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*Chairman for the Month of December

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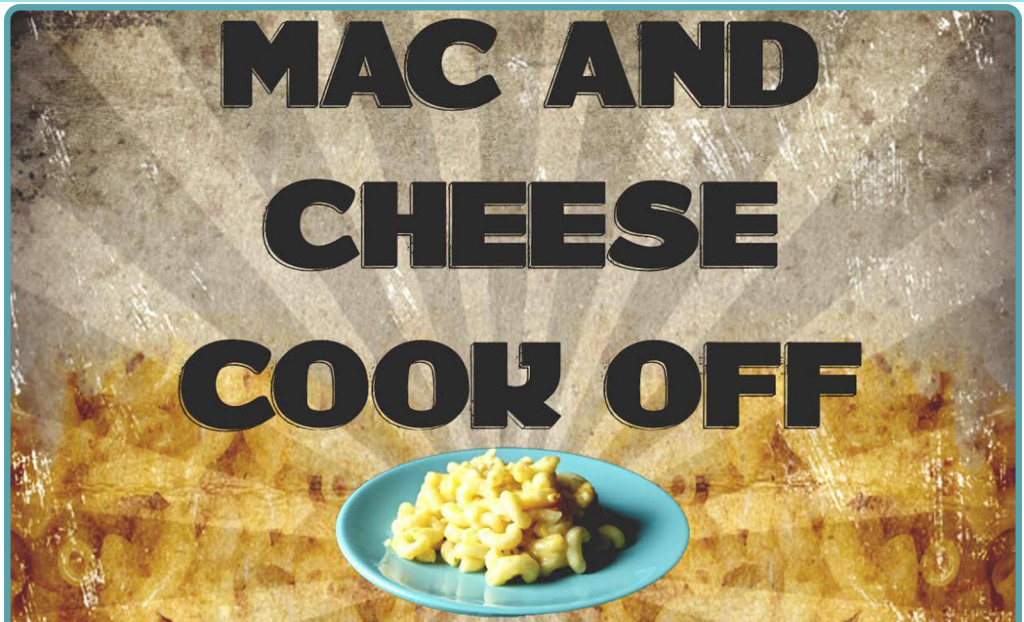


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New Year's Eve Gathering

December 31 at **5:00 p.m.**

Grilled hot dogs will be provided.
There's a board in the Lobby to RSVP and
sign up to bring a food item.

We will not be staying until midnight.



By Dan Jenkins

Words—the Basis of Faith

Paul’s words to young Timothy were so descriptive of the trials he would have to face. Those verses in 1 Timothy 4 were given to Timothy because of what was happening. The gospel was soon to be preached to every creature under heaven, and the future of the church was so promising.

Paul warned Timothy that the Holy Spirit of God had clearly revealed that some would depart from the faith and begin following false teachers and the lies they taught (1 Tim. 4:1). Their teaching was that Christians must refrain from eating certain foods. What was the truth about this matter? The Holy Spirit revealed through Paul that such was false teaching for “...every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer” (1 Tim. 4:4-5).

Timothy’s task was to take this truth and instruct the brethren. If he did this, he would be a good minister of Jesus Christ, for he had been nourished in the words of faith and had carefully followed them (1 Tim. 4:6). Notice how the truths of God are described. They are based on the words of faith.

Look again at the contrast. Some had left the faith by following those who had departed from the faith. When they spoke, they did not speak the words of truth, but they were

“...speaking lies in hypocrisy.” Timothy’s task was to stay faithful to the truth and instruct his listeners to stay in accordance with the words of faith.

Faith is based on words. If there are no divine words to describe what one believes, then his faith is not based on what God said. We express ideas using words. We express heavenly ideas by using heavenly words. If there are no Biblical words to describe one’s faith, then it cannot express an idea which has its origin in heaven.

There is more to be added to these thoughts. Paul instructs Timothy saying, “Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me” (2 Tim. 1:13). The words of faith become the basis of the “pattern of sound words.” A pattern shows what must be done and become the basis of duplicating precisely what was in the pattern. The reason forbidding the eating of certain foods was false teaching is because such teaching does not follow the pattern. This pattern is expressed in words, sound words.

Now make the application. Timothy was instructed to take the things he learned from Paul and deliver them to faithful men who then could deliver them to others (2 Tim. 2:2). Timothy was to take the words of faith and teach as a pattern to be followed by using sound words. This pattern was then to be given to others. God help us to find the words of faith!

If there are no Bible words to describe what you believe, then it is not Biblical



By David Sproule

Amazed By Amazing Deacons

The Lord’s church is made up of the most wonderful people on the face of the earth! Over the years, I have been tremendously impressed with so many of the deacons of the church, both at Palm Beach Lakes and in other congregations. Deacons have a special, God-given purpose in the church.

The word “deacon” is from a Greek word that means “servant, minister.” These men are given specific tasks by the overseers of the church to carry out, in order that the work of the church (in evangelism, edification and benevolence) might be as effective as possible.

Overall, deacons are like anyone else in the church. There are some deacons who are strongly committed to their assigned tasks and give their all to meeting (and even surpassing) their assigned duties. On the other hand, there are some deacons who do the minimum needed for their assigned duty. And, of course, there are deacons in between these two extremes. I want to focus on that first category of deacons. In my lifetime in the church and in 25+ years of fulltime labor, I have been amazed by some amazing deacons!

I have seen amazing deacons who devoted much of their TIME to their task, and they did so willingly and gladly. Time is a precious commodity of which we often complain we

“don’t have enough.” But I’ve seen deacons who gave and gave and gave of their time to the Lord and His church. They did not begrudge it. They did not seek special accolades for it. They just did it...for the Lord!

I have seen amazing deacons who put forth immense EFFORT to fulfill their tasks, and they do so willingly and gladly. They were not half-hearted or minimalists in their efforts. These men wanted the job done right, knowing that all things in the church reflect upon the Lord. They were not doing it for themselves but doing it...for the Lord!

I have seen amazing deacons SELFLESSLY SACRIFICE, in order to ensure the task was done right. Sacrificing their time has already been mentioned, but in addition, some have sacrificed their own resources (supplies, tools, money, etc.), their family time, their efforts on their own jobs, even their vacations to see that an assigned task was completed in the very best way it could be...for the Lord!

Most of the time these men work behind the scenes and very few people know what they do or how much they do. But the Lord knows! He talked about these kind of deacons when He said, “For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 3:13). Thank you to so many amazing deacons who work tirelessly...for the Lord!

They were not doing it for themselves but doing it...for the Lord!



By Josh Blackmer

Do Not Worry

At some point we may have thought about how the wicked can have so much. Why does it seem that those that live in complete disregard for God and His judgments can live in abundance and ease? We read passages that speak to the prosperity of the righteous and the wicked being cut off and wonder, “When will I prosper?” (Psa. 1:3-4). The remedy for this kind of thinking is mentioned three times in Psalm 37. “Do not fret because of evildoers” (Psa. 37:1). “Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way” (Psa. 37:7). “Do not fret; it leads only to evil-doing” (Psa. 37:8). Verses 7-11 of this Psalm give us a glimpse into the overall message.

“Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him” (Psa. 37:7a). “Rest” means to be silent and still, to take a time out. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psa. 46:10). We don’t like waiting. We are no longer conditioned to wait. Waiting on the Lord is a big theme in the Old Testament. It is mentioned twice in this psalm (v. 7, 34). A patient waiting and confidence in the Lord is what is being encouraged. If we are not good at waiting, we are worse at being patient in waiting. Paul reminds us, “But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it” (Rom. 8:25). “Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way” (Psa. 37:7b). When someone says, “Don’t worry about it,” we normally re-

spond with, “Oh, I’m glad you said that. I was about to worry there for a second.” In this psalm, our worry is put into context. It is going to be worse for the wicked. We are instructed to “cease from anger” because one result of unbridled worry is anger. How many of you get angry watching the news? Things happen that we have no control over, and we wish it was different. It’s the same for those that see the wicked prosper and worry about it. There is nothing we can do about it. That is God’s work, not ours. “Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity” (Eph 4:26-27). This is again why we are encouraged not to worry. “It leads only to evil-doing” (Psa. 37:8b). Often we try to “fix” things, and it makes it worse. Abraham said, “Tell them you’re my sister; they might kill me” (Gen. 12:13). Sarah said, “Have a child with my servant girl. What could possibly go wrong?” (Gen. 16:2).

In this psalm, we can take comfort in the contrast of the wicked and righteous. Evildoers will be cut off and will be no more. The righteous will inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. We must learn to rest in the Lord and patiently wait on Him. “Depart from evil and do good, So you will abide forever. For the LORD loves justice and does not forsake His godly ones; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked will be cut off. The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever” (Psa. 37:27-29).

“For the Lord loves justice And does not forsake His godly ones.”

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Brother or sister, please don’t turn!

Sometimes our faith weakens. Sometimes our trust wavers. Sometimes our confidence wanes. Sometimes our priorities shift. Sometimes our devotion fades. Sometimes our desires change. And, when that happens, sometimes we fall from where we need to be. We may even “turn.”

God was the one who used the word “turn” to describe the action that a mind/heart takes, which is followed by the body/life. While one may “turn TO” God (Acts 26:20; 1 Thess. 1:9), he can also “turn AWAY” or “turn FROM” God (1 Tim. 5:15; 2 Pet. 2:21). This is not merely a matter of turning from the church or “from the truth” (Tit. 1:14), but turning away “from Him who called you in the grace of Christ” (Gal. 1:6).

Brother or sister, our loving Father “called you in the grace of Christ.” The grace of Christ led Him to give “Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age” (1:4). Please, please don’t turn from Him! And if you are on that verge, please turn back! You are loved! – DS



Be quick to hear

James 1:19 is certainly a verse that each of us ought to memorize. It is one of those verses that we need to hide in our heart, so that we sin against the Lord less (Psa. 119:11). There is much to emphasize in the verse, including where we often focus—be “slow to speak” and “slow to anger.” But before those two instructions is this—“be quick to hear.”

Would you say that you are “quick to hear”? That is not saying, “Be quiet.” That is necessary and productive, but it is not equivalent to “hearing.” Someone can be quiet without hearing the other person. “Quick to hear” is not saying, “Just wait your turn. Wait until the other person stops talking.” Again, that is necessary and productive, but it is not equivalent to “hearing.” If I am thinking about what I am going to say while the other person is talking, that is not “hearing.”

Truly “hearing” someone involves active listening, giving eye contact, thinking about what is being said, showing respect. Question: Are you “quick” to do all that? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Brown	recovering at home from surgery
Linda Coe	having injections in her knees to relieve pain
Jackie Creary	recovering from an auto accident, in pain
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	awaiting more test results
Katie Goodale	undergoing medical tests
Joe Holland	discharged from the hospital
Joan Holloway	in Waterford Rehab, visitors welcome
Shirley Hopkins	in the hospital in Tampa, undergoing physical therapy
Cynthia Ingraham	being tested for kidney and breast issues
Owen Miley	recovering at home from stent surgery
Rosa Nash	undergoing radiation treatments for cancer
Peggy Simpkins	diagnosed with rare cancer, awaiting treatment options
Betty White	dealing with a lot of pain

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
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
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

James Mahlbacher	Tim Mahlbacher's father, multiple health issues
Cineas Mauvais	Juliette Mauvais' father, inflammation in both legs
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, recovering from a procedure
Laura Schubert	Nick Pietro's sister, treatments for breast cancer
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, double mastectomy on 12/10

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, December 19

- ◆ **Guest Speaker, Robert Lupo** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium for a special Bible class.

Friday, December 31

- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 5:00 p.m. We will not be gathering together and singing until midnight, as in the past. Instead, we are having a Mac-and-Cheese Cook-Off. Grilled hot dogs will be provided. There's a board in the Lobby to RSVP and sign up to bring a food item.

Sunday, January 2

- ◆ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. Let's start the new year together!

Monday, January 3

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

Monday, January 10

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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.

Friday, January 21

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. ALL PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring desserts.

Sunday, January 23

- ◆ **Baby Shower for Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at BuyBuyBaby and Babylist.com. *It's a girl!*
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, January 30

- ◆ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, December 31

- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 5:00 p.m. We will not be gathering together and singing until midnight, as in the past. Instead, we are having a Mac-and-Cheese Cook-Off. Grilled hot dogs will be provided. There's a board in the Lobby to RSVP and sign up to bring a food item.

Saturday, January 8

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Debi Watson.

Monday, January 10

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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.

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Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Friday, December 31

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High New Year's Celebration** following the Mac-and-Cheese Cook-Off. We will have fun and play games until midnight. Please make sure you have a ride home arranged to pick you up at midnight.

Sunday, January 9

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Meeting & Devo** after morning worship in the Family Room. All families are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Monday, January 10

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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.

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PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - January 2022

January 2 ^(A) January 9 ^(L) January 16 ^(A) January 23 ^(A) January 30 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Kirk Crews	Novel Brown	Dan Fuller	Jerry Hopkins	Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reader	Lawrence Williams	Ricky Smith	Dan McLeod	Jim Rogers	Willie Smith
Presiding at Table	Jeffery Goodale	Philip Porter	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Leslie	Richard Watson
Serving at Table	Mike Damron	Tim Cox	Andy Anderson	Troy Alberga	Ted Friesner
	Michael Ellis	Tim Fry	Ed Buonadonna	Jimmie Banks	Tim Fry
	Gorman Ericksen	Richard Kelley	Edward Gager	Kirk Crews	Namdidie Ikon
	Michael Erickson	Orlando Lolo	Errol Gower-Winter	Mike Damron	Richard Kelley
	Max Fonrose	Steward Lynch	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Gorman Ericksen	Orlando Lolo
	James Green	Tim Mahlbacher	Daniel Lord	Michael Erickson	Steward Lynch
	Hunter Hinton	Taylor Reeves	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Max Fonrose	Tim Mahlbacher
	Luther Robinson	Vincent Rogers	Benny Rodgers	Hunter Hinton	Vincent Rogers
	Jim Rogers	Willie Smith	Gary Seames	Luther Robinson	Rick Tibbetts
	Marty Williams	Tyler Williams	Brandan Widner	Marty Williams	Nahum Villard
Closing Prayer	Ivan Villard	Robert Mariano	David Holaday	James Green	Taylor Reeves

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	Ken Tipton	Dan McLeod	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Opening Prayer	Jeff Leslie	Richard Watson	Paul Metzkes	Joe Maloney	
Scripture Reader	Jerry Hopkins	Ted Friesner	David Brown	Michael Ellis	
Presiding at Table	John Hoelzer	Rick Hall	Eugene Williams	Johnny Davis	
Serving at Table	Troy Alberga	Silas Balfour	Connor Goodale	Kane Campbell	
	Lance Collier	Trey Higbee	Darin Summerlot	Jeremy Maloney	
Closing Prayer	Graysen Hayes	Richard Lerro	Dion Hayes	John Hoelzer	

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown	Ricky Smith
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Buzz Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Buzz Nelson
Video	Scott Studer	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Buzz Nelson	Jerry Pittman

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Jimmie Banks	Seth Watson	David Lord	Lawrence Williams	Victor Colage
Usher	Kane Campbell	Victor Colage	Devin Eutsey	Lance Collier	Novel Brown
	Joe Maloney	Rick Tibbetts	Andres Fernandez	Graysen Hayes	Robert Mariano

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox	Rick Hall

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 7-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

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

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

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



Sunday,
December 5

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Lucille Black; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Sandy Joseph; Ms. Robyn Landen; Ms. Maxine McCoy; Mr. David Perez; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit Samson; Mr. Donald Seay; Ms. Melissa Shaw; Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Grace Shaw; Mrs. Allison Snyder; Mr. Joseph Snyder; Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury; Mr. Garfield Walks; Miss Charleigh Ward; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; and Mr. Bill Cline, Tallahassee, FL.



Thank you for the stack of LOVE, concerns, and get well wishes. We could have not gotten through everything without each of you! God has blessed us with an awesome church family!!!

XXXOOO,
John & Sue Hoelzer



Sunday (December 12th)
Charlene Knowles
Brandan Widner

Tuesday (December 14th) cont.
Daisy Lord
Juliette Mauvais

Tuesday (December 14th)
Tim Fry
Patricia Hackshaw

Saturday (December 18th)
Ted & Karen Friesner (Ann.)
Rick & Melinda Price (Ann.)



2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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, December 12

Singing.....Dion Hayes
Lord's Supper Jimmie Banks
Singing
Opening PrayerJeff Leslie
Scripture Reading..... James Green
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Michael Ellis

Serve at Table:
Lance Collier Jeff Goodale
Kirk Crews Hunter Hinton
Gorman Ericksen Joe Maloney
Michael Erickson Luther Robinson
Max Fonrose Jim Rogers

Sunday Evening, December 12

Singing Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading..... Johnny Davis
Singing
Lord's Supper Ivan Villard
Singing
Opening Prayer John Hoelzer
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Serve at Table:
Graysen Hayes Jeremy Maloney

Wednesday Evening, December 15

Singing.....Daniel Wagner
Invitation..... Richard Watson
Family PrayerJeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	Dec. 5	Nov. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	163	130
Sun. AM Worship	256	269
Sun. PM Worship	121	111
Wed. Bible Study	115	135
Contribution	\$15,462	\$15,504

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$60,138

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

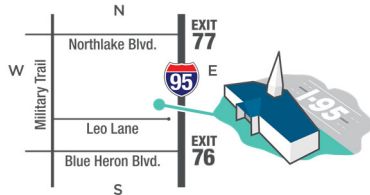
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



Service Schedule

Sunday:

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

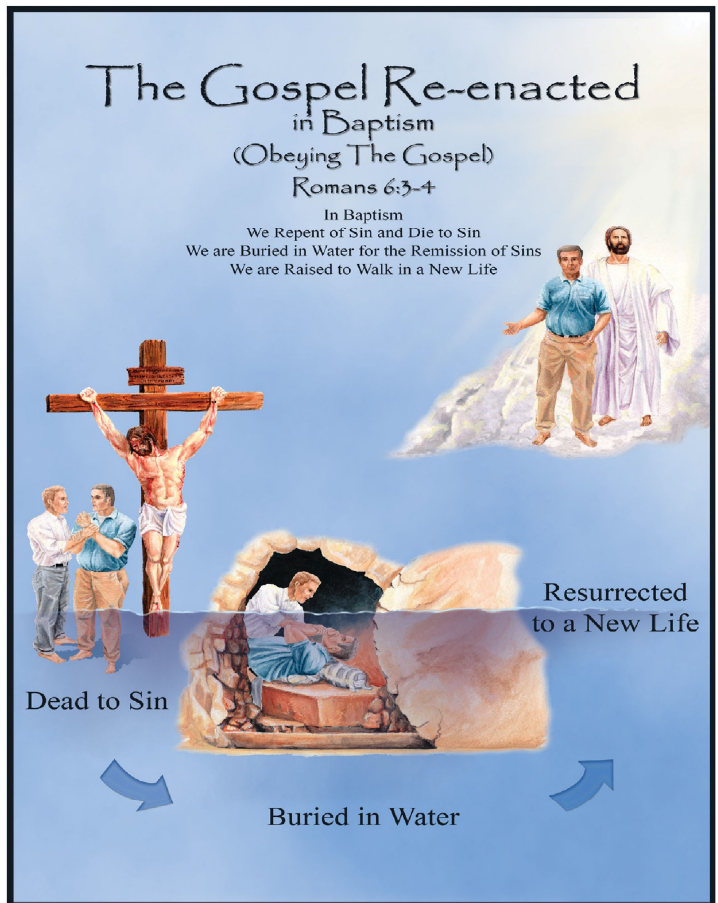
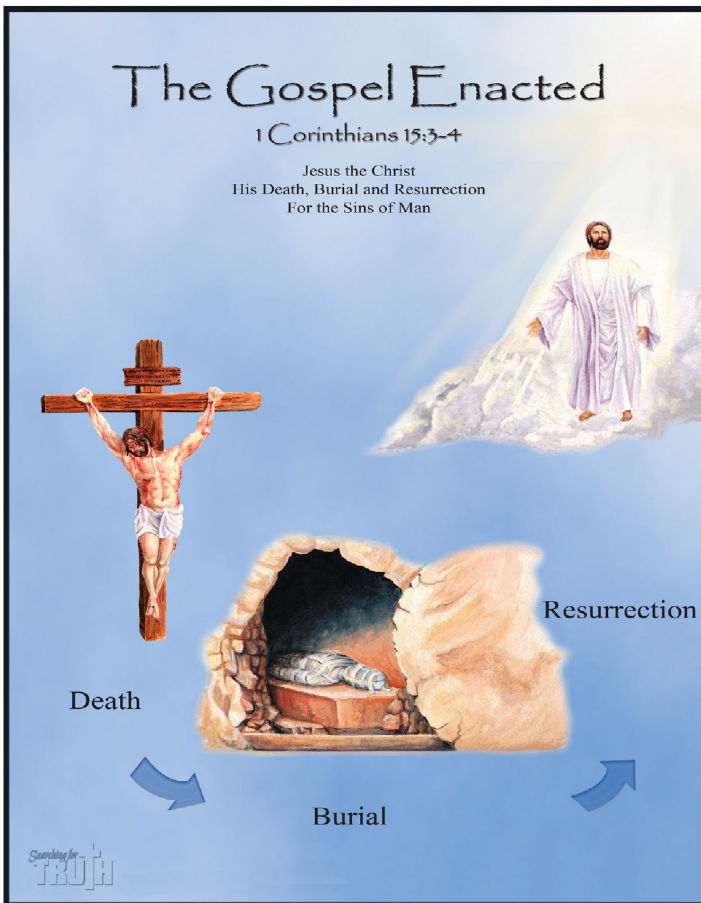
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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