaniel	Micah Trujillo	Daniel Wagner	Orlando Lolo	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Bobbo Lupo	Jerry Pittman	Dan McLeod	Bobbo Lupo	
Opening Prayer	Daniel Swayne	Gary Friedly	Brad Shelt	Jim Rogers	
Scripture Reading	Mike Ellis	Clayton Trujillo	Lynn Parker	Bailey McDaniel	
Presiding at Table	Richard Watson	Eugene Williams	Kane Campbell	Gary Jenkins	
Serving at Table:	Josh Blackmer	Pete Brown	Cam Crotts	Bob Higbee	
	Josiah Blackmer	Scott Lewis	Harrison Crotts	Nate Nelson	
	Austin Metzkes	Austin Williams	Leonard Williams	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	
Closing Prayer	Harrison Carter	Shea Brown	Glen Dawson	David Holaday	

Alternates:					
	David Brown	Grant Fuller	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Lance Collier	
	Ivan Villard, Jr.	L.H. Richardson	Deltom Lequernaque	Jerry Pittman	

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)					
	June 5 & 8	June 12 & 15	June 19 & 22	June 26 & 29	
Head Usher	Novel Brown	—————→			
	Mike Erickson	Eddie Gooden	Rick Price	Rick Hall	
	Namdidie Ikon	David Lord	Jacade Reynolds	Brett Lau	

- 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,  
May 22

On behalf of my mom, **Thelma Findley, Patricia Hackshaw**, and myself, **Maria Hackshaw**, I want to thank everyone for their prayers, hugs, cards, and phone calls during our illnesses. Also thank you for all the prayers for my cousin, **Chantal Peters**. I love you all very much. Maria

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Vivian Arrowsmith; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Mrs. Senyaon Burrows; Ms. Susan Crosswhite; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber; Mr. & Mrs. Errol Gower-Winter; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Jason Halas; Ms. Rebecca Huffman; John Loftis; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mann; Ms. Lissette Perdomo; Ms. Alande Pierre; Mrs. Sharon Reitz; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Miss Camele Sinclair; Mr. Brian Wilkins; and Mrs. Kathy Wood.



### Wedding Announcement

**Lisa Holaday & Nathaniel Lewis** are pleased to announce their marriage on Saturday, the eighteenth of June, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the Crosswinds church of Christ in Three Way, Tennessee. A reception will be held at Palm Beach Lakes at a later date.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Matt Benvegna, Suwanee, GA; Tim Bradley, Vero Beach, FL; Miss Claudia De Silva, Miami, FL; Wes Holland, CA; Edward Holmes, Vero Beach, FL; Sabrina Lolo; Mr. & Mrs. Phil Smith, Gallatin, TN; Mike Virok, Lawrenceville, GA; Ms. Ann Marie Williams, Show Low, AZ; Mr. & Mrs. Mauricio Yegros, Coral Springs, FL; and Ike Yegros, Asuncion, Paraguay.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (May 29th)

Grace Judge

Monday (May 30th)

Dianna Halenda

Jené Williams

Tuesday (May 31st)

Gary & Angie Seames (Ann.)

Lisa Holaday

Douglas Alvarenga

Wednesday (June 1st)

Cynthia Ingraham

Melinda Price

Austin Williams

Thursday (June 2nd)

Ken & Connie Tipton (Ann.)

Friday (June 3rd)

Jenny Jordan

Daniel Swayne

### 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, May 29

Lead Singing ..... Bobbo Lupo  
 Opening Prayer ..... Dick Kelley  
 Scripture Reading ..... Chris Thompson  
 Presiding at Table ..... Taylor Reeves  
 Serve at Table:  
     Henry Bass            Charles Hayes  
     David Brown         Bailey McDaniel  
     Mike Damron         Jacade Reynolds  
     Rick Hall             Nahum Villard  
 Alternates:  
     Tim Cox               Eugene Williams  
 Closing Prayer ..... Jerry Hopkins

#### Sunday Evening, May 29

Lead Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
 Opening Prayer ..... Dan McLeod  
 Scripture Reading ..... Carmen Ruckman  
 Presiding at Table ..... Bob Higbee  
 Serve at Table:  
     Jonathan Jordan  
     Lynn Parker  
     Daniel Wagner  
 Closing Prayer ..... Mike Archer

#### Wednesday Evening, June 1

Lead Singing ..... Adam Seal  
 Invitation ..... Chad Brown  
 Family Prayer ..... Dan McLeod

### Our Record

Attendance	May 22	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	274	230
Sun. A.M. Worship	366	366
Sun. P.M. Worship	181	180
Wed. Bible Study	201	197
Contribution	\$14,535	\$16,451
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +20,624		

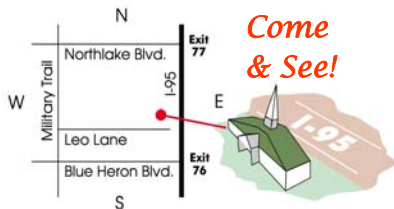
Ushers for week of **May 29** Head Usher: Kane Campbell; Brent Leslie & Rick Price



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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.

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## Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

By Grant Fuller (Summer Intern)

Here's a little piece of something profound for you. You are going to leave this world in exactly the same way you came into it. Job had it right when he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return" (Job 1:21). We don't bring any money or big houses or fast cars when we are born into this world. Why do we think we'll be able to take them when we leave? Yet, the world we live in tells us, "That's what it's all about: getting money and living the good life."

But what does the Bible say about "getting money and living the good life"? God tells us this, "But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation...For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil..." (1 Tim. 6:8-10). If our goal is to get rich, God warns us that we're going to get ourselves into trouble. Is the money evil? No. The love for money and the desire to greedily obtain it is what gives root to the evil here.

We are to be content with what we have and humbly accept those things with which God blesses us. We ought not to rely on money or other possessions, but rather on God, who gives us those possessions for us to enjoy (1 Tim. 6:17). Instead of greedily hoarding earthly wealth for ourselves, we ought to see those dollar signs for what they really are: opportunities. Every ounce of money or wealth of any kind that God has blessed us with is a resource for us to use for His will.

My comfort <sup>in my</sup>  
SUFFERING  
is this,  
Your promise  
PRESERVES  
my Life.  
Psalm 119:50