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- David Sproule ..... 301-2230
- Josh Blackmer ..... 319-1418

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- David Brown ..... 972-7608
- Novel Brown ..... 848-6988
- Chuck Clark ..... 627-4132
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- Lance Collier ..... 793-2718
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- Rick Hall ..... 622-5131
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- Dick Kelley ..... 968-1799
- Jeff Leslie ..... 744-3444
- Paul Metzkes ..... 736-9086
- Buzz Nelson ..... 627-4890
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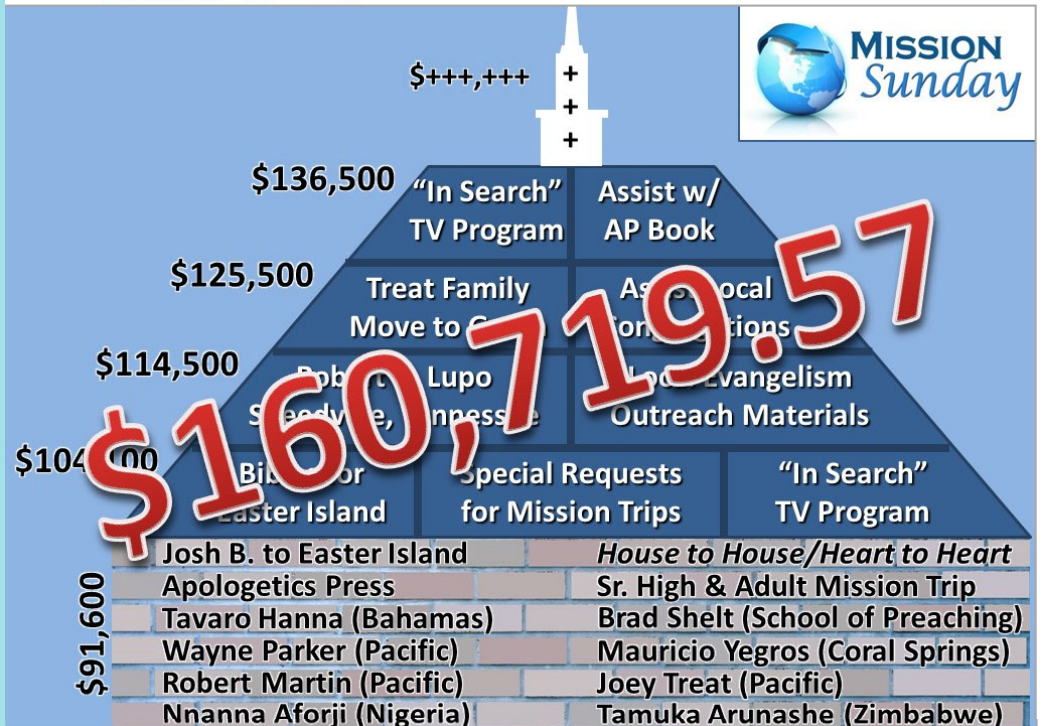
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# MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD



**To GOD Be the Glory**



By Dan Jenkins

## A Rose By Any Other Name...

We are often not aware of the origin of many phrases and sayings we use. Do you remember hearing the saying, “A rose by any other name is still a rose”? It has many variations, but it appears that Shakespeare used it first in *Romeo and Juliet*. In the balcony scene, Juliet unknowingly said to Romeo that the fact his last name was Montague did not matter to her. “A rose by any other name would still smell as sweet.” Read the rest of this article, and you will understand why I entitled it the way I did.

Many have little knowledge of the horrendous way men in ancient times abused children. The phrase “children passed through the fire” is found 12 times in the Old Testament. It describes the practice of the nation of Israel and its kings taking infants and burning them alive at the altar of Molech. Such practices show how far God’s people had moved away from Him.

It was not only the Jews who did this. The Egyptians threw their infants into the Nile River believing that this sacrifice would ensure greater crops when they were harvested. Their prosperity was more important than their offspring.

The practice of the Greeks and Romans was even more gruesome. If the child which was born was unwanted, they would leave them outside their homes to suffer whatever

fate came. Some who were left naked froze to death. Others died of starvation or were eaten by wild animals. Those not left outside their homes were taken to an appointed rubbish heap, where they were left lying on the manure that was there.

There is evidence that the disposal of unwanted infants was so widespread. It was done in Syria, Carthage, Phoenicia, Moab, Canaan, among Germanic tribes, Australia (the aborigines), Arabia, Britain, China, Finland, Iceland, India, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Russia, Sweden, Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Peru, Paraguay and in America by the Incas and the Aztecs. This list is not complete, but it shows just how far the world through the ages has almost no regard for some children. Such is the nature of paganism.

Aren’t you so thankful that you were not born in a world which had so little regard for helpless infants? Isn’t it wonderful that we live in such a civilized society? It is so easy to read what was practiced in ancient times and think that it is only part of the ancient past.

Last week, the state of New York made abortion legal at any time. One advocate of the law affirmed it was legal even if dilation had begun. A rose by any other name is still a rose, and pagan slaughter of unwanted infants is still murder even if called pro-choice. Our practices are identical to those of the ancient pagans!

**Paganism is still paganism even if it is called legal abortion and pro-choice**



By David Sproule

## Those Who Are Weak in the Faith

The Christian life can certainly be difficult, and maintaining a strong faith in our service to the Lord is often challenging. For some children of God, it is more challenging than for others. This is not intended as a derogatory characterization, but the reality is that there are many Christians around us who are “weak”—not physically, but spiritually.

The Greek word that is used in the New Testament for “weak” is used for both a physical condition (i.e., sickness, as in Acts 5:15), as well as a spiritual condition. The word itself literally means “no strength” or “without strength.” Do you know any Christians around you who are “without strength” in their effort to serve the Lord? In all likelihood, you know several. What is your responsibility to such?

**God wants us to “receive” the weak (Rom. 14:1).** “As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him” (ESV) or “accept” him (NASB). The Greek word emphasizes “to take to oneself” and “to grant one access to one’s heart.” Sometimes one who is weak in faith feels isolated and alone, which further exasperates his spiritual condition. Step one: Let us seek out one who is weak and receive him into a Christian friendship.

**God wants us to “hold” the weak (1 Thess. 5:14).** “We exhort you, brethren...uphold the weak” (NJKV) or “help”

him (NASB). The Greek word emphasizes “to hold to oneself firmly, to cleave to, to cling to.” Think about this. Sometimes one who is weak in the faith is discouraged and troubled. Step two: Let us reach out to one who is weak and bring him in, cling to him and encourage him as a dear brother in Christ.

**God wants us to “help” the weak (Acts 20:35).** “You must support the weak” (NKJV) or “partake with” (Young’s Literal). The Greek word indicates not only “to take to oneself” and “to embrace,” but also “to take hold yourself to the other end” of something that needs to be carried or a task that needs to be completed. Sometimes one who is weak in the faith is struggling with a decision or with how to walk the walk. Step three: Let us seek opportunities where we can walk alongside a weak brother and “take up” the other side of a burden he is trying to bear and help to relieve it.

**God wants us to “restore” the weak (Gal. 6:1).** “Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness.” The Greek word was used for “mending nets” (Matt. 4:10), emphasizing the need to strengthen and help one to be brought back into the right way. Sometimes one who is weak in the faith strays away from the strait and narrow. Step four: Let us search out for brethren who are no longer among us and gently work to mend them and bring them back into the fold.

**Do you know any Christians around you who are “without strength”?**



By Josh Blackmer

## Mistakes In Perception of Jesus

“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’” (Matt. 16:13). This is a very good question. So much depends on how we view who Jesus is. During His time on earth, there were a lot of opinions about Him.

There are four that I would like to look into with you.

In Nazareth, they said, “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?’ And they took offense at Him” (Mark 6:3). “King Herod heard of it, for His name had become well known; and people were saying, ‘John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him’” (Mark 6:14). Regarding His disciples, “When they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out” (Mark 6:49). Regarding the people seeing His miracles, “So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone” (John 6:15).

Mistakes were made in their observations. They saw His nearness to humanity and said that, “He is one of us.” Out of guilt they saw His moral authority and power, “mighty pow-

ers are at work in Him.” Others focused on His sovereignty and would have made Him king. The disciples focused on the mystery of His being and supposed that He was a spirit.

What were the mistakes of these observations? They severely limited who He was by the limitations of their opinions and personal views. They were limited by what they could see and perceive in that moment. There was more to be known about Him. They failed to see Him in the light of scripture. In doing so, they limited their understanding to simple mortal observations without spiritual guidance.

### “My Lord and My God.”

What are the lessons suggested by these observations? The opinion a man has of Christ reveals much about the man. Every criticism of Christ is a revelation, not of Christ, but of the person who makes the criticism. Man limits Christ’s power in their lives by the limitations of their concept of Him. Christ is just as great in our lives as we allow Him to be. Would it be said of us, “Oh you of little faith”?

Christ should be seen in light of His relationship to His Father. Christ should be seen in light of His mission. Christ should be seen in light of Scripture. Christ should be seen in light of His mighty works. Christ should be seen in the lives of Christians. When Christ is finally seen as He is, we, with Thomas can say, “My Lord and My God.”

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Not a citizen of earth, but of heaven!

There were some “enemies of the cross of Christ,” in Philippians 3:19, “who set their mind on earthly things” (3:20). There are things that are “upon the earth” for which some seek, but notice the sharp contrast that is drawn with those of another group. Paul says that the “citizenship” of faithful Christians “is in heaven.” God uses plain language to distinguish between earth and heaven, and He will not permit the two places to be equated in any way (cf. Matt. 6:19-20). In fact, He tells us that heaven is the place “from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior” (3:20). The Bible calls “heaven” the place “from which” Jesus will come, and the place that is “reserved” (1 Pet. 1:4) for us and to which Jesus will “receive” us to Himself when He returns (John 14:3).

Thank God for the glorious promise of an “eternal” home not on this earth but “eternal in the heavens” (2 Cor. 5:1), “to be present with the Lord” (5:8)! What a thought! – DS



### Wardrobe malfunction?

It happened again. Another story came out about another celebrity who had a “wardrobe malfunction.” She placed the blame for a part of her body being “unintentionally” exposed on her wardrobe “malfunctioning.”

Seriously? How are young people today going to learn to take responsibility for their own actions when they hear that you can just place the blame on an inanimate object? The reality is (and we do live in a reality, not a fantasy) that people (and I could say “we”) must take responsibility for their choices. There are plenty of “wardrobe choices” that are not going to have a “malfunction” and expose that which should not be exposed, but it is up to each person to make those choices, own their choices and not divert the blame for poor choices.

God places each of us squarely responsible for every choice we make (cf. 2 Cor. 5:10; Ezek. 18:20). Rather than cast the blame, let us make wise choices and then fess up when we mess up! – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Jordan Beasley</b>	still being treated (at home) for an infection
<b>Pat Brown</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Chuck Clark</b>	undergoing treatments for prostate cancer
<b>Cora Lee Dennis</b>	in Kindred Hospital for long-term care
<b>Charles Fifield</b>	recovering at home, slowly improving
<b>Rachel Fuller</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Eva Fulton</b>	St. Mary's Medical Center, flu-like symptoms
<b>Lovetta Harmon</b>	in ICU at JFK Medical Center (NO visitors)
<b>Ophelia Holmes</b>	recovering at home from surgery
<b>Shirley Hopkins</b>	upcoming medical procedures
<b>Dan Jenkins</b>	recovering from cataract surgery
<b>Charlene Knowles</b>	dealing with a lot of pain in her leg
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	recovering at home, slowly improving
<b>Jo Ann Rogers</b>	Signature Health Care in Lake Worth (room 136), rehab
<b>Yolanda Stewart</b>	having surgery on February 11
<b>Linda Studer</b>	started a new chemo treatment
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	still having tests on her throat

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Joe Holland</b>	chronic health issues
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Hattie Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Sandra Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Cora Lee Dennis	Silas Moses
Annie Faison	Godfrey Pratt
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Janet Hickerson	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Victor Colage</b>	Victor Colage's father, in Manor Care on Village Blvd.
<b>David Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's father, diagnosed with cancer
<b>Thelma Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's mother, another procedure on Feb. 2
<b>Charles Griffen</b>	Mary Porter's father, in Jupiter Medical Center
<b>Darrin McCreery</b>	Pat Harrington's son, prostate cancer & spreading
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Medina's sister, still in the hospital
<b>Bruce Morning</b>	Michael Morning's brother, in rehab in Boca Raton
<b>Oral Pigg</b>	Helen Burney's brother, not doing well
<b>Oliver Symonette</b>	Gorgeous Morgan's father, high blood pressure issues
<b>Ann Teague</b>	Sabrina Pietro's mother, cancer surgery at Cleveland Clinic
<b>Carol Wineinger</b>	Cherylann Wineinger's mother, recovering from surgery

**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 3

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** 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.
- ♦ **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, February 4

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

## Tuesday, February 5

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

## Friday-Sunday, February 8-10

- ♦ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$40 per person. Register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org). Peggy Hall is the retreat coordinator.

## Saturday, February 9

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Gifford congregation** in Vero Beach at 10:30 a.m. Lois McCoy will be speaking on "I Sing Because..." RSVP by February 2. See the bulletin board for more details.

## Sunday, February 10

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

## Sunday-Wednesday, February 10-13

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Third Street.** Michael Evans from Charlotte, NC will be speaking each night at 7:30 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

## Friday, February 15

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

## Saturday, February 16

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Cost is \$5 per person.

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**Young Adults**

## Tuesday, February 5

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amber Villard. Bring sides, drinks and desserts. See Cindy Nelson or Amber Villard for details.

## Saturday, February 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. See Ivan Villard for more details.

## Friday, February 15

- ♦ **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.

## Friday, March 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Taylor & Natalie Reeves.

## Tuesday, March 12

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



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

## Sunday, February 10

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## Saturday, February 16

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## Friday-Sunday, February 22-24

- ♦ **YES Weekend for Grades 8-12** at the Forrest Park congregation in Valdosta, GA. Cost is \$60 per person (plus money for food). See Josh Blackmer or Bob Higbee for more details.

**FEBRUARY:**



## To Make My Marriage Stronger

*“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself...For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh” (Ephesians 5:22-33).*

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



Sunday,  
January 27

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Miss Sophonie Achille; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. Jordan Davis; Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Giffin & Connor; Mrs. Bruni Gonzalez; Mr. LaVon Kinsey, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Rich & Nancy Light; and Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann (Delray Beach).

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Jay & Janet Britton, Northern Cambria, PA; Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Suzanne Dempsey, Plymouth, MI; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Nancy Hansel, Paris, IL; Mr. & Mrs. Glenn & Patti Hulst, Holland, MI; Scott & Colton Kelley, West Broward, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; Mrs. Ruby Pratt, Hollywood, FL; and Mrs. Carol Wedge, Oxford, MS.

It's Boy!

Congratulations to **Scott & Linda Studer** upon the birth of their grandson, **Remington Lee Studer**, to **Shane & Mindy Studer** on Thursday, January 24, weighing 8 lbs.



Sunday (February 3rd)

Jennifer Goodale

Wednesday (February 6th)

Kenneth Long  
Sherrie Tibbetts

Monday (February 4th)

Novel & Mary Brown (Ann.)  
Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter (Ann)  
Rashana Green  
Deidra Miley  
Lilly Lolo

Thursday (February 7th)

Connye Plouffe

Friday (February 8th)

Sallie Moses

Tuesday (February 5th)

Glen & Josie Dawson (Ann.)  
Mike & Tasha Ellis (Ann.)  
Joel & Jessica Ramirez (Ann.)  
Maurine Reed

Saturday (February 9th)

Joe & Janice Maloney (Ann.)  
Rudolph & Verdell March (Ann.)



## FAMILY GROUP MEETINGS

**Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins.

**Family Group 3 Meeting** on Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Novel & Mary Brown.

**Family Group 4 Meeting** on Friday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

## 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 3

Lead Singing .....Jerry Hopkins  
Opening Prayer .....Joe Maloney  
Scripture Reading.....Bill Ingram, Jr.  
Presiding at Table ..... Dick Kelley  
Serve at Table:  
    Josiah Blackmer   Paul Metzkes  
    Andres Fernandez   Scott Studer  
    Namdidie Ikon   David Thorpe  
    Tim Mahlbacher   Marty Williams  
Alternates:  
    Tim Cox           Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Closing Prayer ..... David Holaday

### Sunday Evening, February 3

Lead Singing ..... Ken Tipton  
Opening Prayer ..... Chris Thompson  
Scripture Reading.....Dan Fuller  
Presiding at Table.....Jeff Leslie  
    Kirk Crews  
    Harrison Crotts  
    John Loftis  
Closing Prayer .....Mike Erickson

### Wednesday Evening, February 6

Lead Singing .....John Loftis  
Invitation.....Daniel Lord  
Family Prayer .....Dan McLeod

## Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 27	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	233	208
Sun. A.M. Worship	315	321
Sun. P.M. Worship	182	159
Wed. Bible Study	195	149
Contribution	\$160,720	\$14,999
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$1,913		

Ushers for this week: Novel Brown (Head Usher); Kane Campbell & Vincent Rogers  
Safety Team for this week: Robert Lupo & Jerry Pittman

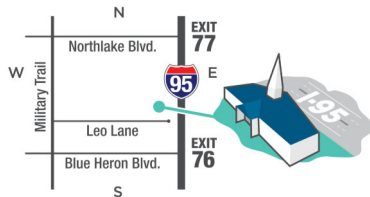




# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

*Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.*



## 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: **Dan Jenkins** (preaching in South Florida Lectureship)



*"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).*

## 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).