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Welcome New Members



Miley, Owen

Group 2

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By Dan Jenkins

What More Could God Say to Israel?

Those seventy years in Babylonian captivity had ended, and the Jews were returning to the land God promised to give to them in the days of Abraham. There were only three final books of the Old Testament to be revealed. What had God not told them which He needed to tell them? What truth had He not yet revealed? After these three prophets—Haggai, Zephaniah and Malachi—penned their messages, God quit sending anymore messengers. For the next 400+ years, the Jews would be without prophets living among them. God had finished that part of His work among them and had given them all they needed in the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament.

There is so much to be learned by studying these final three books. He had only these three men to give them all that was missing from His message to His chosen people. What did He have to say?

Look at the book of Malachi. This short book of four chapters concludes His message to His chosen people until He sent New Testament prophets to them. The first half of the book begins by reminding them that He had loved them more than any people on the earth, but they had failed to respond to that love. They were worshiping God but bringing sacrifices to Him that were far from those which He demanded. They

were bringing sick animals, crippled animals, which were unfit for human consumption to offer to Him. Their priests had failed to lead them in the ways of God, and He told them that He would rub the animal dung from those animals in their faces. They were literally robbing God of what was His by such sacrifices and their refusal to tithe.

In the last half of the book, God delivers His final message showing that, after the close of the Old Testament, "Someone Will Come." Before that Someone came, He would send His messenger to prepare the way for Him when He came. "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant" (Mal. 3:1).

That messenger was John the Baptist. Malachi described the work of John. He would "...turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..." (Mal. 4:6). These exact words were quoted by the angel, Gabriel, when he told John's father that his son was to be the messenger, the forerunner of Jesus.

We will look more at these final books next week, but let me urge you to pay special attention to God's final command to Israel. It was the last command He would give before the four hundred years of silence. "Remember the law of Moses, My servant." It is vital that we know and do His will!

A study of God's final message to the Jews will teach us many great lessons



By David Sproule

So Many Choices

Where would you like to go on vacation? Well, given the time and money to actually go on a vacation, there are so many choices. Where would you like to go for lunch? Well, given the time and money to actually go out for lunch, there are so many choices. What kind of car would you like to buy? Well, given the time and money to actually go shopping, there are so many choices.

Life is full of choices in just about everything we face. So, it may not strike some of us as unusual or even unacceptable that there are loads of "choices" when it comes to churches. In the "old days," we could pick up the yellow pages and flip through page after page of "Churches" in our area. Today, we can go to our handy search engine and type in, "churches near me," and our computer screen (or phone screen) will fill up with options upon options. It is likely, in the course of a week, that we drive past numerous "churches" of all sorts.

So, is sorting through and choosing from all of these "churches" like choosing a place to go on vacation or a place to eat lunch or a car to buy—any will do but some might be nicer than others? While some folks might think "that makes sense," the Bible does not support such a conclusion.

Jesus came to this earth and promised to build His church (Matt. 16:18), and then He died on the cross to purchase His church with His blood (Acts 20:28). Do you suppose that there are "churches" around today that are not actually Jesus' church? He said that there would be (Matt. 7:13-14; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:3-4). Thus, not every "church" that you see today belongs to Jesus.

Well, then how do I find Jesus' church? Do I look for a church that is doing great things for Jesus and for others? No, that is not the standard (Matt. 7:21-23). Do I look for a church that is big and has lots of people flocking to it? No, that is not the standard (Ex. 23:2; Matt. 7:13-14). Do I look for a church that teaches things that make me feel comfortable? No, that is not the standard (2 Tim. 4:1-5).

So, how do I find Jesus' church? And, does it really matter? It matters because only those who are in Jesus' church are saved (Eph. 5:23; Acts 2:47) and have their names written in heaven (Heb. 12:23; Phil. 3:20). I find His church by using His book (which is THE standard: John 12:48; Jude 3) and comparing every teaching (1 John 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:16-17) and every practice (Col. 3:17; Matt. 7:22) against what His book teaches (Acts 17:11), without accepting any additions or subtractions (Rev. 22:18-19). Man looks and sees "so many choices," but Christ sees through them all and only sees "His church"!

Any will do but some might be nicer than others?



By Josh Blackmer

But I Don't Feel Blessed

There are teachings in the Bible that are counter intuitive. For example, James teaching us to "count it all joy" when we are facing various trials (Jas. 1:2). The reason teachings like this seem strange is because they are things we learn from conscious reasoning, not instinctive feeling.

Feelings and instinct are often for our immediate protection. Think of your fight or flight response. Imagine someone jumps out and scares you. How does your body react? I say your body because if you were truly frightened you are typically not making a conscience choice to scream and run or take a defensive stance. Similarly with other life circumstances, we have a physical intuitive reaction and a reasoned response. When someone does something or a series of circumstances trigger anger, laughter, joy or arousal, we have a responsibility (Matt. 15:19)

There are basically two choices. We can take the visceral approach. It is the most common and easiest. This way lays the responsibilities of my actions at the feet of my physical body. When we choose this path we say things like, "They made me angry," "That's just how I feel" or "The heart wants what the heart wants." In doing so, we become the victim of circumstance. Our responses to stimuli become predictable

animal-like responses.

The other path is one of logic and reason. Not to say it is devoid of emotion, but rather emotion is kept in check with reason. On this path, we still experience love, anger, joy and contentment. However, those emotions are filtered through reason. For example, someone does something that might otherwise trigger anger. But you have your "body under subjection," and you can take the time to read the situation (1 Cor. 9:27). You can reason that maybe it was an accident. Instead of being a snarling Karen asking for the manager, you can show kindness.

To get to the point where we are masters of our physical bodies we need to understand two things. First, this is something we have to decide in every moment. For example, we might practice self-control with our desires, but we leave our anger unchecked. With all my emotional and physical responses, I must have my body in check to operate within the moral confines of the Scriptures. Second, we have to change our minds and language. We can no longer say, "I don't feel like going to worship" or allowing our visceral to determine our spiritual. With commandments, it matters very little how we feel. Eventually, we will grow into maturity, and the love or proper motivation will be there. "The way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23).

We can't allow our visceral to determine the spiritual.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Hope is what keeps us going

When times are tough, what keeps us going? When the world seems to be winning, what keeps us going? When our health, finances, relationships and/or spiritual fervor seem to be faltering, what keeps us going?

Perhaps one word can summarize what keeps the Christian going: hope! Part of that hope is for the promises that God has made to us for this life. He has promised us a "life...more abundantly" here (John 10:10) with all "spiritual blessings" (Eph. 1:3) and His abiding presence (Heb. 13:5). *That'll keep you going!* But, our greatest hope lies beyond this life. It is "the hope which is laid up for you in heaven" (Col. 1:5), which "we have as an anchor of the soul" (Heb. 6:19). In the midst of all that we endure in this life, it is that hope which saves us (Rom. 8:24).

Hope involves desire plus confident expectation. What is your ultimate desire? How confident is your expectation? With God on our side, hope keeps us going (Heb. 6:11)! – DS



Its power has not been diminished

Your flashlight doesn't shine as bright as it once did. Your car doesn't start as quickly as it once did. The buttons on your remote control don't respond as well as they once did. What's going on? We recognize the signs when battery power is weakening. It's not always the flashlight or the starter or the remote that is dying but the battery that is powering it. Replace the battery and everything starts running strong again.

Souls are not as interested in Jesus as they once were. The waters of baptism are not being stirred as often as they once were. Churches are not growing like they once did. We might think that we need to change or replace the power source to correct these issues, but I want you to know that there is nothing wrong with the power source for salvation and church growth. Its power has not diminished one iota. The gospel of Jesus Christ remains "the power of God to salvation for everyone" (Rom. 1:16). May we not be ashamed of it! May we not try to "fix" it! May we do ALL that we can INDIVIDUALLY to spread it, teach it and live it EVERY day! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Mike Archer | at home and improving |
| Adrienne Banks | in ICU at Kindred |
| Pete Brown | recovering from surgery on his foot |
| Chuck Clark | recovering at home |
| Mary Coombs | cataract surgery has been postponed |
| Johnny Davis, Jr. | immunotherapy for kidney cancer |
| Glen Dawson | cardiac ablation postponed until July 9 |
| Eva Fulton | PBG Medical Center, recovering from a procedure |
| Loretta Holaday | recovering from hip replacement surgery |
| Norma Mariano | Oasis Health and Rehab Center, rehab on her ankle |
| Connye Plouffe | Encompass Health Rehab Hospital in Stuart |
| Chuck Reeves, Jr. | high blood pressure issues |
| Les Sawyer | at home but is very weak |
| Patricia Ventress | in the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital |

Ongoing Health Issues

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lillian Bankston | dialysis treatments |
| Judy Carmack | multiple health issues |
| Terri Hahn | leukemia |
| Inell Ingram | Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter) |
| John Loftis | back pain, weakness |
| Joel Ramirez | dialysis treatments |

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Millie Ames | Daniel Johnson |
| Josie Dawson | Betty Matter |
| Dianne Frye | Les Sawyer |
| Margie Hardin | Ricky Smedley |
| Loretta Holaday | Patricia Ventress |
| Joe Holland | |

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Bobby Haines | June Pack's son, recovering from back surgery |
| Ulysses Smith | Mary Brown's brother, chemo treatments for leukemia |

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

Monday, June 14

- ◆ **NO Monday Night Bible Study** this week.

Tuesday, June 15

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

Wednesday, June 16

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium. Terry Casey (West Broward) will be speaking on *“My God Answers Me When I Pray to Him.”*

Wednesday-Friday, June 16-18

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School at PBL.** This year’s theme is *“The Flood.”* There are classes for all ages, children and adults. VBS will be Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until noon and Sunday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 20

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Wednesday, June 23

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium. Terry Frizzell (Stuart) will be speaking on *“My God Runs to Me When I Repent.”*

Sunday, June 27

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m. There will be a separate class for the ladies.
- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Ice Cream Social: Send Off for Robert & Reanna Lupo** after evening services in the Family Room.

Wednesday, June 30

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium. Kevin Patterson (Sebring) will be speaking on *“My God Has a Room Ready for Me.”*

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Wednesday-Friday, June 16-18

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School at PBL.** This year’s theme is *“The Flood.”* There are classes for all ages, children and adults. VBS will be Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until noon and Sunday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

- ◆ **Ice Cream Social: Send Off for Robert & Reanna Lupo** after evening services in the Family Room.

Friday, July 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday-Saturday, July 28-24

- ◆ **Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC.** See Gary Jenkins or Josh Blackmer for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Wednesday-Friday, June 16-18

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20

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Wednesday-Saturday, June 23-26

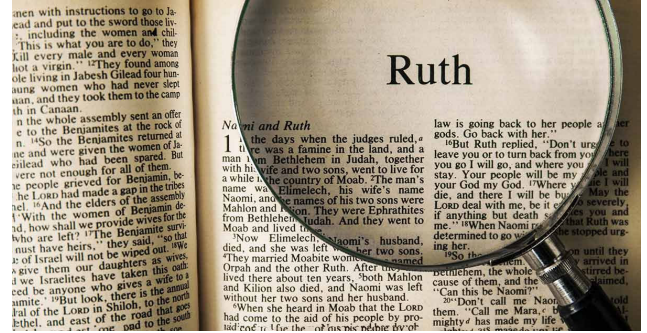
- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Keep the teachers and campers in your prayers. See Dan Jenkins, David Sproule or Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, June 27

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m. There will be a separate class for the ladies.

Three Precious Lessons from the Book of Ruth

by Wayne Jackson



The Book of Ruth is truly one of the heart-warming spots of the Bible. For centuries its literary excellence has been acclaimed by a wide variety of critics.

The book traces certain events in the life of a Hebrew family.

In the days of the judges, a famine forced a Hebrew man, Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and their two sons to leave Bethlehem and migrate eastward across the Jordan into Moab. There, the sons married Moabite women, one of whom was Ruth. Eventually, both Naomi and Ruth were widowed and returned to Bethlehem.

Ruth's magnificent, unselfish plea to accompany her mother-in-law (Ruth 1:16, 17) is a remarkable insight into her character.

Near Bethlehem, Ruth went to work in the grain fields to help provide food for her and Naomi. While working the fields, she met and eventually married Boaz, a kinsman. Later, they were blessed with a son, Obed, who was the grandfather of King David, from whom our Lord Jesus descended (see Mt. 1:5ff).

There are many marvelous lessons we can learn from the book of Ruth.

GOD'S LOVE FOR THE GENTILES

The Book of Ruth demonstrates God's love for the Gentiles, even during a period of history when the Hebrews are given prominence.

Ruth was a descendant of Lot, Abraham's nephew, and therefore, a Gentile. It is also worth mentioning that the mother of Boaz whom Ruth married was a Canaanite named Rahab. Perhaps this sheds light on the willingness of Boaz to marry a Gentile.

Even though Ruth was a Gentile by birth, she was selected by Jehovah to be in the genealogy of the world's Savior.

Although God chose the Hebrews as the primary avenue through whom to send his Son into the world, the very fact that there are Gentiles in the Lord's genealogy is evidence that God was still an **international God**.

This, of course, hinted toward the time when **all nations** could hear the gospel and be united in Christ (Mt. 28:19; Eph. 2:13ff).

DIVINE PROVIDENCE

The Book of Ruth demonstrates the workings of Jehovah's divine providence.

When Ruth went to the grain fields to glean, the Bible says it was "her **hap** ... to light on the portion of the field belonging to Boaz" (Ruth 2:3). Surely this was no mere accident. As one scholar observed:

"A chance in outward seeming, yet a clear shaping of her course by unseen hands. Her steps were divinely guided to a certain field, that God's good purpose should be worked out" (Sinker, 281).

Or as Cassel points out:

"Ruth, as a stranger in Bethlehem, knew neither persons nor properties. She might have chanced on fields of strange and unfriendly owners. Providence so ordered it, that without knowing it, she entered the field of one who was of the family of Elimelech" (28).

What a great tribute to Ruth, whom God so signally honored, that he chose her over the maidens of Israel in this time.

BOAZ: A TYPE OF CHRIST

Boaz is a fitting type of Christ. Ruth characterizes Boaz as a "near kinsman." The Hebrew term is *goel*. It signifies a kinsman with "the right to redeem" (see the ASV footnote on Ruth 3:9).

Boaz is thus a **kinsman-redeemer**.

The ancient Job declared: "I know that my Redeemer *goel* liveth, and at last he will stand upon the earth" (Job 19:25).

McClintock and Strong suggest that the *goel* is "an eminent type of the Redeemer of mankind."

By coming to earth as a man, Christ became our **kinsman in the flesh**. He is not ashamed to call us his brethren (Heb. 2:11,14).

Furthermore, he is man's Redeemer. At the birth of John the Baptizer, Zacharias, looking forward to the work of Christ, announced, "He (God) has visited and wrought redemption for his people" (Lk. 1:68).

Paul affirmed that in Christ "we have our redemption through his blood" (Eph. 1:7).

And so, in the very highest sense, Jesus Christ is our Kinsman-Redeemer.

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



Sunday,
June 6

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (June 13th)

Tim & Susie Cox (Ann.)
Judie Jenkins
Taylor Price
Squadeina Ross

Monday (June 14th)

Jeff & Diane Leslie (Ann.)

Tuesday (June 15th)

Gary & Sue Shelt (Ann.)

Wednesday (June 16th)

Ally Alberga

Wednesday (June 16th)

Michael Fox

Thursday (June 17th)

Nyla Hackshaw
Mary Jackson

Friday (June 18th)

Dan & Judie Jenkins (Ann.)

Saturday (June 19th)

Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot (Ann.)
Judy Carmack
Gwen Lyons

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton; Mr. Morris McDaniel; Mr. Ray Rodriguez; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Ms. Jettie B. Sweetenbury; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Jessica Boggs, Neosho, MO; Mrs. Bethany Boggs, Neosho, MO; Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Miss Lauren Fuller, Franklin, TN; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Craig & Emily Hayes, Norman, OK; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Ms. Regina Mayne, Oakland, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Yolanda Munoz-O'Connor, Hialeah Gardens, FL; Ms. Guerline Paul; Mr. Kyle Pullen, Oklahoma City, OK; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Troy & Andrea Spradlin, Milton, FL.

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 at the front of the auditorium 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, June 13

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading..... Lawrence Williams
Presiding at Table Victor Colage
Serve at Table:
 Jimmie Banks Gary Jenkins
 Lance Collier Namdidie Ikon
 Devin Eutsey Vince Rogers
 Dion Hayes Marty Williams
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Sunday Evening, June 13

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening PrayerDarin Summerlot
Scripture Reading.....David Lord
Presiding at Table..... Johnny Davis
 Mike Ellis
 Jeff Goodale
Closing Prayer Ricky Smith

Wednesday Evening, June 16

Lead Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation..... Tim Cox
Family PrayerPaul Metzkes

Our Record

| Attendance | June 6 | Apr. Avg |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 147 | 175 |
| Sun. AM Worship | 257 | 222 |
| Sun. PM Worship | 126 | 111 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 135 | 136 |
| Contribution | \$16,441 | \$16,154 |

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$26,179

Ushers for this week: Gorman Ericksen & Eugene Williams

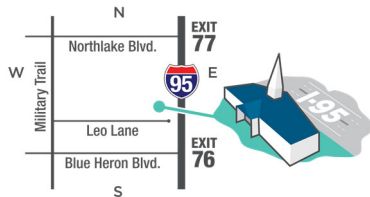
Safety Team for this week: Mike Damron



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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

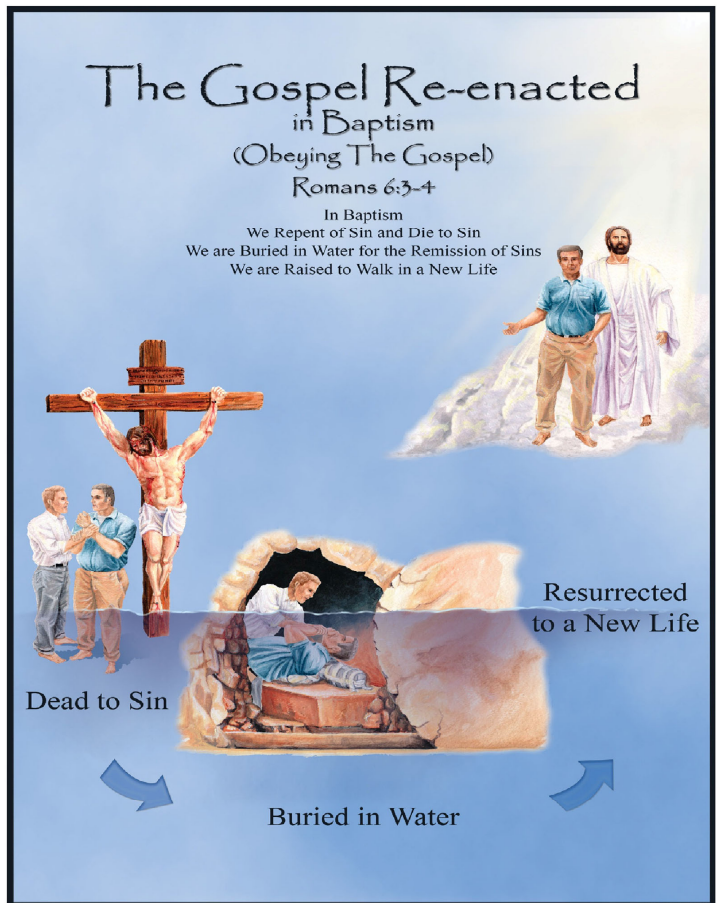
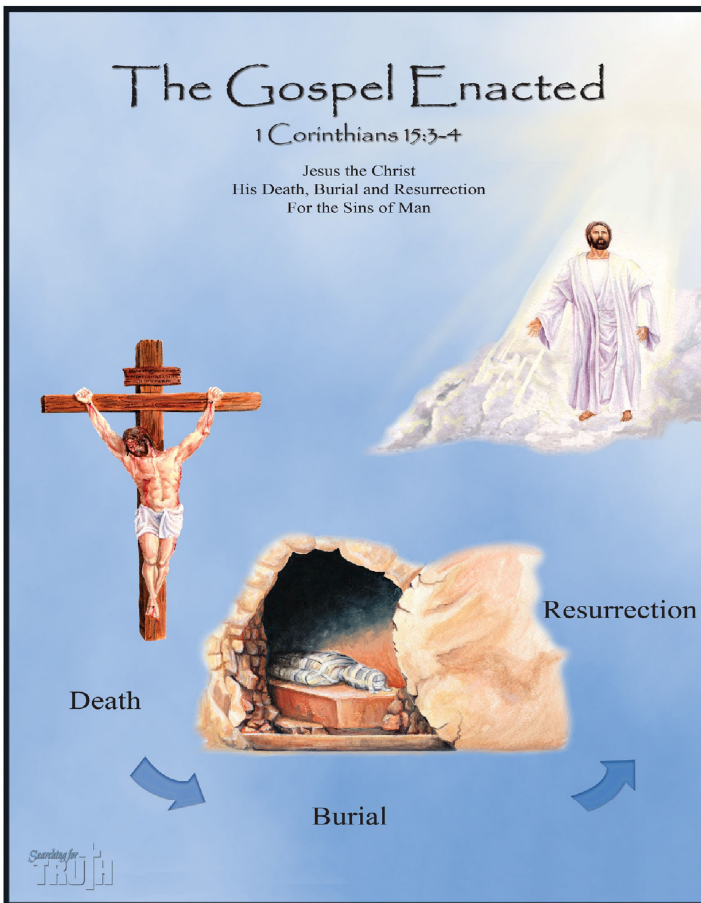
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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