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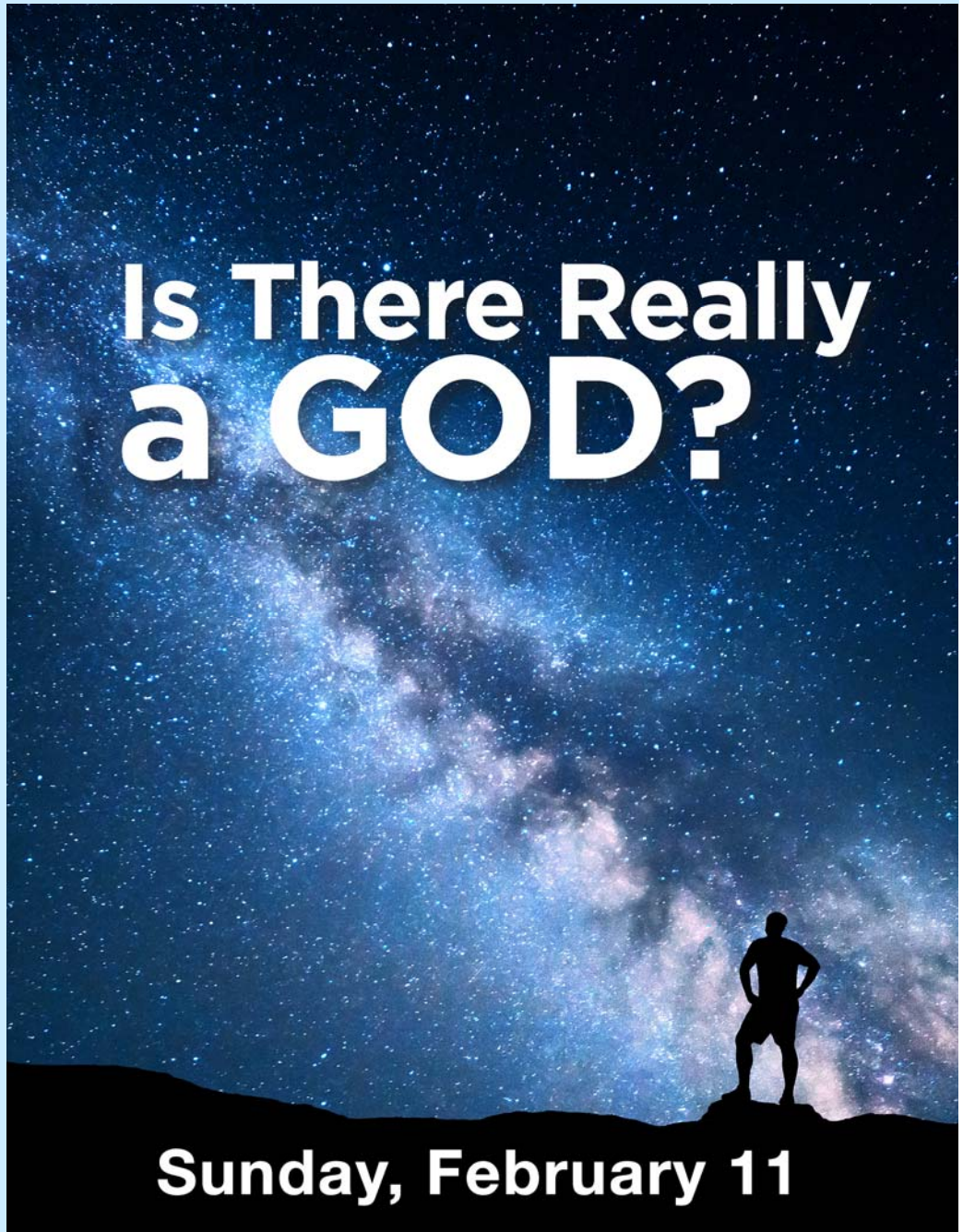
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Sunday, February 11



By Dan Jenkins

“You Shall Die and Not Live”

Hezekiah had truly been one of the greatest kings of the Jews. After the vast army of Assyria overthrew the northern kingdom of Israel and scattered those ten tribes among all the nation, they then surrounded Jerusalem. The faith of Hezekiah and the record of his amazing prayer and what he did with the letter demanding immediate surrender is found in Second Kings chapter nineteen. Without a single arrow being shot, there were 185,000 Assyrian soldiers killed in one night. If you do not know this story, take time to read it and have your faith in God’s providence overwhelming increased.

Some time later, the prophet Isaiah came to Hezekiah and delivered this message from God. “Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live” (2 Kings 20:1). Hezekiah’s response to this message is found in the rest of this chapter. It is at times like this that we can focus on the really important matters of life and death.

What would you do if you knew that you had just a few days, perhaps just a few hours, to live? What would you do if a doctor you trusted told you to call in Hospice for he had done all he could for you? What would you do if you knew that within a week’s time your life would end?

A failure to think about the certainty of death causes

many to be like that rich farmer Jesus told us about. The farmer foolishly said, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink and be merry” (Luke 12:19). What he did not know was that he would die the same night he said these words. What would he have done differently had he known he was within hours of death? Had you been in his place, what would have done?

The truth is that while we have not heard the words of a prophet or even the message from a doctor, this could be the last day we would ever live. If this were true, how would you spend today?

Are there words you would say to others? Are there apologies you would make? Would you want to make sure that you had told your mate how precious they are to you? Are there messages you would give to your children to prepare them for what lies ahead? Are there incidences in your life where your angry words and harsh behavior demand apologies right now? Are there words of appreciation you would want to say to anyone? Are there prayers to God about sins in your life that you would pray?

What would you do if you absolutely knew this would be your last day to live? There is no way to know this, but whatever you might do in such a situation is what you ought to do today. Think about it. Someday will be your last day!

What would you do if a trusted doctor told you there was no hope for you?



By David Sproule

Only One “Time” Zone

One intriguing feature of living on our spherical planet are the various time zones in which all earthly inhabitants live. This is noticeable in the advertising of the starting time for television programs, and businesses deal with this when trying to operate globally.

Times zones may not have a direct or daily impact on Christianity, but consider this for a moment. The “first day of the week” takes 23 hours to begin around the world. Therefore, since Christians are scattered all over the globe, they worship on the Lord’s Day at all hours over a 24-hour period. For example, when we are worshiping on Sunday morning in Florida, our brethren in Fiji are still sleeping in the middle of their night. But, won’t it be wonderful in heaven where there are no times zones! In eternity, there is no time, therefore, there are no limitations of time. The redeemed in heaven will not be scattered around the globe but will be united together in that holy city of God!

Accommodatingly, let me use the word “time” to depict how wonderful it will be when the family of God is all in heaven together, without any separation of distance or time.

For everyone in heaven, at the same time, it will be a time of **joy**. In Matthew 25:23, Jesus painted the scene at the

judgment, when He will say to His faithful, “Enter into the joy of your lord.” Heaven will be a place of the greatest all-time joy...in the Lord...all the time!

For everyone in heaven, at the same time, it will be a time of **worship**. The apostle John caught a glimpse of heaven and saw that worship does not “cease” in heaven, as those around God’s throne shout, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty” (Rev. 4:8). Heaven will be a place of the greatest all-time worship...of the Lord...all the time!

For everyone in heaven, at the same time, it will be a time of **servicing**. Revelation 22:3 tells us of the glories of heaven where it says, “His servants shall serve Him.” Heaven will be a place of the greatest all-time servicing...of the Lord...all the time!

For everyone in heaven, at the same time, it will be a time of **rest**. John wrote what He heard from heaven, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on...that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them” (Rev. 14:13). Heaven will be a place of the greatest all-time rest...in the Lord...all the time!

One of the greatest anticipations of heaven is being there with the redeemed, all at the same time and for all time. There, we will have joy all the time together, worship all the time together, serve all the time together and rest all the time together. Lord, hasten the day!

In eternity, there is no time, therefore, there are no limitations of time.



By Josh Blackmer

Where Are the Nine?

Leprosy is a slow and shameful death. It is no wonder that while Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem 10 lepers from a small village cried out to Him, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Luke 17:13). Jesus simply told them to show themselves to the priest, which is what must be done in order to be called clean again (Luke 17:14; Lev. 13, 14). As commanded, they begin their journey up to Jerusalem. On their way they are healed. One turns back to praise God and falls on his face before Jesus and thanks Him (Luke 17:15,16). Jesus then asks the question of the Samaritan who had returned, "Where are the nine?" (Luke 17:17).

Being ungrateful is an attribute of those who forsake God. "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks" (Romans 1:21). Being ungrateful is an attribute of the rebellious. "For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy..." (2 Tim. 3:2). Israel was one of the greatest examples of ungratefulness. From the time they left Egypt, they were already complaining to Moses. We saw that a whole generation had to die in the desert because of their rebellion. In his song and farewell address, Moses reminds the people, "You neglected the Rock who begot you, And forgot the God who gave you birth" (Deut. 32:18).

We must stand as the one, thankful for the richness of God.

We have been so blessed by God. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow (Jas. 1:17). For these great gifts we are commanded to be thankful. "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:18).

God changed the lives of those lepers that were healed, and only one returned to show gratitude. Where were the nine? What are we doing to show our gratitude to God for all that He has done and continues to do for us? Where are the nine on Sunday, when the saints assemble to worship Him? (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:25)? When the time of the collection takes place on Sunday (1 Cor. 16:2), where are the nine? At any given point in the day, when prayer could be offered to God (1 Thess. 5:16-18), where are the nine? A story is told of a rich man that had seven gold coins. As he was traveling, he had pity on a beggar and gave him six. Not content with what he had, the beggar robbed the rich man of the seventh coin. Would we receive so much from God and rob Him of what is His? Our time, our money, our prayer, our hearts are all His. We must not be guilty of standing with the ungrateful nine. We must stand as the one, thankful for the richness of God.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Would it amaze some people?

When Jesus was only 12 years old, his parents inadvertently left Him behind in Jerusalem as they began their journey home following Passover (Luke 2:41-44). Upon returning to the city, they found Him in the temple, "sitting" with the teachers, "listening to them," "asking them questions" and giving His own "understanding and answers" (2:46-47). When His mother came to Him, young Jesus said, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (2:49). It really was no surprise where Jesus was and what He was doing!

Here's something to think about. If people who know you happened to find you "in church," or saw you singing and praying in worship, or saw you partaking of the Lord's Supper, or watched you taking notes in Bible class, or heard you make a Biblically-based comment in Bible class, would they be surprised to find you there and to see what you're doing?

If those who know you do not know where to find you on Sundays and Wednesdays, why not? – DS



Be careful not to ROFL

There is a certain "satisfaction" (shall we call it?) when one of our enemies falls into hard times or experiences some calamity in life. There is a sense in which we may think, "They had it coming! Serves them right!" But we need to be ever-so cautious.

Read these words from Proverbs 24:17-18. "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; Lest the Lord see it, and it displease Him, And He turn away His wrath from him."

Notice that these verses teach that God's "wrath" may be headed the way of our enemy, which is exactly in God's purview, for "vengeance" belongs to Him (Rom 12:19). But, if we "rejoice" at his misfortune, such an action may "please" us but, simultaneously, "displease" the Lord. Let us be careful how we respond and remember that agape "love" (Matt. 5:44) is "kind" (1 Cor. 13:4), which should lead us to "pray" for our enemies, rather than ROFL at them. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	undergoing rehab at home, continues to improve
Jimmy Burney	chemo and radiation treatments for lung cancer
Eva Fulton	mass on her kidney, dealing with hip & ankle pain
Helen Gardner	recovering at home
Zula Garrett	recovering at home
Maria Hackshaw	dealing with severe pain in her feet
Joe Holland	recovering at home, slowly improving
Ophelia Holmes	has the flu
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from oral surgery
Dick Kelley	undergoing medical tests
Carolyn Kemp	Wellington Regional (room 271), recovering from surg.
Tom Martens	back at Chatsworth, undergoing rehab
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 304)
Angie Seames	recovering from neck surgery, in a lot of pain
Linda Studer	having monthly chemo treatments
Amy West	recovering at home from surgery

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	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	Harriet Morris
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Janet Hickerson	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Tytianna Cox	Willie & Mattie Cox's granddaughter, not doing well
Mikki Dean	Hollie Crotts' sister, went into labor 5 weeks early
Ke'niya Ealey	Adrienne Banks' granddaughter, surgery on her intestines
Shirley Franklin	Kay Richardson's sister, in the hospital, improving
Rhona Hayes	Charles Hayes' wife, Good Samaritan, surgery on Feb. 8
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, not doing well
Jacklyn Modery	Sharon Reitz's sister, spinal surgery rescheduled
Clara Summerville	Brenda Collier's mother, recovering from hip surgery
MacKenzie Terry	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s granddaughter, having oral surgery
Ciris Williams	Jené Williams' granddaughter, St. Mary's Pediatric Care
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, at home but still very weak

Remember
Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 11

- ♦ **Second Sunday at PBL**
 - 9:00 a.m. Bible Class
 - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: *"Is There Really a God?"*
 - 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins.

Wednesday, February 14

- ♦ **Tavaro Hanna Mission Report** at 7:00 p.m. during Bible Study.

Saturday, February 24

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, February 25

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Potluck** after morning worship in the Family Room. See Novel or Mary Brown for more details.

Sunday-Wednesday, February 25-28

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Okeechobee** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Jimmy Clark will be speaking on *"Kindling Our Inward Passion for Christ."*

Friday-Saturday, March 2-3

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

Saturday, March 3

- ♦ **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.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday-Sunday, February 16-18

- ♦ **Young Adult Camping Trip.** See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, March 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brent & Andrea Leslie.

Tuesday, March 6

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

Friday, March 9

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Saturday, March 10

- ♦ **Jr. High & Young Adult Picnic.** See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, March 24

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Guys' Hangout.**



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, February 11

- ♦ **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 23-25

- ♦ **Challenge Youth Conference** for Sr. High Youth. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, February 25

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Saturday, March 3

- ♦ **Youth Work Day** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Friday, March 9

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Consider God's Creation— Think About God's Greatness

by Eric Lyons



Christians in the 21st century think too little about God's creation; consequently, we think too little about God. We are so enamored with ourselves—our schedules, our work, our technology, our extracurricular activities, etc., that we often fail to see the stars and smell the roses. Today, perhaps more than any time in history, man misses the apparently simple things in life that should cause us to meditate continually upon the greatness of the Creator. Of course, nothing is more important for Christians to meditate on than God's Word (Psalm 1:2; see Lyons, 2011), but in conjunction with God's special revelation (His Word), we ought to ponder about how God's amazing natural revelation testifies to His infinite power, intelligence, and care.

Time and again, Holy Writ points to God's creation as proof of His greatness. Since the time of Job, Noah, and going as far back as Adam, man has learned some wonderful things about God by considering His amazing creation. Paul wrote: "**Since the creation of the world** His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood **by the things that are made**, even His eternal power and Godhead" (Romans 1:20, emp. added).

Perhaps no other book of the Bible leads man to deeper meditation on God's greatness than the book of Psalms. Yet, interestingly, oftentimes this same inspired book turns man's attention to **God's creation**. In Psalm 8, for example, the psalmist praised the excellent name of the Lord Who set His "glory above the heavens," Who made the Moon, stars, man, and even "the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas." What did the psalmist conclude? "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:9). In Psalm 19:1, we are reminded that "[t]he heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork." In Psalm 33, we learn of one of the reasons that humanity is to fear and stand in awe of the Lord (33:8)—because "by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.... For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast" (33:6,9).

Consider the climax of the book of Job, when God spoke to the patriarch out of a whirlwind. Instead of informing Job of the exact reasons for his serious suffering, God spoke to him about His creation. Beginning in Job 38:39 and going through chapters 39, 40, and 41, God spoke to Job about several different animals, including the lion, the hawk, Behemoth, and Leviathan. Of all of the things God could have said to Job, He spent some 77 verses talking about some of His animal creation. He chose to teach Job about His all-powerful, all-knowing, supreme nature by describing some of His magnificent animal creation.

The prophet Isaiah once wrote about being allowed to see a vision of the throne of God. In the Lord's presence were angelic beings crying out one to another, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" (Isaiah 6:3). What is the basis of this praise? What is one reason we should be driven to worship God? Isaiah revealed one of the pillars of God's praise in the very next line: "**The whole earth is full of His glory**" (6:3).

Indeed, the beauty, splendor, and design of God's creation should drive us closer to the Creator. His "fingerprints" should make us stand in awe of Him. They should drive us to our knees in worship of Him. And they should compel us to tell others about Him. As the psalmist sang, we should "declare **His glory** among the nations, **His wonders** among all peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised" (96:3-4).

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



Sunday
February 4

Willie & Mattie Cox thanks the Palm Beach Lakes church for the prayers, flowers, and cards during their recent time of bereavement.

I appreciate each of my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks for the prayers, calls, and love when I was sick and on bed rest.

Linda Coe

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Tunde Akingbade; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Richard Gathright; Mr. Glenn Gerber; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Nancy Light; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Norma Mariano; Mr. Stacey Mickens; Mr. Ray Morrison; Ms. Pat Patterson; Ms. Ashley Piper; Anthony Reed; Mrs. Karla Santiago; and Ms. Machell Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Carol Adkinson, Palo, MI; Mr. David Cote, Caledonia, MS; Mr. Jay Killeen, Janesville, WI; Mrs. Sandy McElhaney, Macomb Twp., MI; Mr. & Mrs. Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; and Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL.



Sunday (February 11th)

David Brown

Monday (February 12th)

Dave Holaday

Tuesday (February 13th)

Eugene & Penny Williams (Ann.)

Wednesday (February 14th)

Marty & Leslie Williams (Ann.)

Friday (February 16th)

Andy Anderson

Pat Parnell

Laura Schuemann

Saturday (February 17th)

Julie Williams

YOUTH & FAMILY SINGING



February 11

After evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

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, February 11

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
 Opening Prayer John Loftis
 Scripture Reading..... Tim Cox
 Presiding at Table L.H. Richardson
 Serve at Table:
 Josiah Blackmer Robert Lupo
 Gorman Ericksen Jeremy Maloney
 Andres Fernandez Gary Seames
 Brent Leslie Lawrence Williams
 Alternates:
 Mike Damron Jeff Leslie
 Closing Prayer Charles Hayes

Sunday Evening, February 11

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
 Opening Prayer Paul Metzkes
 Scripture Reading..... Ivan Villard
 Presiding at Table..... Scott Studer
 Eddie Gooden
 Rick Hall
 Austin Williams
 Closing Prayer Jim Davis
Wednesday Evening, February 14
 Lead Singing Ivan Villard
 Invitation..... Jim Davis
 Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 4	Jan. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	237	230
Sun. A.M. Worship	322	331
Sun. P.M. Worship	143	159
Wed. Bible Study	158	167
Contribution	\$14,619	\$14,343

2018 Weekly Budget: TBA

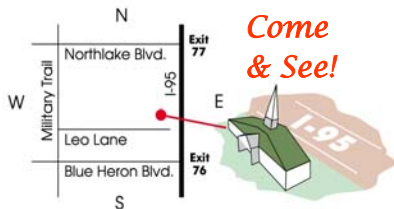
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Sunday:

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

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).