Elders

*Johnny Davis	307-4232
Dan Fuller	478-3755
Jerry Hopkins	434-4188
Phil Porter	575-4782
Richard Watson	307-2608

*Chairman for the Month of November

Evangelists

Dan Jenkins	744-4559
David Sproule	301-2230
Josh Blackmer	319-1418

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Mike Archer422-2995
David Brown972-7608
Novel Brown 848-6988
Chuck Clark 627-4132
Victor Colage719-1490
Lance Collier793-2718
Kirk Crews 339-9283
Cam Crotts214-3114
Mike Erickson310-9916
Tim Fry373-9121
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Rick Hall622-5131
Bob Higbee303-386-6405
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Dick Kelley968-1799
Jeff Leslie744-3444
Paul Metzkes736-9086
Buzz Nelson627-4890
Nate Nelson 801-9456
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New Bible Classes

NOVEMBER 20 THRU JANUARY 22

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

The Book of Revelation (Part 1)	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)	
The Work of the Holy Spirit	David Sproule (Adult 1)	
Young Adults: #Life	Josh Blackmer (Adult 3)	
Sr. High: James, 1 & 2 Peter	Bobbo Lupo	
Jr. High: Major Prophets	Kirk Crews	

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

Jeremiah & Lamentations	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)	
Calculating Christian Growth: Add It Up	David Sproule (Adult 1)	
Ladies: Balanced or Imbalanced: Finding Balance for Godly Living	Cara Blackmer (Adult 2)	
Sr. High: Interpreting the Bible	Josh Blackmer	
Jr. High: Why We Believe What We Believe	Rick Hall	

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18).

By Dan Jenkins

There Is Evil in Our Land

If America would understand the importance of studying the Old Testament, our world would drastically change and head in a new direction. Why do we have that old covenant when we live under the new one? Listen to what God says. "For whatever things were written before were written for

our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4). We are a sick nation because we have not paid attention to We are a sick nathose things written before.

tion because we There is evil in our land as there was evil in are ignorant of the land of Noah. When godly people became intertwined with the ungodly, our holy God responded. the Old Testa-"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was ment stories great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart" (Gen. 6:5-6). At one time, we at least said that we wanted to be "one nation under God," but now we have become a nation which longs to be "one nation out from under God." How much longer will it be before God is sorry that He ever made America?

What things were written before? Read those verses from Genesis again and understand they were for our learning!

How do these words from Micah describe our land? "Woe to those who devise iniquity, and work out evil on their beds! At morning light they practice it" (Micah 2:1). They cunningly devise their plans and then carry them out as soon as the morning light comes. How good are they at it? "They do evil ... successfully with both hands" (Micah 7:3). We are truly a land filled with ambidextrous people!

Once a nation starts down the road of evil it becomes more and more corrupt. Paul described it this way, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Tim. 3:13). Jeremiah's words are so graphic: "And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. For they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know Me" (Jer. 9:3).

We hear that the economy is booming, and while that may be true, there is something far more important. Our land has become a place where "evil is booming." Will we never learn? Is there no hope? The hope for us is found in the opening words of this article. Those things written before were written for our learning!

How do we respond to all of this evil? What values must we place in our homes? It's very simple. We must not follow the multitude to do evil (Ex. 23:2). We must not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21).



By David Sproul

The Most Rewarding Part of Being a Christian

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As you think about the great joys and benefits of being a child of God, what would you say is the most rewarding part of serving the Lord? One could talk about the joy of having all personal sins forgiven, or the blessings associated with the church and having brothers and sisters in Christ, or the

wonderful privilege of worshiping the Almighty Creator. All of these are indeed grand rewards of being a Christian.

But there is something that we might consider to be more rewarding than anything else. You may not think of it as "the most rewarding," but why not? For the Christian, there is nothing better than teaching someone the gospel! It truly is "the most rewarding part of being a Christian." Here's why.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I am fulfilling my purpose as a Christian. My purpose is to give "glory" to God (Isa. 43:7), to make known "the manifold wisdom of God" (Eph. 3:10) and to "preach" Christ (Col. 1:27-29). Fulfilling my God-given purpose is highly rewarding.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I am obeying the Lord. I have been commanded by my Lord to "preach the gospel" (Mark 16:15), to "teach" what He has commanded (Matt. 28:20) and to "commit" the truth to others (2 Tim. 2:2). Obeying my Lord is highly rewarding.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I get to manifest my love for my Savior. Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word" (John 14:23; cf. 14:15, 21; 1 John 5:3). He "loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). Manifesting my love for Him, by giving myself to teaching about Him, is highly rewarding.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I get to talk about the greatest event (John 3:16), that involved

the greatest friend (John 15:13-14), who offers the greatest gift (Eph. 2:8) and promises the greatest hope (Tit. 1:2). The word "gospel" means "good news," and that's what I get to tell others. Talking about Jesus is highly rewarding.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I get to beat the devil back with the Lord's help. When I teach the gospel, I am imparting "the

power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16), which is a crushing blow to the devil and his efforts (cf. Gen. 3:15). Defeating the devil is highly rewarding.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I get to give a soul an opportunity to be saved. When I can help someone to obey the gospel, have every damning sin completely forgiven and enter into a holy relationship with God (Heb. 10:19-22), there is nothing better than that! Helping a lost soul to be saved is highly rewarding.



By Josh Blackmer

Conditions in the Bible

There are those who would preach and praise God for His boundless love and grace. For both of those I am eternally thankful. However, some use words like reckless and unconditional to describe these attributes of God. These words go beyond the scope of what the Bible says. God is certainly

not reckless with anything He does, and there are conditions in the Bible. Here are a few for your consideration.

"John answered and said, 'A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven'" (John 3:27). John was speaking about revelation and knowledge of the Christ. We understand that to be true by seeking heavenly truths in God's word (2 Pet. 1:3; 2 John 9; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Jas. 1:17).

"And he said, 'Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him" (Acts 8:31). The Ethiopian needed one to explain the prophecy more clearly to him. We understand that unless we understand clearly what God expects of us, we will be in the same position (John 6:45; Matt. 28:19; Jer. 10:23; Rom. 10:14-15).

"Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules" (2 Tim. 2:5). This is a basic principal and is applicable in our obedi-

ence to God as well (John 3:5; Matt. 18:3; Luke 13:3, 5; John 15:10; Rev. 2:5).

"So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves'" (John 6:53). There is great sacrifice required to serve the Lord (Rom. 12:1; Gal. 2:20).

"For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20). We know that our righteousness cannot be simply an outward show (Phil. 1:27; 2 Pet. 3:11; Eph. 4:1).

"Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain" (Psa. 127:1). Just as Christ said He would build His church so are we built up as a spiritual house with our foun-

dation in God (Col. 2:7; 1 Pet. 2:5; Heb. 3:4).

These are some clear examples of conditions in the Bible. If God's love and grace were truly recklessly unconditional, then it wouldn't matter what I did. There are no conditions. Clear reason and a reading of the Scriptures like these and many others teach that there are conditions. "If the LORD had not been my help, My soul would soon have dwelt in the abode of silence" (Psa. 94:17). "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Full-time or part-time?

When someone goes looking for a job, they understand the difference (and so does the employer) between a full-time job and a part-time job. The difference not only involves the hours that are spent working, but it also has to do with the energies, the dedication, the long-term commitment and the heart that goes into the work.

The same applies to other parts of one's life. Some people are full-time football fans. Some people are full-time fishermen or full-time golfers. These folks have full-time jobs, but their minds and energies are focused just as much (if not more) toward these personal endeavors.

What about being Christian? Are you a full-time Christian or a part-time Christian? Is it one of those things that you do "when you have time"? Is it limited to those "convenient times"? When Jesus returns, will He identify you as a career man, a football fan, a golfer, a political expert, or as a readily identifiable, full-time Christian? Where is your mind and energy focused? – DS

You're contagious!

Have you ever contracted some kind of sickness from being around someone at work or at school or at church or just out in public somewhere? It happens. And sometimes we don't even know "where we got it." That's because many people are contagious when they're sick.



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Let's look at this another way. Have you ever walked away from an encounter with someone (at work, at school, at church, out in public somewhere, etc.) with a smile on your face, with a happy spirit and feeling better than you did before that encounter? It happens. That's because many people are contagious with their

positive attitude, gracious spirit and acts of kindness.

Here's the deal. You're contagious, no matter what. When people "encounter" you, they will be affected (or, perhaps we should say, "infected") by your demeanor, your behavior, your words, your reactions, etc. So, the question is, when people encounter you today, what will they contract from you? Will they be "infected" with Jesus-like symptoms or devil-like symptoms? — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee undergoing rehab at home

Betty Davis in Waterford for rehab, NO visitors please

Samantha Eutsey undergoing medical tests

Joan Holloway hospitalized this week but is doing better now

Ophelia Holmes recovering at home

Shirley Hopkins Good Sam. Hospital (room 267), knee replacement surg.

Bill Ingram, Sr. recovering at home from a recent fall

Mary Jackson undergoing rehab on her hip

Sandy Mann having elbow surgery at Bethesda West (Nov. 22)

Charles Norton at home, under Hospice Care

Maurine Reed Signature Health Care, rehab on her hip

Giselle Smith dealing with sickle cell crisis

Willie Smith dealing with a complication from his heart surgery

Linda Studer chemo treatments every 3 weeks

Cherylann Wineinger scheduled for surgery on December 12

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames **Daniel Johnson Hattie Daniels** Don & Betty Matter Sandra Daniels Deidra Miley Josie Dawson Harriet Morris **Charles Norton** Annie Faison Dianne Frye Leigh Puckett Margie Hardin Les Sawyer Ricky Smedley Loretta Holaday Patricia Ventress Joe Holland



Willie Wilkins, upon the passing of his mother, **Threvelley Wilkins**, a couple of weeks ago.

Trina Wright, upon the passing of her mother, Twyla Wright, on Thursday morning.

Twyla was also Sadie Tennant's sister.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ron Fernander Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center

Ann Freseman Nicole Freseman's mother, recovering from hip surgery

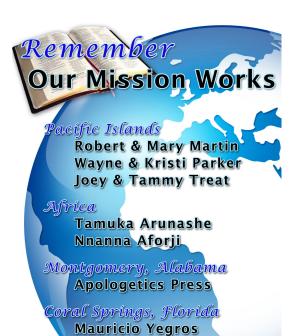
Freddie King

Nadia King's father, in the final stages of cancer

Benjamin Smith

Mary Brown's brother, back at Darcy Hall rehab

Darlene Smith Willie Smith's mother, undergoing rehab on her knee



Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

Bahamas

Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, November 24

- Thanksgiving & Praise Singing hosted by Sixth Street in Pompano Beach from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- November Card Writing at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and write cards of encouragement.

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

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

Wednesday, November 27

Congregational Singing at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.
 All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Sunday, December 1

North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 5

 Ladies' Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Sunday, December 8

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

Friday, December 13

 Family Group 4 Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.

Wednesday, December 25

Midweek Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. All classes (children and adults) will meet together in the Auditorium.

Tuesday, December 31

 Midweek Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Regular Bible classes will meet for children and adults (instead of Wednesday night), then New Year's Eve Gathering will follow.



Sunday, December 1

◆ YA & Sr. High Camping Trip Sign-up Deadline. Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Thursday, December 5

 Ladies' Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Friday, December 6

 Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Friday, December 13

 Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Monday, December 30

• Young Adult Mini-Golf at 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, December 1

- Deadline to Order Shirts for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.
 A sign up sheet can be found in the Sr. High Room. Cost is \$15 for t-shirts, \$20 for sweatshirts and \$25 for hoodies. See Josh Blackmer for more information.
- ◆ YA & Sr. High Camping Trip Sign-up Deadline. Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- Challenge Youth Conference Sign-up Deadline. Cost is \$50 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Friday, December 6

 Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Sunday, December 8

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

Saturday, December 14

Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under at 10:00 a.m.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - December, 2019

		December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Morning \	Worship Serv	rice				
Song Lead	der	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo
Opening F	Prayer	Johnny Davis	Tim Cox	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Dirk Summerlot	David Brown
Scripture I	Reading	Freddie Gadson	Jeff Goodale	Ken Tipton	Orlando Lolo	Kevin Weeks
Presiding	at Table	Paul Metzkes	Eugene Williams	Stephen Beliech	Tim Fry	Joe Maloney
Serving at	at Table:	Andy Anderson	Derrick Banks	Jordan Beasley	Ed Buonadonna	Lance Collier
		Glen Dawson	Josiah Blackmer	Kirk Crews	Andy Fernandez	Gorman Ericksen
		Max Fonrose	Cam Crotts	Harrison Crotts	Errol Gower-Winter	Freddie Gadson
		Rick Hall	Mike Damron	Eddie Gooden	Dion Hayes	Ed Gager
		Robert Mariano	Bobby Ingraham	Graysen Hayes	Namdidie Ikon	Richard Lerro
		Daniel Swayne	Jeff Leslie	Dan McLeod	Daniel Lord	Ken Long
		Nahum Villard	Morris McDaniel	David Thorpe	Chad Morgan	Scott Studer
		Marty Williams	Vince Rogers	Daniel Wagner	Simon Tyson	Darin Summerlot
Closing Pr	rayer	Mike Archer	Jim Rogers	Jim Davis	Bobbo Lupo	Henry Williams
Evening V	Worship Serv	ice				
Song Lead	-	Dion Hayes	John Loftis	Jerry Pittman	Dan McLeod	
Opening F	Prayer	Jimmie Banks	Kane Campbell	Chuck Clark	Chris Thompson	
Scripture I	Reading	Simon Tyson	Mike Ellis	Tyler Williams	Dick Kelley	
Presiding	1=1	Dan Fuller	Richard Watson	David Lord	Bob Higbee	Young Men
Serving at	: Table:	David Brown	Mike Erickson	Paul Metzkes	Devin Eutsey	Conducting PM Worship Service
		Chuck Reeves. Sr.	Trey Higbee	Nate Nelson	Jeff Goodale	
		Scott Studer	Jeremy Maloney	Nick Pietro	John Loftis	
Closing Pr	rayer	Tom Martens	L. H. Richardson	Gary Seames	Phil Porter	
Alternate	s:					
		Ivan Villard, Jr.	Novel Brown	Gary Jenkins	Jimmie Banks	Victor Colage
		Kevin Weeks	Dirk Summerlot	Taylor Reeves	Johnny Davis	Ken Tipton
Technical	Assignment	s				
Morning:	Computer	Nate Nelson	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	TBD
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	TBD
Ushers - I	Morning & E	vening Services (Sund	day & Wednesday)			
		Dec. 1 & 4	Dec. 8 & 11	Dec. 15 & 18	Dec. 22 & 25	Dec. 29 & Jan. 1
Head Usher Safety Team		Lawrence Williams -	•	•	•	· • •
		Bob Higbee	Tim Fry	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Max Fonrose	Bill Ingram, Jr.
		David Thorpe	Tim Mahlbacher	Daniel Swayne	Ed Gager	Eugene Williams
		Jerry Pittman	Victor Colage	Nahum Villard	Kirk Crews	Mike Damron
		Shaun Tyson	Darin Summerlot	Seth Watson	L.H. Richardson	Shaun Tyson

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.

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







Sunday, November 17

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lucille Black; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Joanne Perez; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Lorraine Allen & Jessica, Vero Beach, FL; Miss LaDon Cruz; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Ellison & Renee Delva, Freeport, Bahamas; Ms. Jean Holsapple, Blairsville, GA; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Abaco Bahamas; Ms. Greta Strachan, Marsh Harbor, Bahamas; Miss Alana Waddell, Tallahassee, FL; and Mr. Morris Williams, Boston, GA.



Dear Brethren,

The South Abaco church of Christ would like to thank you for your disaster relief support of the Churches of Christ in the Northern Bahamas as we struggle to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Dorian. Your love and care dedicated to this cause is greatly appreciated. Once again, we thank you and your wonderful congregation for your love and look forward to your continued support during the restoration of our beautiful Bahama land.

Please continue to keep us in your daily prayers. We love you guys very much.

> In Him, South Abaco church of Christ



Monday (November 25th) Kevin & Leesa Schenk (Ann.) Sue Hoelzer

Tuesday (November 26th) Orlando Lolo

Wednesday (November 27th) Brent & Andrea Leslie (Ann.) Gary Friedly

Thursday (November 28th) **Aaron Ross**

Mike Damron

Friday (November 29th) Aaron & Jennifer Walker (Ann.) Karen McDonald

Regina Paul

Saturday (November 30th Andres Fernandez

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Morning, November 24

Lead Singing Gary Friedly Opening Prayer Eugene Williams Scripture Reading......Taylor Reeves Presiding at TableDick Kelley Serve at Table: Ed Buonadonna Joe Maloney Lawrence Richardson Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Dirk Summerlot Bob Higbee Tyler Williams Alternates: Kenneth Long Nate Nelson

Closing Prayer Gary Jenkins

Sunday Evening, November 24

Lead Singing	Stephen Beliech			
Opening Prayer	Tim Fry			
Scripture Reading	Richard Lerro			
Presiding at Table	Willie Smith			
Lance Collier				
Paul Metzkes				
Daniel Wagner				
Closing Prayer	John Patrick			
Wednesday Evenina, November 27				

Lead Singing	Thanksgiving
Invitation	Thanksgiving
Family Prayer	Thanksgiving

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Nov. 17</u>	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	209	209
Sun. A.M. Worsh	ip 278	321
Sun. P.M. Worsh	ip 121	146
Wed. Bible Study	/ 163	168
Contribution	\$14,004	\$14,466

2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190 Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$16,430

Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell (Head Usher); Devin Eutsey & Jim Rogers Safety Team for this week: Robert Lupo & Shaun Tyson



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



Service Schedule

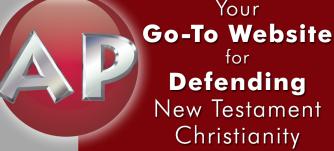
Sunday:

Bible Classes...... 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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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).