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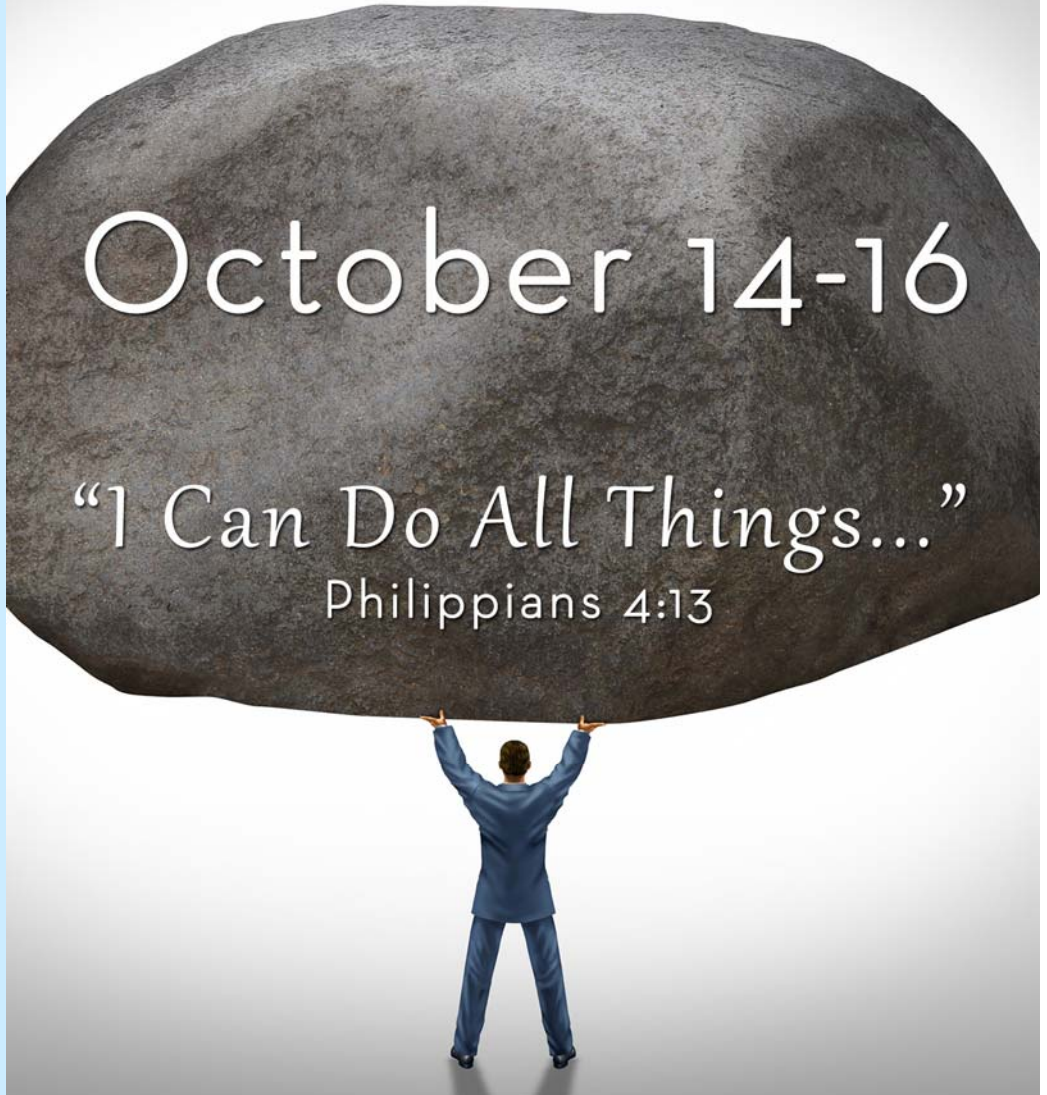
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Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

October 14-16

“I Can Do All Things...”
Philippians 4:13





By Dan Jenkins

Worshipping or “Playing Church”

I will never forget that cottonwood tree just outside the back door of the house I lived in for my entire childhood. It was where we built our treehouse and where the ropes for young “Tarzans” and swings for young children were anchored. But, the best memory I have of that tree was that several times every week we “played church” in its shade.

We were serious about “playing church”—I preached hundreds of sermons and lead hundreds of songs under its huge branches. However, just to be entirely truthful, if my mother offered us treats or suggested we go get a special toy at the “five and dime” store—talk about inflation, they are now called the dollar store—church ended!

Sometimes as I worship, I wonder if even now I fully comprehend the seriousness of worship. How far have I come from those days when I “played church”? The words God gave to two of His messengers come to my soul and create a longing for Him to help me to do more than “play church”—they help me to worship. “The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him...Guard your steps as you go into the house of God and draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools...for God is in heaven and you are on the earth” (Hab. 2:20; Ecc. 5:1-2).

It sometimes is far easier to “play church” and to just sing rather than to worship and praise Him. I know the words and melody of many songs but at those times when I sing, they come from my body and not my soul. Do you ever do this?

As I listen to godly men proclaim His message, I sometimes lose the attitude expressed by Cornelius, “We are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God” (Acts 10:33). God, at these times, help me. Mold me and make me...thou are the potter I am the clay. Do you ever do this?

We prayed under that cottonwood tree, but sometimes we missed the seriousness of prayer. Paul was in prayer, and when in prison, he asked others to pray for him because he truly believed he would be released from prison because of these very prayers (Phil. 1:19). Do you ever do this?

We used to pretend to give as we “played church.” Sometimes, I lose sight of how my giving is designed to help minister to the needy, to proclaim the gospel to the lost, to enable the church to be edified especially in our building and to “help” God accomplish His work. Do you ever do this?

The same is true of the Lord’s Supper. When I forget the cross, I close the door to spiritual maturity (2 Pet. 1:8-9). Do you ever do this? God help me to be changed by worshipping you. Forgive me when I just “play church.”

I will never forget that large tree where I spent hours “playing church”



By David Sproule

A Godly Jealousy

“Jealousy” usually has a very negative connotation to it, and rightfully so, as the Lord includes “jealousy” in His list of the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21. Since “those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God,” this is a matter deserving our careful attention!

However, Paul introduces us to a “godly jealousy” in 2 Corinthians 11:2. Those two words may seem paradoxical, but consider it for a moment. We first read the word “jealous” in Exodus 20—the Ten Commandments chapter. After commanding, “You shall not make for yourself a carved image...you shall not bow down to them nor serve them,” the Lord said, “For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God” (20:4-5). God demanded that His people have no other gods and not make any images to worship, for He wanted them to Himself! He would not stand for them to fraternize with anything or anyone else! He is jealous for His people!

Bring that back into 2 Corinthians 11. Paul told these Christians, “For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy.” What did he mean by that? Remembering how God used that word in Exodus 20 (“I am a jealous God”), look at the next three statements that Paul makes which start with the word “I,” and you’ll understand exactly what he meant.

Do you have a “godly jealousy” for them to remain faithful to Christ?

“I have betrothed you to one husband.” Paul had taught them the gospel of Christ, and upon their conversion to Jesus, they became part of His church, “the bride” (Acts 2:47; Rev. 22:17). Paul had promised them in marriage, and his godly jealousy could not stand for them to leave their Husband.

“That I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.” Paul longed for the church to remain “as a pure virgin” (NASB)—doctrinally and morally—and to keep “herself ready” for that final day when the bride (the church) is presented to her Husband and “the marriage of the Lamb has come” (Rev. 19:7). Paul’s godly jealousy could not stand for them to not be there on that day.

“I am afraid that...your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ” (11:3, NASB). Paul feared that his converts may be deceived to tolerate and follow after “another Jesus,” “a different spirit” or “a different gospel” (11:4), which would take them away from Christ and their heavenly reward. Paul’s godly jealousy could not stand for them to leave truth and go down the wrong path.

When you think about your children, when you think about those you have helped come to Christ, when you think about your brothers and sisters in Christ, do you have a “godly jealousy” for them to remain faithful to Christ and to not fraternize with the enemy or be led astray from truth? We need more brethren who have a “godly jealousy” for each other!



By Josh Blackmer

“But I’m not quite dead yet!”

A man comes walking through a small hamlet that has been hit with the plague. He pushes a cart full of the dead and cries, “Bring out your dead!” As he passes one house, a young man comes out dragging an old man, feeble and pale, and starts to put him on the cart. The old man protests, “But I’m not quite dead yet!” The man with the cart declares that he can’t take the man that is clearly not dead yet. So I ask you, could some of us be carrying around an old man that is not quite dead yet?

In the context of the fruit of the Spirit, Paul writes, “Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (Gal. 5:24). This is just a few chapters after his statement, “I have been crucified with Christ...” (Gal. 2:20). When did this crucifixion take place? When did my flesh die? “Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that

we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin” (Rom. 6:3-7).

This passage in Romans states that it was at our baptism that we were to die and to rise and “walk in newness of life.” However, if we have not repented nor truly been “obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed” (Rom. 6:17), then it could be that you have picked up that pale old man that is not quite dead in your life. Hebrews 12:1 gives us this sound advice, “Let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us.” There are some that are trying to “run with endurance the race that is set before us” while hanging onto an almost dead man of sin. With this weight, we will never be able to reach the goal that is set before us.

You have chosen to be a slave to sin and it will be a poor master.

If you know that there are things that are keeping you from running well your race, let them go! No good thing will come from it. You are keeping yourself from being an instrument of righteousness for God (Rom. 6:13). You have chosen to be a slave to sin, and it will be a poor master. It will bring you hardship upon hardship with no thought of your well-being and in the end leave you dead and alone. Before it is too late, please “consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:11). Make the changes necessary to come to God with confidence as one with an inheritance.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Any new shoots lately?

Brothers and sisters in Christ enjoy a special relationship on this earth that is like no other! We are not only part of one family (Gal. 3:26-27), but we are part of one body (1 Cor. 12:12-27). The same body! And within that body we are to “have the same care for one another” (12:25). I don’t know about you, but sometimes my “care for one another” is not as good as it should be, or as it could be, or as it once was, and it could use a refresh.

Paul addressed this with the beloved congregation in Philippi, when he wrote of how their “care” for him “flourished again” (Phil. 4:10). What an interesting way to say it! The original language carries the idea of “sprouting again, blossoming again, putting forth new shoots.” There had been a lull in the demonstrations of their care (maybe like what happens with us), but now new shoots were coming forth, even unto “fruit” (4:17).

When you think of your care for your brethren, is it time to flourish again with new shoots? – DS



Got glad?

After he addressed the amount that one gives to the Lord, Paul turned to the attitude that prompts the giving (2 Cor. 9:6-7, cf. v. 5). The amount is absolutely bankrupt without the proper attitude! From the time of deciding how much to give and all the way through the actual act of giving, God warns of two attitudes that must not permeate or persuade our hearts.

First, our Giving God instructs us not to give to Him “grudgingly.” While we have the one word in English, it is two in Greek (*ek + lupe*). “Ek” means “out of” and “lupe” means “sorrow, grief.” We are not to give to God out of sorrow or regret in our hearts. Second, our Giving God instructs us not to give to Him “of necessity.” Again, we find two Greek words. “Ek” means “out of” and “anagke” means “necessity, pressure.” We are not to give to God out of obligation.

So, what attitude should prompt us to give to the Giving God? The same attitude that prompted Him to give to us! The Greek word for “cheerful” (*hilaros*) means “glad.” God was glad to give His Son! Are we joyously glad to give to Him? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	dealing with severe hip and leg pain
Pete Brown	difficulty recovering from knee surgery
Mattie Cox	undergoing medical tests
Sharon Feeney	awaiting lumbar spine surgery
Eddie Gooden	undergoing tests for health issues
Jason Halas	now at home, hit by a truck but doing well
Charles Hayes	still undergoing tests
Lynne Jorgensen	diagnosed with scleroderma, infection still in her leg
Deidra Miley	awaiting kidney surgery
Jo Ann Rogers	ongoing medical issues, slowly improving
Norm Smedley	now at home but still not doing well
Amy West	recovering from car accident

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



Rose Martens upon the passing of **her sister, Margie Tharp**, on September 22.
Betty Sanders upon the passing **her brother, Harold Slone**, on September 26.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Patricia Buonadonna	Ed Buonadonna's mother, heart & respiratory problems
Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, numerous health issues
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, recovering from heart surgery
Jean Honore	Justilien Honore's brother, hospital, heart problems
Sharon Landen	Robyn Landen's mother, now at home and doing better
Richard Matter	Don Matter's son, recovering from quadruple bypass surg.
Ennis Mitchell	Kay Richardson's brother, stage 4 cancer
Gail Livergood	Steven Livergood's mother, recovering from cancer surg.
Eula Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's mother, respiratory problems
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, rehab for broken leg

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, October 2

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, October 3

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

Tuesday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 9

- ◆ **Teacher Training Class for Cradle Roll & Toddler Classes** at 4:30 p.m. We need more teachers.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Thursday, October 13

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bill & Inell Ingram.

Friday-Sunday, October 14-16

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend.** Cost is \$65 per person. Sign up on the bus on the bulletin board in the Lobby and fill out a registration form. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Tuesday, October 18

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

Friday, October 21

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

Saturday, October 22

- ◆ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:00 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.

Tuesday, October 25

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Quigley.

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

Monday, October 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jaquá Lewis. See Rachel Fuller for details.

Friday-Sunday, October 14-16

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend.** Cost is \$65 per person. Sign up on the bus on the bulletin board in the Lobby and fill out a registration form. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Friday, October 28

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, October 29

- ◆ **Young Adult Costume Party.** Location TBD.

Sunday, October 30

- ◆ **Young Adults Morning Worship at Belle Glade** followed by a fellowship meal. Shea Brown will be preaching. Please bring a dish to share. See Shea to carpool or for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Saturday, October 8

- ◆ **Young Families' Devo & Game Night** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Rick & Melinda Price. Families with children in 5th grade and under are invited. Bring a dish to share.

Sunday, October 9

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

Saturday, October 22

- ◆ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

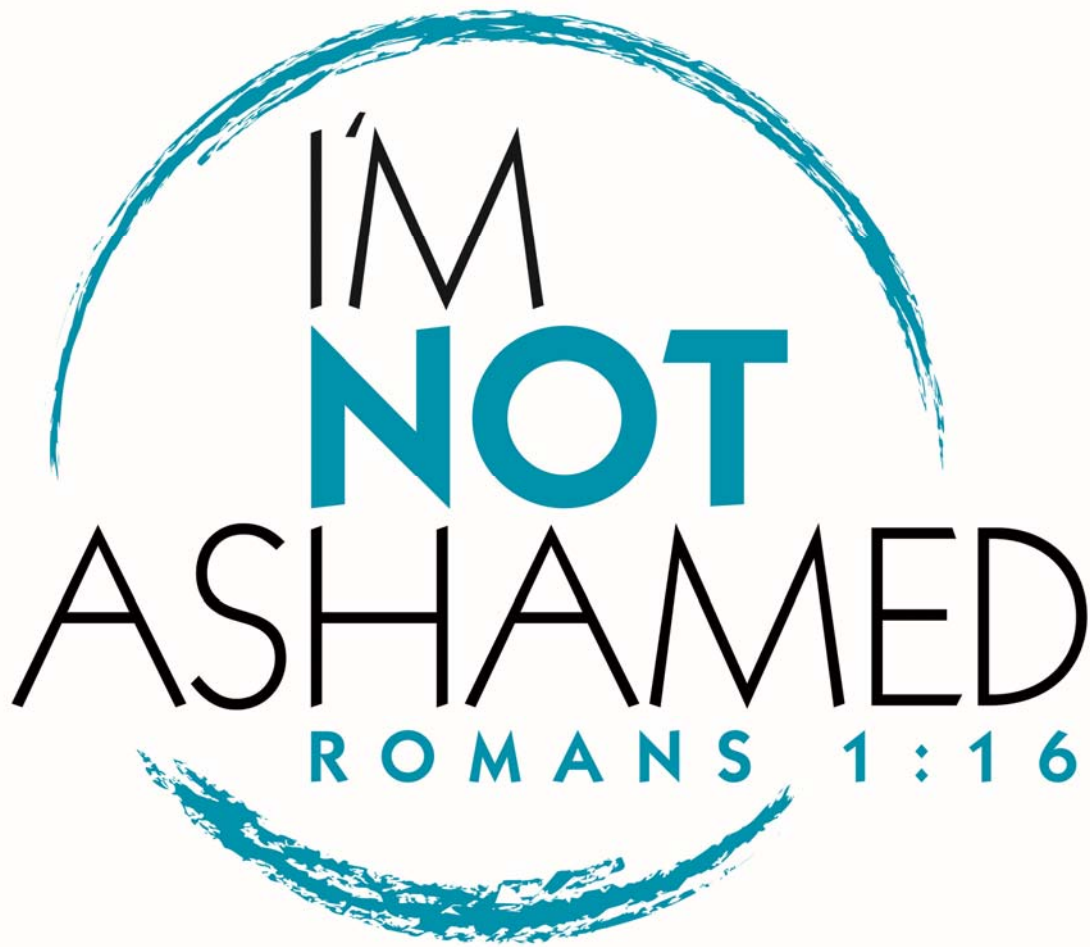
Sunday, October 23

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

Friday, October 28

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

OCTOBER:



To Enjoy Worship

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'" (Psa. 122:1).

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker" (Psa. 95:1-6).

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

Thank You Notes



Sunday,
September 25

To the congregation at Palm Beach Lakes,

Thank you for the many cards, emails, Facebook posts and for the beautiful flower arrangement. With so many of these, this has to be my very sincere response to all as I remember my brother, **Craig**, and everyone's concern for both of us! Love you, our true brothers and sisters in Christ. We are truly blessed by your caring and kindness.

Our love to you,
Chuck & Trish Clark

To my church family at PBL with sincere gratitude. Thank you for the moral support, the food, flowers and cards of concern on behalf of the Gibson family and myself, in the passing of my mom, **Eva Gibson**. A special thanks to **David Sproule, Joyce Parker, & Sallie Moses**. Thank you all very much.

Ophelia Holmes

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Cameron Deem; Ms. Aisha Fernandez; Tom Garrison; Glenn Gerber; Miss Jamie Granino; Rashanna Green; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Charles Kato; Ms. Jennifer King; John Loftis; Savanna & Suzette McQueen; Miss Kelly Rabbitt; Mrs. Ann Marie Robinson; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons; Ms. Thais Spence; Jonas Watkins; Mrs. Marcile Williams-Cooper; and Mark Witt.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Deem, Port St. Lucie, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Stan Meek, Norman, OK; Mrs. Dorothy Miller, Sellersburg, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Montgomery, Sellersburg, IN; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Sink, Bradenton, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Wilson, Ringgold, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (Oct. 2nd)
Jennifer Jaress
Brett Lau

Friday (Oct. 7th)
Troy & Andrea Spradlin (Ann.)
Hollie Crotts
Patricia Ventress

Monday (Oct. 3rd)
Chuck Clark
Kathy Nelson

Saturday (Oct. 8th)
Donna Erickson
Bessie Walker
Betty White

Wednesday (Oct. 5th)
Rosa Nash

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 9:45 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:45 p.m.

Sunday Morning, October 2

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Kane Campbell
Scripture Reading..... Morris McDaniel
Presiding at TableDavid Brown
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Justin Maloney
Lance Collier Tommy Pauldo
Wallace Jones Scott Studer
Brett Lau Kevin Weeks
Alternates:
Freddie Gadson Richard Lerro
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Sunday Evening, October 2

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening PrayerPaul Metzkes
Scripture Reading.....Dirk Summerlot
Presiding at Table.....Jim Davis
Gorman Ericksen
Scott Lewis
Nick Pietro
Closing Prayer Chris Thompson
Wednesday Evening, October 5
Lead Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation..... Kirk Crews
Family PrayerTaylor Reeves

Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 25	Aug. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	276	245
Sun. A.M. Worship	371	364
Sun. P.M. Worship	186	190
Wed. Bible Study	190	197
Contribution	\$14,605	\$15,317
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
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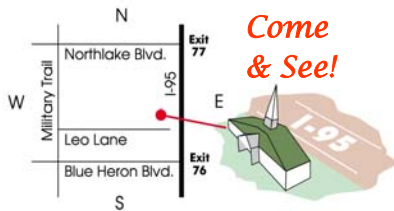
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Service Schedule

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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21st Annual South Florida Lectureship



WAIT on the Lord

Nov. 3-6, 2016

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