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# BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY



**As school begins, please pray for our students and teachers** to be safe, to work hard, to remain steadfast in their faith and to be a positive, Christ-centered influence in their schools.





By Dan Jenkins

## Are We Seeing the Signs of the “End of the World?”

This is the third article on the signs of the end, and you are encouraged to read the first two as they form the background of this one. (They are readily available on the church’s website). Many are convinced that all that is happening right now points to the end, and Jesus will come very soon to bring the final judgment on the earth.

The details of these signs given by Jesus are found in the first three books of the New Testament in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. Jesus spoke of the coming judge on the sinful Jewish nation (Matt. 23:34) and then told of the coming destruction of the temple. He then went to the Mount of Olives. Very few are aware of the audience when Jesus gave these signs. One will never understand these signs without recognizing those who heard about the signs.

Read Mark’s account very carefully. “Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked Him privately, ‘Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?’” (Mark 13:3-4). Four men were the ones who were given these signs. Why is this important? *They were the ones who would see the signs!*

Who did Jesus say would see these signs? Look at the

text where I have capitalized the pronouns. Jesus said, “But when YOU hear of wars and commotions...for these things must come first...nation will rise against nation...there will be great earthquakes in various place, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay hands on YOU, and persecute YOU, delivering YOU up the synagogues...YOU will be brought before kings and rulers...YOU will be betrayed by parents and brothers...and they will put some of YOU to death...but when YOU see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near...so YOU also, when YOU see these things happening know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly, I say to YOU, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place” (Luke 21:9-32).

**Read the Bible. Always let the Bible explain the Bible. Let Jesus tell you...**

Let Jesus tell us who would see these signs. They were to be seen (all these signs) in that generation! Who was to see them? Peter, James, John and Andrew! Now if they saw all these signs and are all dead, these signs cannot point to WWI or WWII, or Korea, Vietnam, or the battles in Iraq and Afghanistan, or the threat of Russia or China in our day!

Read your Bible rather than books written by televangelists (who have made millions doing this). Read the Bible. Let the Bible explain the Bible. Let Jesus tell you who would see the signs. Next week, we will look at the great tribulation.



By David Sproule

## The King Was Always Focused on His Kingdom

Do you know anyone who always talks about the same things in every conversation? It gives you clear insight into what is most important to that person. What would you say that Jesus talked about continually and was most important to Him? It is not hard to figure out.

After Jesus was baptized, the Bible indicates that He went out working miracles and “preaching the gospel of the kingdom” (Matt. 4:23), telling the multitude, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent” (Luke 4:43). He talked to Nicodemus about the only entrance available into “the kingdom of God” (John 3:3-5). The Sermon on the Mount gave repeated attention to attitudes, conduct and conditions related to “the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:3, 10, 19, 20; 6:10, 13, 33; 7:21). Jesus told parable after parable describing the nature of His coming kingdom (Matt. 13:1-52; 18:23-35; 20:1-16; 22:2-14; 25:1-30). He sent out the twelve apostles (Matt. 10:7; Luke 9:2) and the seventy disciples (Luke 10:9) to preach about the coming kingdom.

Jesus told His followers that the kingdom was coming. From the early days of His ministry, He proclaimed, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matt. 4:17). He prom-

ised to “build” His church and to “give...the keys of the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 16:18-19). To further pinpoint the timing, Jesus announced that “there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom” (Matt. 16:28) and “see the kingdom of God present with power” (Mark 9:1). He went on to explain to His apostles that such would happen “in the city of Jerusalem” (Luke 24:49), “not many days from now” (Acts 1:5).

**It was His reason for coming! It was His reason for dying!**

When one reads through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, he will read the word “kingdom” 127 times. That’s nearly one-and-a-half times in every chapter. Does that tell you how important the subject was to Jesus?

Then, consider that Jesus spent 40 days on the earth after His resurrection. These were His “last 40 days” to say whatever He wanted to say and to prepare His disciples for His departure. So, what did He spend 40 days talking to them about? “The things pertaining to the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3).

The kingdom was vitally important to Christ! It was His reason for coming! It was His reason for dying! That’s why His followers continued in the book of Acts to preach, reason and persuade “concerning the kingdom of God” (Acts 8:12; 19:8; 28:23-31). This begs the question: How important is the kingdom to us? Do we talk about it? Is it our reason for living?



By Josh Blackmer

## Do Not Lose Heart

It is within the realm of possibilities for Christians to get discouraged. Godly people throughout the Bible have struggled with living in a corrupt world. As we seek to live in accordance with a standard that elevates our living and raises our spiritual focus heavenward, there will be conflict. In that conflict, the fervor of our resolve is tested. Conflicts come through others, physical ailments, and random acts of chance. It is not “if” you will ever be discouraged, but “when.” What can we do to prepare ourselves so that we do not go down even to despair?

We need to start with an active prayer life. Christ equated fervent prayer with not losing heart (Luke 18:1). Most often, the first sign of losing heart is being haphazard in our prayer life. We fall out of habits, or we allow other circumstances to distract. In contrast, a strong Christian life is characterized by fervent prayer. “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints” (Eph. 6:18). “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving” (Col. 4:2).

Another deterrent to losing heart is being active in doing good. “For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap

everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart” (Gal. 6:8-9). If we can keep our focus outward on the work at hand, it keeps our minds moving forward. We are preparing for a spiritual reward. It is to that end that we should be striving. Even Christ “for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2).

**Pray,  
do good,  
and keep your  
perspective.**

Finally, we need to recognize that the things of this life are temporary. “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Cor. 4:16-18). In doing this, we keep a perspective that buffers our hearts and minds from being overwhelmed. This “light affliction,” Paul says, is nothing to compare with the “eternal weight of glory” that is provided for us.

How do we buffer ourselves from losing heart? Keep an active prayer life, continue in doing good to all men, and maintain the proper perspective on life. These are a few among many things that help hedge against losing heart.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### The children will follow

When you look at a child’s face, can you sometimes see the resemblance to their parents? Maybe their eyes or their mouth reminds you of their parent’s eyes or mouth. As you know, it is not just the physical features that they will mirror, but their behavior will follow suit as well.

This is especially noticeable in the church setting. The children that you see carrying their Bible to church are ones who are emulating mom or dad. You may be surprised to consider that children’s conduct and involvement in worship almost always parallels precisely their parents. If parents pay attention, participate, take notes and enjoy worship, as a general rule, you’ll find their children do, also. But, if parents have their heads down the whole time (looking at their phone or reading a book or doing something else) and do not really engage in the worship service, as a general rule, you’ll find their children will do the same.

Parents, you are THE major influence in the spiritual direction of your child. Take it seriously. – DS



### Some have already turned aside

When Paul wrote his first letter to Timothy, he was very concerned about the spiritual condition of “some” brethren. He stated that “some” had “strayed” from “faith” in Christ (1 Tim. 1:6). More than once, he lamented that “some” had “strayed” and even “rejected” “the faith” (6:10, 21; 1:19). He not only looked at such in the recent past, but he pointed to the future when “some will depart from the faith” (4:1). Paul placed a great emphasis on “the faith” in this letter (1:2, 19; 3:9, 13; 4:1, 6; 5:8; 6:10, 21), noting the seriousness of someone turning from it.

If you want to grasp the seriousness of someone turning from “the faith,” read this parallel expression: “Some have already turned aside after Satan” (5:15). “The sway of the wicked one” is powerful (1 John 5:19). He turns followers of Christ aside, even when we may least expect it.

Three things to do: (1) “Take heed” to ourselves (1 Tim. 4:16). (2) Seek those who have strayed and admonish them to come back (Gal. 6:1; 2 Thess. 3:15). (3) Pray (Gal. 6:2, 10). – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	dealing with severe pain
<b>Joyce Barnhouse</b>	recovering at home from pacemaker replacement surg.
<b>Josh Blackmer</b>	is slowly improving
<b>Johnny Davis, Jr.</b>	immunotherapy treatment for kidney cancer
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	recovering from cardiac ablation surgery
<b>Mike Ellis</b>	recovering from successful back surgery
<b>Loretta Holaday</b>	in MorseLife for rehab on her hip and arm
<b>Joan Holloway</b>	in rehab at Chatsworth
<b>Ophelia Holmes</b>	in severe pain with her rheumatoid arthritis
<b>Grace Judge</b>	dealing with lung issues again
<b>Marcia Kelley</b>	recovering at home from heart stent procedure
<b>David Lord</b>	still recovering at home
<b>Maddon Reeves</b>	recovering from surgery on his fractured elbow
<b>Les Sawyer</b>	ICU at Gardens Medical Ctr, recovering from procedure

## Ongoing Health Issues

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

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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



Debora Lynch, upon the passing of her sister, Cheryl Patterson, on August 8.

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Marianne Brighton</b>	Brenda Collier's sister, awaiting results for mass on spine
<b>Kay Estes</b>	Chuck & Cheryl Milton's sister, knee replacement surgery
<b>William Jackson</b>	Johnnie Green & Mary Jackson's brother, now in rehab
<b>Julia Marks</b>	Jennifer Goodale's sister, recovering at home, improving
<b>Mary Reeves</b>	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s mother, still awaiting biopsy results
<b>Ann Teague</b>	Sabrina Pietro's mother, determining cancer treatments
<b>Henry Williams</b>	Ralph Williams' brother, Royal Palm Manor, health issues

**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, August 16

- ◆ **NO Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Tuesday, August 17

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

## Sunday, August 29

- ◆ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room.
- ◆ **Chad Wagner Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. about the work in Nigeria (Nnanna Aforji). Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room.

## Wednesday, September 1

- ◆ **2 Week Mini-Session Class** at 7:00 p.m. Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adults meet in the Auditorium.

## Sunday, September 5

- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ◆ **Joey Treat Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Saturday, September 11

- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane or Fran.

## Sunday, September 12

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, 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.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

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**Young Adults**

## Friday, September 3

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

## Saturday, September 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Tuesday, September 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. See Amber Villard for details.

## Monday, September 13

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

## Saturday, September 18

- ◆ **Jr. High & Young Adult Family Bowling** at 4:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.



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

## Saturday, August 21

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Families Bowling Night** at Bowlero in Jupiter from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes early to get shoes. Cost is \$20/person.

## Sunday, August 22

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson (not a "family" devo; youth only). Bring a dessert or drink. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

## Sunday, August 29

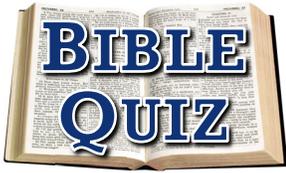
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## Sunday, September 12

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m.



# Kings, Pharaohs & Rulers

1. What king hosted a banquet when a hand wrote a message on the wall (Daniel 5:1-9)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What king of Israel was murdered while he was drunk (1 Kings 16:8-10)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What king of Salem was also the priest of the Most High God (Genesis 14:18)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What king of Gerar took Sarah from Abraham (Genesis 20:2)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What Hebrew captive interpreted the dreams of the Egyptian Pharaoh (Genesis 41:1-36)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What king attacked Israel on their way to Canaan and was destroyed later (Num. 21:1-3)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What king of Sidon gave his daughter Jezebel as a wife to Ahab (1 Kings 16:31)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What king of Bashan was famous for having an enormous iron bed (Deuteronomy 3:11)? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who was the last king of Judah (2 Kings 25:1-7)? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What king of Hazor organized an alliance against Joshua (Joshua 11:1-5)? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What military man captured 31 kings (Joshua 7:7-24)? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What king of Moab sent the prophet Balaam to curse Israel (Numbers 22:2-6)? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What king of Mesopotamia was sent by God to conquer faithless Israel (Judges 3:8)? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What Canaanite king was noted for having 900 iron chariots (Judges 4:2-3)? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What son of Gideon was proclaimed king in Shechem (Judges 9:6)? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What king was captured by Saul and cut into pieces by Samuel (1 Samuel 15:8, 33)? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What Philistine king did David seek refuge with when he fled from Saul (1 Samuel 21:10)? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What shepherd boy was anointed by Samuel in front of his brothers (1 Samuel 16:6-13)? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What king wanted to see miracles when Jesus was brought before him (Luke 23:8)? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What king of Tyre sent cedar logs and craftsmen to King David (2 Samuel 5:11)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
August 8

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Jordan Brackett; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mr. Keith Hutchison; Ms. Robyn Landen; Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; Mr. Silas Jackson, Hendersonville, TN; Mr. Ryan Jackson, Hendersonville, FL; Mr. Lemuel Robinson, Windermere, FL; and Mr. Adam Seal, Seattle, WA.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week



Sunday (August 15th)

Tim & Beth Fry (Ann.)  
Carolyn Lord  
Buzz Nelson

Wednesday (August 18th)

Benny Rodgers  
Deboria Walker

Monday (August 16th)

Chad Morgan

Thursday (August 19th)

David & Mary A. Jackson (Ann.)

Tuesday (August 17th)

Jonathan Swayne  
Connie Tipton

Friday (August 20th)

Josiah Blackmer

Saturday (August 21st)

Josie Dawson  
Bettye King

To our brothers and sisters,

Jean and I would like to say thanks for all the prayers, phone calls, text messages, get well cards and visits during this extended time of hurt, sickness and recovery. We are improving and look forward to seeing you soon if it is God's will. Thanks and God bless you all.

With love,

Mike & Jean Archer

**Those to Serve**

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

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, August 15**

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Phil Porter  
Scripture Reading.....Richard Kelley  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Novel Brown  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer .....Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:

Tim Cox Taylor Reeves  
Rick Hall Ricky Smith  
Orlando Lolo Rick Tibbetts  
Tim Mahlbacher Nahum Villard  
Morris McDaniel Tyler Williams

**Sunday Evening, August 15**

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer .....Tim Fry  
Scripture Reading ..... Paul Metzkes  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Victor Colage  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer .....Rick Hall

Serve at Table:

Trey Higbee Nick Pietro

**Wednesday Evening, August 18**

Singing..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation..... Josh Blackmer  
Family Prayer .....Jeff Goodale

**Our Record**

Attendance	Aug. 8	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	125	146
Sun. AM Worship	176	234
Sun. PM Worship	128	101
Wed. Bible Study	121	126
Contribution	\$26,297	\$15,422

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$43,090

Service Coordinator:  
Mike Damron

Ushers for this week: Namddie Ikon & Rick Price  
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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



### Service Schedule

#### Sunday:

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

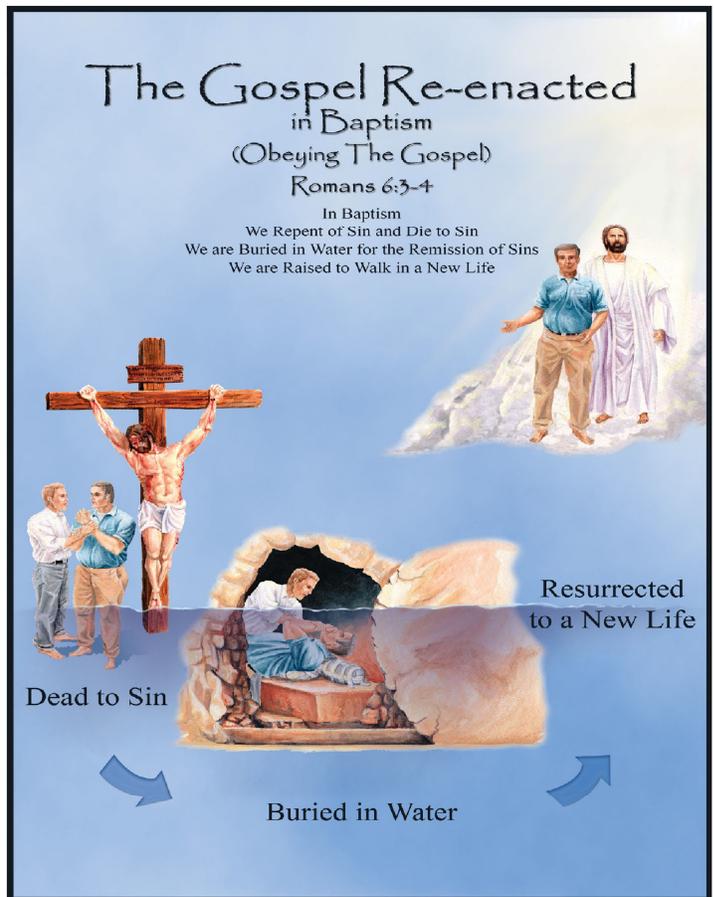
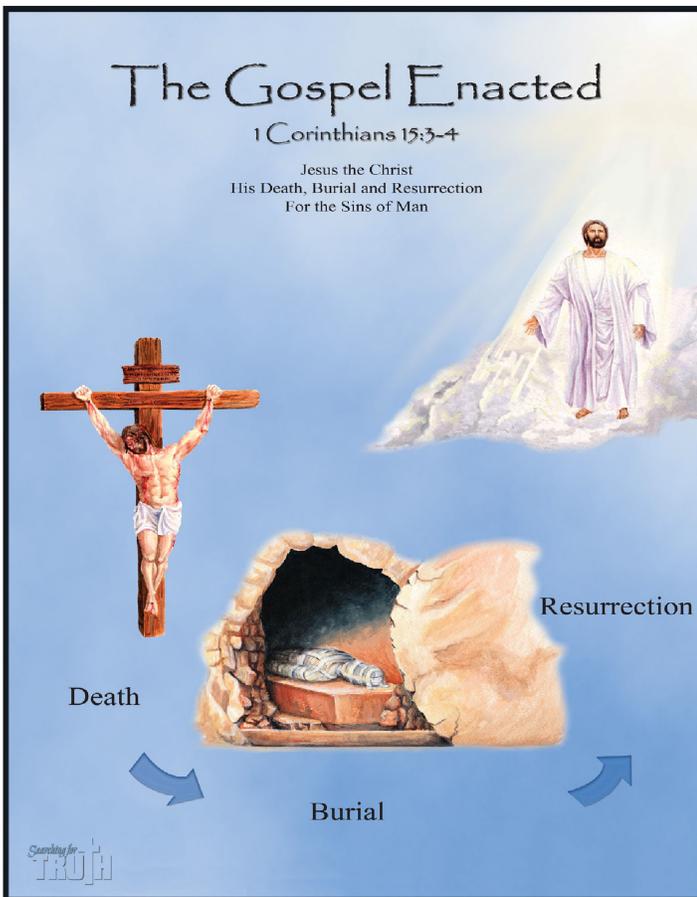
Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday:

Bible classes ..... 7:00 p.m.

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(Chart from World Video Bible School, [wvbs.org](http://wvbs.org))