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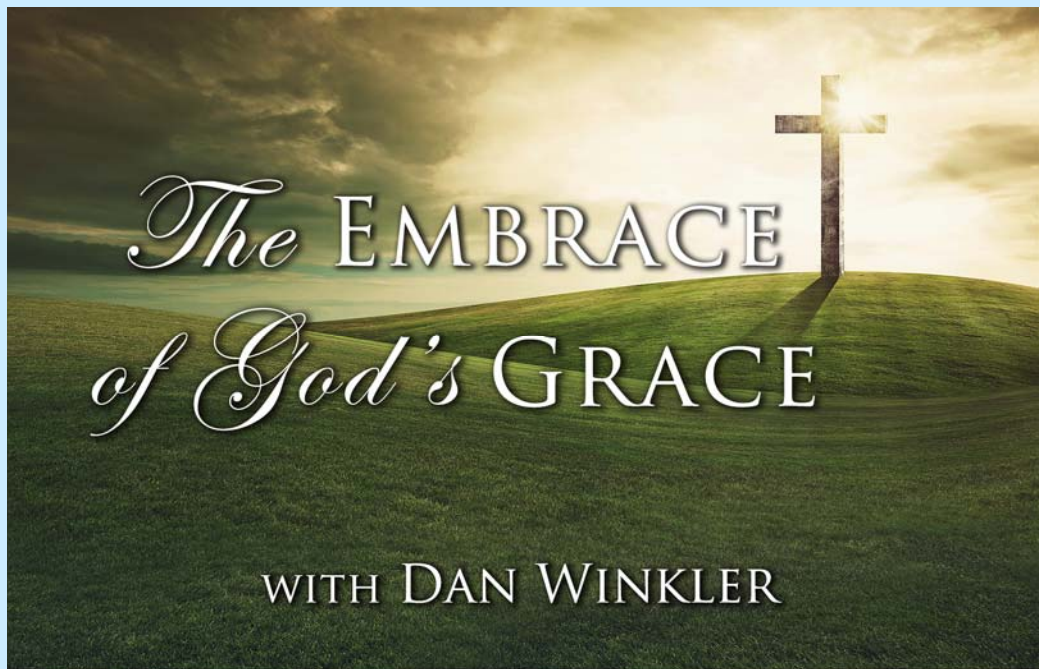


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By Dan Jenkins

## “Little” Sins, “Big” Sins and Full Grown Sins

Sometimes we mistakenly think of the magnitude of sins in a wrong way. We talk of “little” sins as being those which really do not “count” because they seem so innocent when compared to major blunders which only the most ungodly do. The Catholic Church even has the same view of sins which are characterized as venial and mortal sins.

When one has this mindset, he struggles to figure out how eating fruit from a tree in the Garden of Eden could be so wrong. How could such an “innocent” act be compared to the sin mentioned in the next chapter where a brother kills his own brother? Surely, murder must be a greater sin than eating fruit.

The same mindset struggles to deal with the “little” sin Saul committed in First Samuel chapter thirteen. Saul had been king for only one year when he was confronted by the Philistine army which had 30,000 chariots and 6,000 horsemen. Saul’s army had only 3,000 soldiers. The prophet Samuel told the king that he would come to the battlefield and make sacrifices to God to seek His blessing in the conflict. For some unknown reason, Samuel was delayed, and Saul’s army was about to flee even before the battle was begun. He knew he could never defeat the Philistines without the Lord’s

help and, though he was not a priest, he went ahead and offered the sacrifice. How could such be wrong? If it was a sin, it had to be a “little” one. Yet God did not see it this way. Saul’s “little” sin caused the kingdom to be taken from the lineage of Saul. Our view of “little” and “big” sins is often so wrong.

While the Bible does not use these words to describe sin, it does speak of “full grown” sins (Jas. 1:15). This verse describes the enticement of sin and the entrance into sin as the birth of sin. However, sin does not remain a “baby” sin. If it is not dealt with, it grows and grows in our lives. We often fail to realize that any sin can become an addiction. Peter described this process when he talked about Christians escaping the pollution of sin through following Christ but then are again “...entangled therein and overcome” (2 Pet. 2:20). Sin has remarkable power, and when we have waited until it grows we sometimes leave the Lord.

Joseph was enticed by Potiphar’s wife. He ran! Had he stayed he might have fallen into the bondage of sin. David was tempted and did not run! Look at the ruin such brought to his life and family.

“Little” sins may seem rather innocent when we are first enticed by them, but yielding to “little sins” from a heart set on ignoring God opens the door to the bondage of sin. When you sin, repent. Do not let it become full grown!

**When you sin,  
repent. Do not  
ever let any sin  
become full  
grown!**



By David Sproule

## “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

One of the more challenging verses in Scripture to apply to one’s life is in Philippians 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord always.” Many a Christian has wondered how this is possible. Yes, we are commanded to “rejoice in the Lord” in Philippians 3:1, but 4:4 adds the word “always.” Later in the chapter Paul would report that he “rejoiced in the Lord greatly” (4:10). How is that even possible?

May I suggest to you that our thoughts may be focused on the wrong words in the passage. We first notice the challenge of “rejoice,” which is sometimes problematic, depending on people and circumstances. But, then there’s the word “always.” In the evaluation of some, the Lord took it too far with that word. Still, we are focused on the wrong words. Look at the three words in between to find the key to fulfilling this imperative—“in the Lord.” The only way to truly “rejoice” and to “rejoice always” is to do so “in the Lord”!

What does that mean to the Christian today...to our everyday lives? How can I learn to “rejoice IN THE LORD always”? Nine times in this four-chapter book of Philippians, the prepositional phrase “in the Lord” is found. We’ve noticed three already (3:1; 4:4, 10). The other six provide a great explanation to realizing how this challenge is possible.

To rejoice in the Lord always, I must learn to “**trust in the Lord**” (2:19). The word “trust” in this verse means to have “hope in the Lord.” Truly putting my hope and my trust in the Lord will help me to rejoice in the Lord...always.

To rejoice in the Lord always, I must learn to be “**confident in the Lord**” (2:24, NIV). While some translations have the word “trust” again (like v. 19), it is a different Greek word, which means “to be convinced, sure and certain.” Having a settled confidence in the Lord will help me to rejoice in the Lord...always.

To rejoice in the Lord always, I must “**stand fast in the Lord**” (4:1). The word means to stand firm, to hold one’s ground, like a soldier determined not to budge one inch from his post. Standing firm *with* and *for* the Lord will help me to rejoice in the Lord...always.

To rejoice in the Lord always, I must genuinely focus on my “**brethren in the Lord**” (1:14). I must learn to “**receive [them] in the Lord**” (2:29), meaning to welcome them favorably unto myself. I must learn to “**be of the same mind in the Lord**” (4:2), by learning to adopt the “mind” of Christ, which strives for unity through humility (2:5, 2), and strives to “walk by the same rule” or “standard” (3:16). Focusing on my brethren in the Lord will help me to rejoice in the Lord...always.

True rejoicing is not “in the world” but “in the Lord”!

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tween to find the  
key to fulfilling  
this imperative**



By Josh Blackmer

## “Here is one thing I do.”

I have received a lot of advice from many different sources. I have found that I go back to those sources of good and great advice—those who I feel have guided me well in life, love and my pursuit of perfection in Christ. But, what if one of those sources said, “Here is one thing I do”? I, personally, would get ready to listen with anticipation. My expectations are high that I will hear something that could go on a t-shirt or tacky bumper sticker next to my stick figure family. What would you do if Paul the apostle, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said, “This one thing I do”?

The context of this statement is in Philippians chapter 3. Paul begins this chapter by warning against seeking after righteousness according to the flesh or the law (3:1-11). He, of all people, could be boasting in his pedigree and earthly standards of righteousness, but he didn’t. All of those things are trash and refuse in comparison to the knowledge of Christ and righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith in Jesus. He was seeking after those things that would lead to the resurrection of the dead (3:11).

Here is where we narrow in on the “one thing.” He said he was chasing after to lay hold of or capture that for which Christ had captured or seized him (3:12). Here is the one

thing. “Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (3:13-14). He is not saying, “I don’t know if I’m saved, but I keep trying.” He is saying, “You can’t stop!” You have to forget what was behind, what you gave up, what you counted for loss (Luke 9:62). We must “lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1). You must keep stretching out for the prize ahead. That is, being called up with God in Christ, the resurrection of the soul.

**Keep going,  
don’t stop!**

He not only lays down this imperative but also gives us the “how.” “Let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained. Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us” (3:16-17). There is the need to “keep going, don’t stop.” Yet, do it in keeping with the standard that has been set. Such a standard can be taught and imitated. You cannot win the prize unless you have competed according to the rules (2 Tim. 2:5).

So the advice is this. Keep striving and stretching out for the prize before us, forget what is behind us and live this life according to the pattern to receive the call from above us.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### I’m not perfect, but I am perfect!

I make mistakes. I mess up. I sin and fall short of the glory of God. I make choices that disappoint God and separate me from Him. I’m not perfect! I’m about as far from perfect as it is possible to be!

But, I am perfect! “What!? You just said that you are not perfect! How can you then say that you are perfect!?” I know the One who is perfect! The blood of animals under the old covenant could “never...make those who approach perfect” (Heb. 10:1), but the blood of Jesus can (10:14)! This “perfection” has nothing to do with my own goodness, but it has everything to do with the perfect Son of God giving Himself for me, so that I might be made “perfect in Christ Jesus” (Col. 1:28). “In Christ” is the only place to find perfection! His blood makes me perfect!

If it were not for Jesus I could not be “perfect” like my Father (Matt. 5:48) and I could not go to that perfect place of heaven (Rev. 21-22)! I’m not perfect, but because of Jesus, I am! – DS



### “A Day Without Jesus”

So, apparently today is “A Day Without a Woman.” As I understand it (and I could be mistaken), this is an organized opportunity for women around the country to strike, participating in gender equality demonstrations and letting others know what it is like to have “a day without a woman.”

Since Adam could not live a day without a woman, it is obvious that God designed both genders to have an integral part in each other’s daily lives. Nuff said! But, here’s the problem. When we have “a day about us” (whoever the “us” is), the focus is entirely in the WRONG place. We spend so much time focusing on ourselves that we end up experiencing “a day without Jesus”!

What would “a day without Jesus” be like? Too many of us might be able to answer that from a position of experience and not just conjecture. How would your day be going today without Jesus? How has Jesus made a difference in your life today? What do you do each day to make sure you are not “without Jesus”? The worst day ever would be one without Jesus! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Joyce Barnhouse</b>	recovering from surgery
<b>Robin Davis</b>	recovering from surgery
<b>Maggie Dozier</b>	undergoing physical therapy for severe back pain
<b>Carol Hardman</b>	recovering from neck surgery, improving
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	recovering from surgery on her finger
<b>Kathy Kelley</b>	recovering from surgery
<b>Dan McLeod</b>	radiation treatments for prostate cancer
<b>Silas Moses</b>	ICU at the VA Hospital
<b>Joyce Parker</b>	continues to slowly improve
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	recovering from injections to alleviate back pain
<b>Sherrick Thomas</b>	ICU at Lawnwood Regional Med. Ctr., heart problems
<b>Nelson Watts</b>	dealing with hip problems
<b>Cherylann Wineinger</b>	scheduled for surgery in March to repair sinus cavities



**Jon Jordan** upon the passing of **his mother, Doris James**, last week in Ocala.

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<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	Shelton Howell
Sandra Daniels	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Annie Faison	Deidra Miley
Helen Gardner	Ruth Milton
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Janet Hickerson	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Mary Barulic</b>	Carol Hardman's mother, hospitalized with hernia issues
<b>Bonnye Cox</b>	Connye Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease
<b>Ray Faison</b>	Annie Faison's son, Good Sam., recovering from stroke
<b>Bobby Haines</b>	June Pack's son, possible surgery on neck and back
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Medina's sister, remains in the hospital
<b>Rocky Meess</b>	Micky Affron's father, mass between kidney & bladder
<b>Pat Pittman</b>	Jerry Pittman's brother, hospitalized with dementia

**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, March 12

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- ◆ **Troy Spradlin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Out-back on PGA Blvd. RSVP to Joan Holloway.
- ◆ **"Fortifying Your Faith" Class** at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing.

## Monday, March 13

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

## Tuesday, March 14

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

## Thursday March 16

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins.

## Friday-Sunday, March 17-19

- ◆ **Singles' Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$40 per person. See the bulletin board for more details.

## Sunday, March 19

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ◆ **"Fortifying Your Faith" Class** at 5:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, March 21

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

## Friday, March 24

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Please carpool.

## Sunday, April 2

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

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

### Monday, March 13

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

### Saturday, March 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Cookout for Kids** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Amelia Earhart Park in Miami. See Rachel Fuller or Ivan Villard for more details.

### Saturday, April 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

### Monday, April 3

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

### Friday, April 14

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



## *Palm Beach Lakes* **Youth**

### Sunday, March 12

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

### Sunday, March 26

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

### Friday, March 31

- ◆ **Sr. High Spring Formal** from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at The Kane Center in Stuart. Cost is \$35 per person. RSVP to Josh Blackmer by March 10.

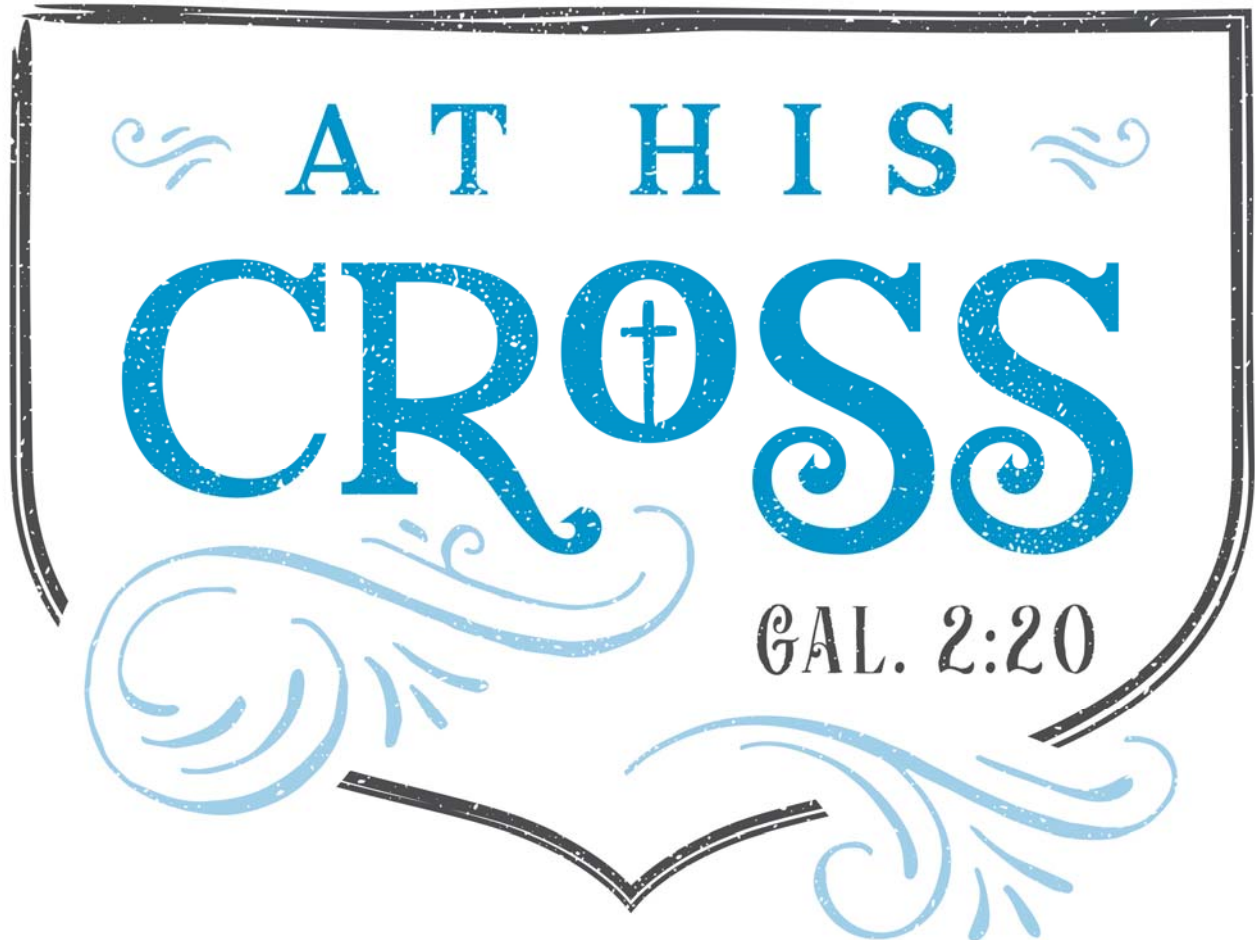
### Sunday, April 2

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

### Sunday, April 9

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

MARCH:



## I Find Grace

*“Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

*Marvelous grace, infinite grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Marvelous grace, infinite grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.”*

*(Julia H. Johnson, 1910)*

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



Sunday  
March 5

To my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your cards, calls, flowers and prayers during the passing of my mother, **Idella White**. On behalf of my family and myself, we express our sincerest appreciation for the thoughtfulness shown and the love we have been given during our time of bereavement.

In Christian love,  
Betty White & family

## News & Notes

**The Mount Dora Supply Truck** will be here the week of April 16. A list of supplies needed can be found on the Welcome Desk in the Lobby. Gift cards to Wal-Mart and Publix are also appreciated.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Gail Archer; Genia Baker; Larry & Judy Beard; Jim & Cindy Beard; Colin Boulin; Greg Bland; Terry & Regina Crews; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Ruty Crowell; Tom Garrison; Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; John Judd; Ms. Jennifer King; Gary Lober; Mrs. Sandy McElhaney; Karen MacDonald; Dennis & Sharon Mann; James Morgan; Ms. Pat Patterson; Miss Aliah Pendley; Miss Nephie Pierre-Louis; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Miss Jaena Smith; Ms. Natasha Twiggs; Terry West; Herman Williams; Morris Williams; and Mrs. Janis Wilson.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Jack & Suzanne Dempsey, Plymouth, MI; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Ray Glew, Issaquah, WA; Mrs. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Rick Lee, Harrison, MI; Wes Holland, CA; Scott Kelley, West Broward, FL; Brad Lewis, Columbia, TN; Ed & Barbara Lutsky, Arnold, MO; Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Brian, Tammy, Tanner & Gibson Rayfield, Hahira, GA; Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Troy & Andrea Spradlin, Milton, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Averill & Wilma Thomas, Shelby Township, MI; and Matthew & Julie Watson & Jonah, Bartlesville, OK.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (Mar. 12th)

Jim & Robin Davis (Ann.)  
Marvin Dozier

Monday (Mar. 13th)

Bob & Jennifer Higbee (Ann.)  
Leesa Schenk

Tuesday (Mar. 14th)

Mike Erickson

Wednesday (Mar. 15th)

Henry & Josephine Bass (Ann.)

Thursday (Mar. 16th)

Tim Cox  
Lynne Jorgensen  
Cassie Lavender  
Sue Shelt

Saturday (Mar. 18th)

Jackie Price

## 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, March 12

Lead Singing ..... Bobbo Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Dan Fuller  
Scripture Reading..... Daniel Swayne  
Presiding at Table ..... Novel Brown  
Serve at Table:  
    Josiah Blackmer     John Loftis  
    Edward Gager       Paul Metzkes  
    Bobby Ingraham     David Thorpe  
    Scott Lewis         Marty Williams  
Alternates  
    Kane Campbell      Charles Hayes  
Closing Prayer ..... Henry Williams

### Sunday Evening, March 12

Lead Singing ..... Ken Tipton  
Opening Prayer ..... Harrison Carter  
Scripture Reading..... Stephen Beliech  
Presiding at Table..... Jim Rogers  
    Gorman Ericksen  
    Jeremy Maloney  
    Gary Seames  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Erickson

### Wednesday Evening, March 15

Lead Singing ..... John Loftis  
Invitation..... Jimmie Banks  
Family Prayer ..... Chuck Clark

## Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 5	Feb. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	300	249
Sun. A.M. Worship	407	374
Sun. P.M. Worship	229	165
Wed. Bible Study	233	186
Contribution	\$17,475	\$14,896

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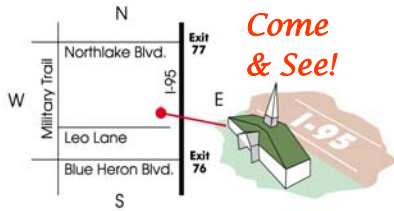
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### Service Schedule

#### 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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## 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

### April 20

Ladies' Day with Whitney Watson

### April 29

Elders, Deacons, Preachers & Wives Cookout

### April 30

Fifth Sunday Night Cook Off

### May 5-6

ET for Youth with Jon David Schwartz

### June 7-11

Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women

### June 18-21

Vacation Bible School

### July 16

Promotion Sunday