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- Chuck Clark 627-4132
- Victor Colage..... 719-1490
- Lance Collier..... 793-2718
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- Jeff Goodale 261-1188
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Welcome New Members



Price, Wiley

Group 4

Restored January 14



Mariano, Robert & Norma

Group 4

Identified February 18



Gospel Meeting w/ Glenn Colley *March 11-14*



By Dan Jenkins

What Do You See?

There was that day when Samuel learned a lesson so many of us never learn. The prophet had been sent by God to the house of Jesse to anoint the new king who was to replace Saul. When Samuel looked at the sons of Jesse, he immediately decided that the new king would be Eliab, the firstborn son, but he was so wrong. One by one, each of the sons came before Samuel and each was rejected. Why? God told Samuel, "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7). The heart that God sees is the inward soul of a person. The body is simply the house of clay where that soul resides for a few years.

Jesus Saw Souls

When God became flesh, He did not look at the outward appearance of men. He saw their souls! He chose twelve of the most unlikely individuals to be those who would continue the work He began. He chose ignorant and unlearned fisherman (Acts 4:13); He chose a despised tax collector; He chose a Zealot, the "terrorists" of the first century. Why? Because our Lord looks at the heart.

Paul Saw Souls

On the day of Paul's salvation, he could have so easily learned the lesson about how readily godly men fail to see the

heart and look at the outward appearance. God's message to Ananias was clearly understandable, but this disciple was so hesitant to go. Why? Because he only saw Paul as an enemy of God, but God looked at the same man's soul and saw him as the great apostle.

Look at the rest of Paul's life. Though opposed and often beaten, he continued to enter the synagogues for occasionally there were a few who might become believers. He never stopped "touching the hot stove" of the synagogues for he saw souls in them.

When he was brought before Felix, Festus and Agrippa, he saw the souls of these ungodly, immoral rulers. This is why he openly taught them about Christ. He saw them not as an enemy, those who would not obey the Lord. He saw their souls!

Who Do You See?

God help us to learn this lesson so many righteous men have struggled to learn. God has not spoken to us directly as He did to Ananias, but He has directly spoken to us with the great commission. He first gave it to the apostles, and they have by their works given this same commission to us—go preach the gospel to every creature. Opportunities abound for us to teach are all around us.

God help us all to look and see the souls of others!

God help us to learn a lesson so many godly men have failed to learn



By David Sproule

"If you keep on doing what you've always done..."

I've heard the expression hundreds of times, but very rarely is it ever used in a complimentary or favorable way. Most of the time, those who use this adage are intending it to be understood as a sign of derision for whatever is being practiced.

"If you keep on doing what you've always done, then you'll keep on getting what you've always got." How often have you heard this? How often has it been directed toward a positive continuation of "what you're doing"? (Rarely. Maybe never.) And how often has it been used in a negative disparagement of "what you're doing"? (Almost always.)

Over the years (and especially more recently), those who would like to see certain changes made in the church have gone to quoting this epigram. They point to a decline in attendance or to a perceived lack of church growth or to a waning interest among a certain group of people toward the church, and they will quip, *"Well, you know, if you keep on doing what you've always done, then you'll keep on getting what you've always got."* As if, "what we've always done" is a bad thing or outdated or plain silly.

Is "change" in the church a bad thing? It's impossible to lump all "change" into the same category. Are there certain things that the church could improve or do better? Certainly!

Should the church evaluate how it can do certain things more effectively? Certainly! But, should "what the church has always done" be automatically looked at as some sort of out-of-date, unsophisticated, irrelevant plan of action for moving forward? Certainly not!

Suppose you think of this expression being used in a positive, commending way. *"If you keep on doing what you've always done, then you'll keep on getting what you've always got."* For nearly 2,000 years, the church of Christ has been teaching lost souls that they need to hear the gospel (Rom. 10:17), believe it (Rom. 1:16), repent of their sins (Acts 17:30), confess their faith (Rom. 10:10) and be immersed into Christ (Gal. 3:27) for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38). In following this pattern, Jesus taught that one becomes a disciple (Matt. 28:1-20), i.e., a Christian (Acts 11:26). That's what the church has "always taught" (i.e., God's plan of salvation), and that's what the church has "always got" (i.e., New Testament Christians, saved by the blood of Jesus)!

Brethren, there may be some areas where we can improve our methods and our works, BUT we will NEVER improve HIS doctrine! If we set about to tweak HIS plan, in order to be more appealing or to reach more people, and we stop "teaching what we've always taught," then we will stop "getting what we've always got"! Souls will not be saved!

"...then you'll keep on getting what you've always got."



By Josh Blackmer

He Shall Be Called Man

Would you believe that Paul told the Corinthian church to “act like men” (1 Cor. 16:13)? What does it mean to act like a man? That is a question boys are struggling with. They are given the misogynist on one end, the feminist on the other and all the confusion in between. How are boys expected to know what it means/looks like to be a man? Where are they going to get a clear picture? Put together all the movies, music, cartoons, social misconceptions of gender roles, male role models (good and bad), and negative press of sex scandals and school shootings. What kind of man would you piece together? If you try and define what it means to be a man without the Bible, you will fail every time. Men were made in the image of God. You cannot talk about being a man without talking about the One that made him.

In the Bible we can see that man was given the responsibility of provision from the beginning (Gen. 3:18-19). We see that principle carried over into the New Testament (1 Tim. 5:8). In the very beginning, God gave man a role to play. We can also see many examples of men. David was a man after God’s own heart. Today he might not be considered particularly manly because he played the harp and wrote poetry. However, we also see him as a warrior and a lover of God. It is the last that defined him the most. We see that also in the prophet

Daniel. When he and his fellow Hebrew friends were taken captive, they were stripped of everything that society today says gives us an identity: name, language, culture, family and sex organs. However, they were unwavering in their devotion to God. Their identity was in God and their relation to Him.

There were deep-seated character traits that defined these men. These were the things that made them who they were: faith, obedience, courage, holiness, righteousness, justice, mercy, grace, hope and love. They were not men because of sports, facial hair, hobbies, work, guns, man caves or cars/trucks. Boys are lost in a sea of mixed signals and confusion because there is so much emphasis on the wrong things to define manhood. Paul mentored Timothy in his service to the Lord. We read on many occasions of Paul offering Timothy advice as he worked with the churches (2 Tim. 1:6-8; 2:1-13). I would encourage men to do the same. Instill in those around you the principles of being a man after God’s own heart. Do not be found guilty of promoting the same false and deceptive standards of manhood. Not all men like sports or guns, not all men can grow a beard, but all men can look like their Creator.

When Paul told Corinth to be like men he said, “Be on the alert, stand firm...be strong. Let all that you do be done in love” (1 Cor. 16:13-14). Let us go and do likewise.

Do not promote false standards of manhood.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What is your favorite word?

Have you ever seen something that was just so full that it could not help but overflow? Sometimes while pouring a soda, the glass can become so full that the soda overflows the side. Sometimes the same thing can happen with a bowl (or bag) of popcorn.

Could the same thing happen with a person? Perhaps you’ve seen it. A person can become so full of himself that he just overflows in praise of himself. (Have you ever heard the expression, “He’s so full of himself”?) Yes, it is evidenced when he gushes forth with his own accolades.

The Pharisee praying in Luke 18 is a classic example of this. In his two-sentence prayer, notice what his favorite word was, “God, I...I...I...I...I...” (18:11-12). Do you find yourself boasting about yourself to others? The Lord cautions us in Proverbs 27:2, “Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth.” If you find yourself overflowing in praise of “how good you are” and “how many great things you’ve done,” such is not “approved” of God (2 Cor. 10:18). – DS



Be baptized or pray to be saved? Which?

In Acts 2, Peter told individuals in Jerusalem, “Repent and be baptized...in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (2:38). But, then in Acts 8, Peter told someone else, “Repent...and pray to the Lord that...the intent of your heart may be forgiven you” (8:22). Now, which one is it? Is someone supposed to “repent and be baptized” in order to be forgiven (2:38)? Or is someone supposed to “repent and pray” in order to be forgiven (8:22)?

The answer is found in the simple step of identifying to whom Peter was speaking. In Acts 2, Peter was speaking to Jews who had crucified Jesus and had never been forgiven of any sin. They needed to be baptized to be forgiven of all sins (cf. Acts 22:16). In Acts 8, Peter was speaking to Simon, who had already been baptized for the forgiveness of sins (v. 13), but had sinned again as a Christian. Simon needed to pray to be forgiven of this sin (cf. 1 John 1:9).

Alien sinners were never told to pray to be saved. Christians were never told to be baptized again to be saved. Isn’t Scripture marvelous, how it makes these things abundantly clear! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	undergoing rehab at home
Adrienne Banks	having a heart catheterization on Feb. 26
Jimmy Burney	chemo and radiation treatments for lung cancer
Eva Fulton	still dealing with a lot of pain
Zula Garrett	recovering at home
Joe Holland	slowly improving
Mary A. Jackson	having complications from oral surgery
Dick Kelley	undergoing medical tests
Carolyn Kemp	recovering from surgery at home
Tom Martens	in Chatsworth, undergoing rehab
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 304)
Leigh Puckett	recovering from a concussion
Angie Seames	recovering from neck surgery
Willie Smith	dealing with multiple health issues
Linda Studer	having monthly chemo treatments
Cherylann Wineinger	undergoing therapy for lower back injury

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
Shirley Franklin	Kay Richardson's sister, in the hospital, improving
Rhona Hayes	Charles Hayes' wife, recovering from surgery
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, not doing well
Clara Summerville	Brenda Collier's mother, recovering from hip surgery
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 25

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Potluck** after morning worship in the Family Room. See Novel or Mary Brown for more details.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

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."*

Monday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

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

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. See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.

Sunday, March 4

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake Blvd. See Joan Holloway to RSVP or for more details.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Friday, March 9

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

Saturday, March 10

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street in Pompano.** See the bulletin board for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Tuesday, February 27

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

Saturday, March 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brent & Andrea Leslie. See Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, March 6

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

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 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.

Saturday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 24

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PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - March, 2018

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Jerry Hopkins	
Opening Prayer	Kane Campbell	David Thorpe	Jeff Leslie	Kevin Weeks	
Scripture Reading	Jerry Pittman	Gary Jenkins	Henry Bass	Heath Johnson	
Presiding at Table	Freddie Gadson	Richard Watson	Jeff Goodale	Eugene Williams	
Serving at Table:	Jordan Beasley	Jimmie Banks	Andy Anderson	Josue Charles	
	Josiah Blackmer	Harrison Crotts	Greg Bland	Cam Crotts	
	Mike Damron	Gorman Ericksen	Kirk Crews	Jim Davis	
	Andres Fernandez	Morris McDaniel	Ed Gager	Errol Gower-Winter	
	Bobby Ingraham	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Wallace Jones	
	Robert Mariano	Vincent Rogers	Michael Morning	Paul Metzkes	
	Taylor Reeves	Scott Studer	Shaun Tyson	L.H. Richardson	
	Micah Trujillo	Lawrence Williams	Marty Williams	Austin Williams	
	Closing Prayer	Brent Leslie	Gary Seames	Orlando Lolo	Tim Fry

Evening Worship Service **					
Song Leader	Ken Tipton	Gary Friedly	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	
Opening Prayer	Dirk Summerlot	Rick Hall	Clayton Trujillo	Ken Tipton	
Scripture Reading	Deltom Lequernaque	Chris Thompson	Jim Rogers	Tyrone Toson	
Presiding at Table	Jerry Hopkins	Richard Lerro	Charles Hayes	Mike Ellis	
Serving at Table:	Mike Erickson	Stephen Beliech	Eddie Gooden	Josiah Blackmer	
	Tim Mahlbacher	Chuck Clark	Joe Maloney	Carmen Ruckman	
	Nahum Villard	Simon Tyson	Nick Pietro	Darin Summerlot	
Closing Prayer	Novel Brown	David Brown	Victor Colage	Nate Nelson	

Alternates:					
	Dan McLeod	Tim Cox	Lance Collier	Bob Higbee	
	Ivan Villard, Jr.	John Loftis	Namddie Ikon	Ken Long	

Technical Assignments					
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Nate Nelson	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman

Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
<i>Ushers</i>		Mar. 4 & 7	Mar. 11 & 14	Mar. 18 & 21	Mar. 25 & 28
	Head Usher:	Glen Dawson →			
		Jim Davis	Doug Carrick	Mike Erickson	Jimmie Banks
	Chris Thompson	Kevin Weeks	David Lord	Dick Kelley	
<i>Safety Team</i>		Bobbo Lupo	L.H. Richardson	Cam Crotts	Shaun Tyson
		Seth Watson	Darin Summerlot	Heath Johnson	Nahum Villard

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.
 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.
 Call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

**** Notice: The evening service will be conducted after lunch on March 11th. ****

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



Sunday
February 18

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Monique Alexis; Ms. Julianne Battle; Ms. Donna Bleau; Mr. Casey Commander; Mr. Kyle Coffman; Mr. Erik Estepa; Miss Madison Gaither; Richard Gathright; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Lauren Grimaldi; Ms. Jennifer King; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Stacey Mickens; Ms. Natasha Ortiz; Ms. Pat Patterson; Mr. Anthony Reed; Mr. Anthony Spinoga; and Aleshia Taylor.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. David & Dinah Caskey, Marsh Harbor, Bahamas; Ms. Cynthia Chery, Miami, FL; Ms. Sabrina Clayton, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Leslie Cleveland, Soddy Daisy, TN; Mrs. Debbie Cox, Hilliard, OH; Ms. Jimmie Faye Dockery, Hixson, TN; the Hanna family, Grand Bahamas; Mr. Harry Lampkin, Hollywood, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Mrs. Kim Mann, Boca Raton, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Ms. Kristina Sterling, Knoxville, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Lee Tellman, Pacific, MO.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (February 25th)

Kaitlyn Donahue
Lisa Eutsey

Wednesday (February 28th) cont.

Shelton Howell

Thursday (March 1st)

Willie Smith

Tuesday (February 27th)

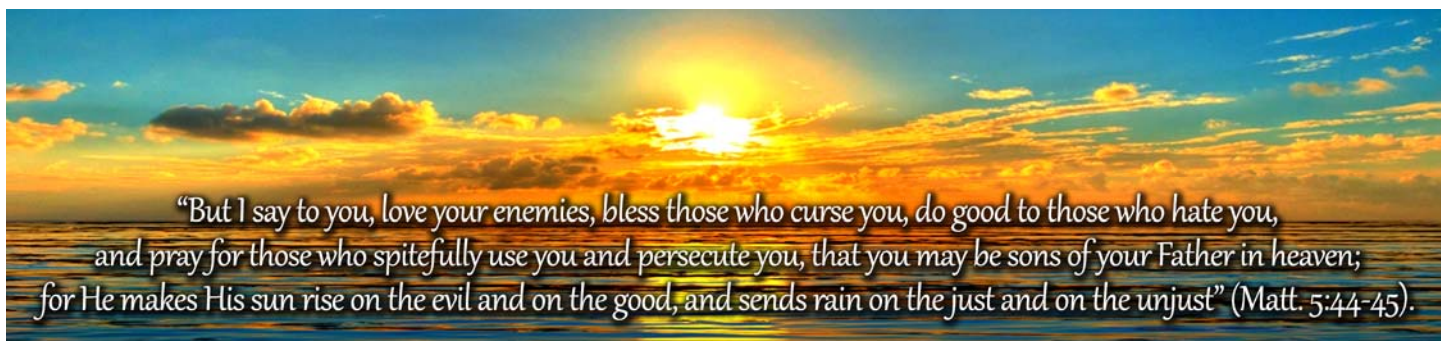
Chuck Milton

Saturday (March 3rd)

Angela Walker

Wednesday (February 28th)

Marvin & Maggie Dozier (Ann.)



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 25

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading..... Jimmie Banks
Presiding at TableBill Ingram, Jr.
Serve at Table:
 Andy Anderson Namdidie Ikon
 Doug Carrick Kenneth Long
 Josue Charles Simon Tyson
 Edward Gager Kevin Weeks
Alternates:
 Heath Johnson Shaun Tyson
Closing Prayer Chuck Clark

Sunday Evening, February 25

Lead SingingJohn Loftis
Opening PrayerHarrison Crotts
Scripture Reading..... Stephen Beliech
Presiding at Table.....Bob Higbee
 Gary Friedly
 Dick Kelley
 Carmen Ruckman
Closing PrayerGlen Dawson
Wednesday Evening, February 21
Lead SingingJimmie Banks
Invitation.....Daniel Lord
Family PrayerVictor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 18	Jan. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	222	230
Sun. A.M. Worship	334	331
Sun. P.M. Worship	150	159
Wed. Bible Study	173	167
Contribution	\$15,906	\$14,343
2018 Weekly Budget: \$15,252		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -3,567		

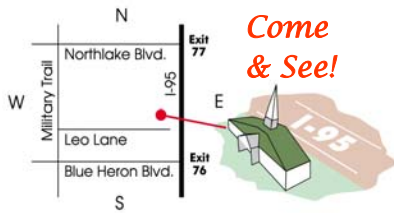
Ushers for week of **Feb. 25:** Head Usher: Victor Colage; Tim Fry & Wallace Jones



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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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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

March 11-14

Gospel Meeting with Glenn Colley

April 8

Second Sunday: "Can the Bible Be Trusted?"

April 12 (NEW Date)

Ladies' Day with Wendy Wadley

April 28

Elders, Deacons, Preachers & Wives Cookout

April 29

Fifth Sunday Night Cook-Off

May 5

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men

May 13

Second Sunday: "The Greatest Story Ever Told"