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Honoring
June Pack
 on
**Homecoming
 Sunday**



June began keeping attendance for the elders in 1960.
 June began working as the church secretary in 1975.



June continues to work four days a week in the office and is a vital part of the work of the Palm Beach Lakes church.

**Thank you,
 June!**



By Dan Jenkins

Snow White and the “Seven Churches”

In a recent conversation, a friend described his experience in visiting a congregation as attending the “Sleepy” Church of Christ. As I thought about this, I thought how so many of the names of the seven dwarfs could be applied to congregations today. Those seven dwarfs are: Doc, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Bashful, Sneezzy and Dopey. Think about how many of these names could be applied to some Christians you know.

First impressions are so important. I do not know when during the visit my friend began thinking of that congregation as a sleepy church, but each of us should always be aware that the first impression made on visitors can impact the impression they have of a congregation as they leave. What is the impression this church makes on visitors? More importantly, what impression do they form of this church when they first meet you?

God did not intend for the church to be “sleepy.” When the church assembles for worship, there should be an air of joy, excitement and anticipation that something special is about to happen. Every person should realize that the attention of heaven is about to be focused on worshipers. There should be prayers which exalt God. There should be singing

that comes from the hearts and brings visual joy to faces of those who are praising Jehovah. There should be an atmosphere of deep reverence as every member focuses together on Christ and the cross during communion. As we give, we should reflect the fact that we are cheerfully seeing how our offerings are used by God to do His work. Then, there should be preaching that shows the genuine sincerity of those who preach and those who listen. Worship must never be “sleepy.”

You might want to check to see if any of the names of the seven dwarfs fits you

Which name of which dwarf describes you? The list is not exhaustive by any means, for there are many positive words which describe most Christians I know. However, have you ever known a Christian or visited a congregation which could be described as “Grumpy”? What about a Christian or congregation who were so “Bashful” they never revealed the glorious family of God? What about a Christian or church whose failure to study His word caused them to be “Dopey”?

I am not sure exactly what happened or did not happen which caused my friend to visit with the bride of Jesus and walk away with the impression he did. I am sure that each of us needs to see that we do our part of revealing true Christianity in all we do when we assemble.

The words of Paul seem so appropriate. “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep...” (Rom. 13:11).



By David Sproule

Disney Proves That God Exists! Thank You, Disney!

Truth is an amazing thing! Truth is always truth, and there is nothing that can be said or done to alter truth! Truth is one of those pesky things that just won’t go away, and even those who reject it and want nothing to do with it will sometimes find themselves espousing it unwittingly.

Such is the case with the existence of God. Think of the millions of people who reject the very concept of a Creator of all things, and yet they deny the existence of a Creator in the face of overwhelming and obvious evidence that surrounds them and impacts them on a daily basis. No wonder the inspired Scriptures would affirm that those who refuse to acknowledge the existence, power and divine nature of the Creator—when they can clearly see the evidence—“are without excuse” (Rom. 1:20).

The Law of Cause and Effect is one of those natural laws of science for which there are no exceptions. The law states that every material effect must have an adequate cause that existed before the effect. This is one of those truths that is so obvious that it is impossible to escape, and yet so easy to understand. If your child comes home with a black eye, you know there must have been a blow adequate to cause it. If you see a semi-truck overturned on the side of the road, you

know there must have been a force adequate to cause it. So, what about when you see the immense and intricately complex universe? Does it not also demand an adequate cause to explain its origin? Naturally it does! Every material effect must have an adequate cause that existed before the effect.

This perceptive little blue tang had an obvious truth staring her in the face.

In the Disney film *Finding Dory*, the writers (surely not realizing the implications of the argument) based the entire premise of that movie on the Law of Cause and Effect. The main character, Dory, suffering from memory loss, could not until recently even remember her parents. But, she reasons very soundly for a forgetful fish. Consider carefully the truth she realized: “I have a family. I know, because I...You know, I must’ve come from somewhere, right?” This perceptive little blue tang had an obvious truth staring her in the face—**she must have come from somewhere!**

That’s the Law of Cause and Effect, and Disney made an argument based upon that law—the very law (which has no exceptions) that proves the intricately complex universe and the intricately complex human body must have an adequate cause. That adequate cause is not the man-made, evidence-lacking theory of evolution! That cause is God (Gen. 1:1)!

“For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God” (Heb. 3:4). Thank you, Disney, for proving this point! Truth is so obvious!



By Josh Blackmer

Lessons From Galilee: “Do you love Me?”

The disciples had seen Jesus after His resurrection twice already. Now seven of them were likely in Cana of Galilee and Peter says, “I’m going fishing” and the other six follow (John 21:3). The Bible tells us that they went out all night and caught nothing. This is similar to the events of Luke 5:5 and we begin to question if Peter was a very good fisherman. On this occasion in John, as day breaks, there is a man on the shore asking about their catch. The disciples admit that they have nothing and this stranger advises them to let the net down on the right side of the boat, and they bring in a haul of 153 fish. It is at that moment that John says, “It is the Lord” and Peter swims to the shore (John 21:7). When they get there, Jesus has a fire going and He asks for fish to prepare breakfast. After they have eaten, Jesus speaks with Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’ He said to him, ‘Tend My lambs.’ He said to him again a second time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love Me?’ He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.’ He said to him, ‘Shepherd My sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love Me?’ Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, ‘Do you love Me?’ And he said to Him, ‘Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.’ Jesus said to him,

‘Tend My sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go...follow Me!’” (John 21:15-19).

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Peter’s denial of Jesus was, as I imagine, the lowest point in his life and it was recorded in all four gospel accounts (Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; John 18:15-27; Luke 22:54-62). Here, on the shores of Galilee he is reminded again of that night, of the promise he had made to follow Jesus even to death, the words he said in denying Jesus and the look that he saw on Jesus’ face after he had denied Him. All of these things could be in Peter’s mind as he stands face to face with Jesus on the shore where his relationship with the Son of God had begun. A lot has been said about the Greek words used for love here and the words Jesus used for the sheep. With out any Greek knowledge, it is plain what is happening here. Jesus is calling Peter back. Peter is made to affirm his love for Jesus three times. Peter is not slow in understanding what is happening, “Lord you know I love you.” Peter needed this. Jesus called him back and gave him a work and it is no wonder that he became an elder (1 Pet. 5:1). The disciples needed to see this. Many of them had fled. They needed to see that they could be reconciled. We needed this, to know that even those who have denied Him can come back and serve.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The expression on His face in one word

In your imagination, picture the face of Jesus. What expression was on His face as the devil was tempting Him? What expression was on His face when His own brothers wanted nothing to do with Him? What expression was on His face as He turned over the tables in the temple? What expression was on His face when He saw Mary and Martha weeping over the death of Lazarus? What expression was on His face when He turned and looked at Peter after the third denial? What expression was on His face when He appeared to Mary after His resurrection?

In our imaginations, we can see His face on all of these occasions (and more). Now, in your imagination, what will it be like when we are in heaven and we “see His face” (Rev. 22:4)? What expression will He have on His face when He sees you in heaven? A member walked out after this was mentioned in a sermon and said one word, “Smiling! He’s going to be smiling!”

Are you ready to see Jesus smile at you in heaven? Do you think He’s smiling at us now? – DS



Nobody’s perfect!

People. People. People. What can we say about them? They encourage us and then discourage us, impress us and then disappoint us, inspire us and then irritate us. Too often, the people in our lives let us down, lie to us or leave us in a lurch. What are we to do?

First, let’s remember that our faith needs to be in Jesus before it is in people (John 14:1). Second, let’s try to look at people through Jesus’ eyes (John 13:34; 15:13). Let’s try to see them the way that Jesus sees them. Or, to say it a little differently, let’s try to look at them the way that Jesus looks at us. Third, let’s recognize our own failings, realizing that our shortcomings are no better than theirs (Matt. 7:1-5). Fourth, let’s keep our eye on the big picture, the grand scheme, what really matters. We cannot afford to let someone else or some situation take our eyes off of heavenly matters (Col. 3:1-4).

Nobody is perfect, including me! But Jesus is! And heaven is! And Christ-like living is! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Harold Armstrong	chronic congestive heart failure
Dee Catanzaro	undergoing radiation treatments for breast cancer
Sharon Feeney	severe neck pain
Andres Fernandez	PBG Medical Center (room 377), medical tests on heart
Lester Galloway	recovering from neck surgery
Matthew Jones	recovering from prostate surgery
June Pack	recovering from foot surgery
Connye Plouffe	recovering from severe head injury
Jo Ann Rogers	recovering at home from hospitalization
Cathy Seay	recovering at home, surgery postponed
Quinntavias Smith, Jr.	recovering from eye surgery
Julie Trujillo	scheduled for surgery on July 28
Tina Wagner	awaiting results from MRI

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
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

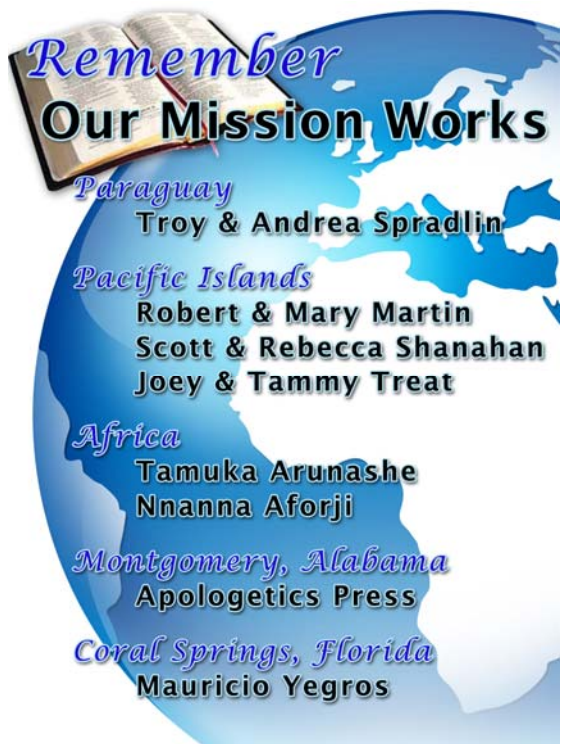
Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Helen Gardner	Deidra Miley
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Loretta Holaday	Leigh Puckett
Shelton Howell	Ricky Smedley



Tim Fry upon the passing of **his father, Charlie Fry**, on Thursday evening.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Aisha Emmanuel	Jean Archer's niece, hospitalized with ulcerative colitis
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, diagnosed with kidney cancer
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, recovering from heart valve surgery
Bill O'Brien	Marcia Kelley's cousin, recovering from open heart surg.
Vivian Rackstraw	Tasha Ellis' grandmother, breast cancer surgery on July 15
Pam Register	Donna Erickson's cousin, treatments for breast cancer
James Rose	Willie Smith's uncle, suffered a stroke and on life support
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
Mariam Wagenknecht	Dick Kelley's sister, under Hospice Care
Denise Yates	Brittany Thompson's mother, severe knee pain





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 10

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, July 11

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

Tuesday, July 12

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 14

- ♦ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.
- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ♦ **Jenkins' Week at CFBC.** Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Tuesday, July 19

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

Sunday, July 31

- ♦ **Fifth Sunday Singing** during evening assembly.

Sunday, August 7

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

Sunday, August 14

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

Sunday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 11

- ♦ **Joey Treat Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **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 **Young Adults**

Monday, July 11

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hollie Crotts. Bring sides, drinks and desserts. See Rachel Fuller for more details.

Tuesday, July 12

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

Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ♦ **Jenkins' Week at CFBC.** Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Monday, August 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD. See Rachel Fuller for more details.

Saturday, August 6

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



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, July 10

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

Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ♦ **Jenkins' Week at CFBC.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 23-27

- ♦ **Upward Bound at CFBC** for ages 14-18. Register online.

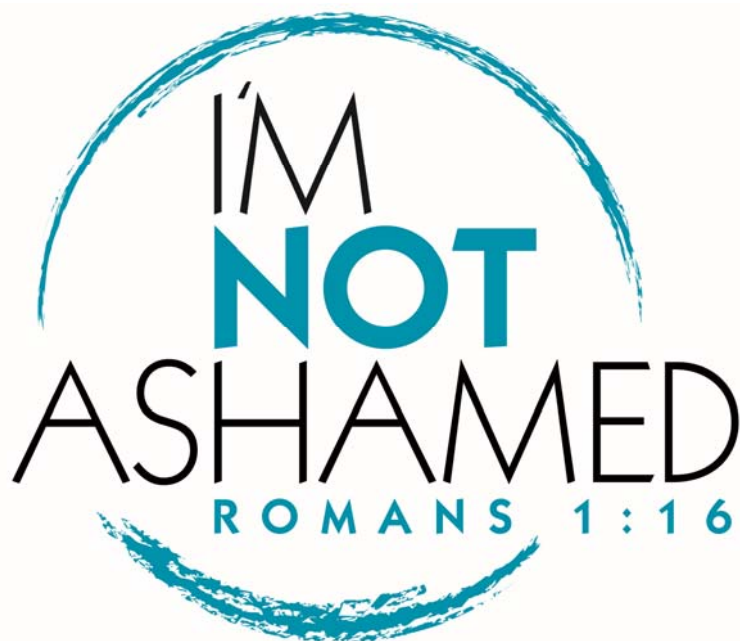
Saturday, August 6

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

Sunday, August 28

- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

JULY:



To Talk About Jesus

New Bible Classes for Adults, Sr. High & Jr. High

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M. (July 10-Sept. 4)

Auditorium	1 & 2 Thessalonians	<i>David Sproule</i>
Adult 1	How to Teach Someone the Gospel	<i>Josh Blackmer</i>
Adult 2	World Religions	<i>Richard Watson</i>
Adult 3	Young Adults: The Sermon on the Mount	<i>Phil Porter</i>
Sr. High	Marriage & the Home	<i>Dan Fuller</i>
Jr. High	Israel's Captivity & Return	<i>Shea Brown</i>

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M. (July 6-Sept. 7)

Auditorium	Judges	<i>Dan Jenkins</i>
Adult 1	A Christian Is...	<i>L. Richardson, G. Seames & S. Beliech</i>
Adult 2	Ladies: Illuminating Shadows	<i>Lisa Metzkes</i>
Adult 3	Last Things	<i>Douglas Alvarenga</i>
Sr. High	1, 2, 3 John & Jude	<i>Josh Blackmer</i>
Jr. High	The Church of Christ	<i>Johnny Davis</i>

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



Sunday,
July 3

LOCAL VISITORS: Johnny Belden; James & Wynona Bowman; Ms. Rosa Charles; Ron W. Cullom; Justin DeMond; Ms. Aisha Fernandez; Tom Garrison; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; David Jacobs; Ron Jenkins; Mrs. Maureen Machan; Randy McKinley; Ms. Pat Patterson; Andrew Payne; Miss Kelly Rabbitt; Miss Nikki Revoli; Ms. Cindy Roberts; Camele Sinclair; Henry & Alecia Smith; Terry West; and Ms. Mabelle Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Richard & Agatha Ahlijah, Port St. Lucie; Mr. & Mrs. Myrick Bassie, Columbus, GA; Mrs. Melissa Brown, Collierville, TN; Tom & Linda Brown, Middleburg, FL; Justin & Sarah Collier & family, Durham, NC; Ms. Kay Estes, Alachua, FL; Mrs. Janine Flegert, Lake City, FL; Ms. Pat Harrington, Boynton Beach; Mrs. Lynne Hirsh, Evans, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Horton, Evans, GA; Mrs. Jennifer Jackson, Laurel Hill, FL; Miss Ronnica Jenkins, Brooklyn, NY; Scott Kelley, Jacob, & Colton, West Broward, FL; Mrs. Stephanie Macon, Sumter, SC; Heather & Katlyn Mayne, Cut Off, LA; John & Kristin Reames & family, Franklin, TN; Michael & Beth Rosenblum & Mia, Huntsville, AL; David & Bette Sproule, Anderson, SC; Scotty & Allison Studer & family, Old Hickory, TN; John & Emily Summerlot & family; Ms. Jean Townsend, Lake Placid, FL; and Matthew & Julie Watson & Jonah, Bartlesville, OK.



Sunday (July 10th)

Jimmy Burney
Mary Reeves
Sarah Smedley

Thursday (July 14th)

Kasandra Jones
Chris Thompson

Monday (July 11th)

Cheryl Floyd

Saturday (July 16th)

Bonnie Arthur
Astrid Beliech
Hattie Daniels
Jim Davis

Wednesday (July 13th)

Novel Brown
Sam Simpkins



Congratulations to Brent & Andrea Leslie upon the birth of **their son, Blake**, on Wednesday, July 6, weighing 4 lbs., 14 oz. Congratulations also to grandparents, **Jeff & Diane Leslie**, and great-grandparents, **Tom & Rose Martens** and **Norm Smedley**.

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 10

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Scripture Reading Jimmie Banks
Presiding at Table Charles Hayes
Serve at Table:
Mike Damron Scott Lewis
Glen Dawson Austin Metzkes
Edward Gager Daniel Swayne
Wallace Jones Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Chad Brown Chuck Clark
Closing Prayer Henry Bass

Sunday Evening, July 10

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Tyrone Toson
Presiding at Table Gary Seames
Bob Higbee
Vincent Rogers
Marty Williams
Closing Prayer Phil Porter
Wednesday Evening, July 13
Lead Singing Chad Brown
Invitation Grant Fuller
Family Prayer Jim Davis

Our Record

Attendance	July 3	June Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	297	259
Sun. A.M. Worship	421	380
Sun. P.M. Worship	175	186
Wed. Bible Study	232	216
Contribution	\$13,578	\$15,085

2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +21,333

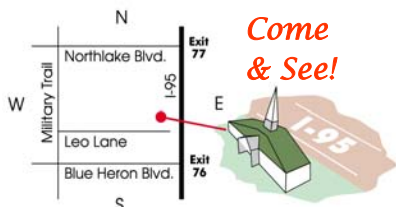
Ushers for week of **July 10** Head Usher: Freddie Gadson; Doug Carrick & Eugene Williams



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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: **Joe & Janice Maloney, with their daughter, Jennifer Jackson**

A Small Flame, A Big Fire!

By Grant Fuller (Summer Intern)

This day in history marks the occurrence of the most severe fire to ever strike the city of London in its early years. Some may not have ever heard of The Great Fire of 1212, but we do speak of it when we sing, "London Bridge is falling down...My fair Lady." The flames of The Great Fire of 1212 consumed the Lady's Cathedral, the greater part of the city and over three thousand people. Such a large fire however, was caused in the same manner of any fire: with a small spark.

With just a small spark, a flame will ignite and spread until it has consumed all that there is to consume. God compares our tongue to that small spark. He says that the tongue is a fire and a world of iniquity. It can set fire to our entire course of life (Jas. 3:6)! The tongue is a very powerful thing, and if we let it out of control, it can ruin everything! How many times have we seen a person, such as a politician, who is doing somewhat well in his campaign, but then is caught saying something that causes him to lose all the support he once had?

The tongue is a useful yet dangerous thing. God says that with it, we bless our Lord and also curse those who are made in His likeness. "Such things ought not to be so" (Jas. 3:9-10). We must use our speech for the glory of God and to do His will and refrain from uttering curses or profane speech, which is spiteful and unloving. If we do not bridle our tongue, it will get out of control and ruin our lives and our religion (Jas. 1:26).



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.