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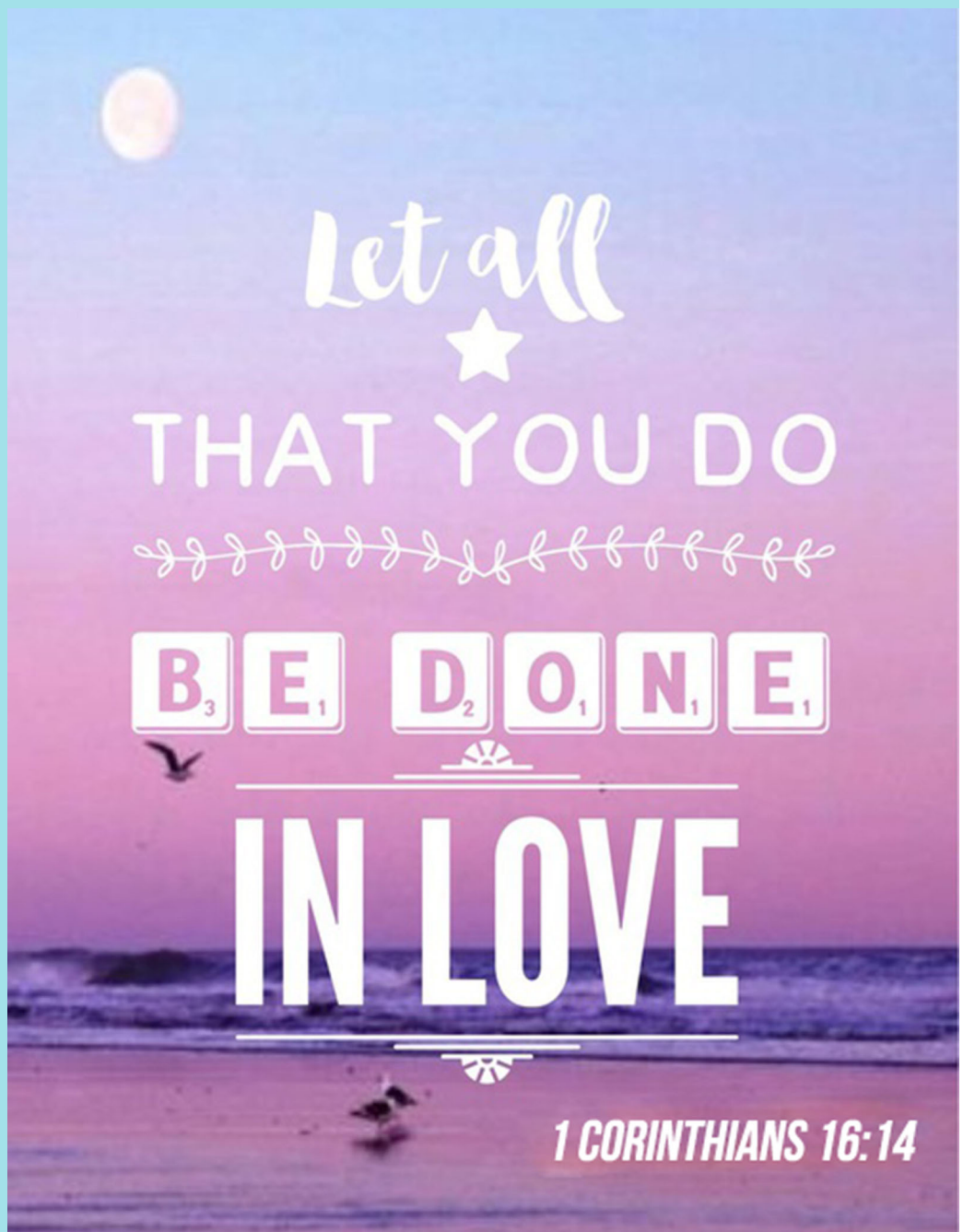
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By Dan Jenkins

The Heart of Judas, The Heart of the Widow and God

There is an amazing truth found in Paul's second letter to Corinth. The church there was collecting funds for the needy saints in Judea, and Paul writes to them encouraging them to be liberal. We often hear some of his words in our assemblies before the collection is taken. "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7)

What we may have overlooked is what is said in the next verse. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound for every good work." Look at the words carefully—all grace, always, all sufficiency, all things, every good work. The proper motivation is not to give in order to get, but Paul affirms that God is able to bless those who do give so that they might have more to give.

Think of Judas and his attitude toward the money entrusted to him by Jesus. He verbalized a concern for the poor when the woman spent so much for the ointment that she used to anoint Jesus. He was a thief and none of the apostles knew it! Now contrast this with the attitude of the woman giving her two mites at the temple. What a contrast between two drastically different hearts.

The proper motivation for giving is not to give so that we might get more

The reality is that God owns the world, and He does not have to rely on us to support His work. He lets us give so that we can be reminded of the blessings He gives. Now think about it. If the Lord "needed" funds, to whom does He give it so that it might be given back to Him? There is no assurance that He would give it to someone with a covetous heart like Judas. Consider this. If He "needed" funds, He could rest assured that it would be given back to Him if he gave it to person whose heart was like the heart of that widow.

The reality is that He is able to always give with all grace to ensure that there is all sufficiency for every good work. Do not lose sight of this truth. God will always help us do His work.

Does He not faithfully supply us with food and clothing? He does for the birds and the lily of the valley. We are worth so much more than the birds and live so much longer than flowers. Now add to this Jesus' affirmation about what God will always supply for His children. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you" (Matt. 6:33).

Love the Lord. Love the kingdom. Love righteousness. That's our part. Then, as we give back to God that which He first gave to us, think of Paul's words to the Corinthians—all grace, always, all sufficiency and every good work. He will bless us to do His work!



By David Sproule

Fitting for Saints

Are you a saint? The word "saint" has been so misused in the religious world that many cringe at the idea of being thought of as a saint. But, if you belong to God, you are a saint. If you have longings to abide with God in heaven for eternity, you must be a saint. How does the Bible use that term?

The Greek word for saint is *hagios*, which is used over 200 times in the Greek New Testament. About one-fourth of its uses is translated as "saint," and about two-thirds of the time it is translated "holy." Thus, you can see that the word has to do with being holy. Fundamentally, the word means to be "separated, set apart," and specifically in the Christian context, it pertains to one who is "dedicated or consecrated to the service of God." Thus, by definition, a "saint" is a "holy one" or a "set apart one." So, when it is pondered if a living person is a saint, the answer should be, "He'd better be!"

One becomes a saint (the noun) by being sanctified (the verb) (see 1 Cor. 1:2). One is sanctified by the truth of God (John 17:17), when he obeys the will of God (1 Pet. 1:2) and is immersed in water to be forgiven of his sins by God. When one is "washed" from his sins in "water" according to "the word" of God, he is "sanctified" (Eph. 5:26; 1 Cor. 6:11). Or write the word this way—he is "saint-i-fied" by God.

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So, how can a saint be identified today? The Bible does not talk about someone being "canonized" as a saint postmortem, but a saint (from God's viewpoint) is a living, faithful Christian. In relationship to their God, saints are those who "love the Lord" (Psa. 31:23), "fear the Lord" (Psa. 34:9), "sing praise to the Lord" (Psa. 30:4) and "give thanks to the Lord" (Psa. 30:4). Are you a saint?

In relationship to their fellow saints, note that the New Testament teaches that saints have "love for all the saints" (Col. 1:4), have "faith toward all the saints" (Phile. 5), "minister to the saints" (Heb. 6:10), "distribute to the needs of the saints" (Rom. 12:13), "greet every saint" (Phil. 4:21), "receive saints in the Lord" (Rom. 16:2), "refresh the hearts of saints" (Phile. 7) and make "supplication for all the saints" (Eph. 6:18). Are you a saint?

In relationship to their own personal growth, saints lift up "prayers before the throne" (Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4), "persevere" in faithful works (Rev. 14:12), "keep the commandments of God" (Rev. 14:12), and seek to do only those things that are "fitting for saints" (Eph. 5:3). Are you a saint?

Some think that the only thing that "fits" a saint is a halo. But, by definition, that which is "fitting for saints" is living the sanctified, holy life of a faithful follower of Christ. Let's use God's definition and live for Him as a saint every day!



By Josh Blackmer

Seeking God's Approval

We are all creatures that need approval. We may have different tolerances for rejection but at some point, we all need approval and validation. The question we need to ask ourselves is, "Whose approval am I seeking?" If I am seeking God's approval, then I am setting myself up for a healthy relationship with Him.

If I am seeking God's approval in my life, then there are certain things that I am doing. I am putting the kingdom first. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matt. 6:33). I am trying to live according to His righteousness. (Rom. 10:3). I am also seeking those things that are above. "Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Col. 3:1-2). I am thinking on those higher moral things to keep myself oriented on that which God thinks about. "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything is worthy of praise, dwell on these things" (Phil. 4:8). I need to be aware that my life should be pleasing to Him and not myself. Those things don't have to be opposite, but it needs to be in-

Where do you get your approval?

tentional. "Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him" (2 Cor. 5:9).

Why would I put God's approval ahead of the approval of mankind? Not only because He is my creator, but there are several other reasons. God has my best interest at heart. "The Lord... is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). He has been proven faithful. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23). He has shown us His loving kindness (Eph. 2:7). He has forgiven us. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). HE has given us grace, "not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity" (2 Tim. 1:9). He has promised us a reward that only He can deliver. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Pet. 1:3-4). Let us look to God for approval on the things that would bring glory to Him and a blessing to our lives. If our lives are searching for God's approval, we will be rewarded.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Are you sure?

When John the Baptist was in prison, he apparently started to have some questions in his mind about the identity of Jesus. Have you ever had questions about the identity of Jesus? In response, Jesus gave John some very simple evidence of His identity: "The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them" (Matt. 11:5).

First of all, the miraculous things that Jesus was able to do were clear evidence of His divine nature. But that was not the fullness of Jesus' point. Each of these things was a fulfillment of prophecy and a clear expectation of the coming Messiah (Isa. 29:18; 35:4-6; 42:7; 61:1).

When John was having questions about Jesus' identity, Jesus pointed Him to the Scripture. If you ever have questions about Jesus (or if others around you are struggling with doubts), open the Book and read the evidence for yourself. You CAN be SURE! – DS



Make it a happy thought!

Through use of anthropomorphism, the Bible speaks of God's knowledge and understanding of things on this earth by talking about His "eyes." Consider these thoughts.

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3). "The ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He ponders all his paths" (Prov. 5:21). "His eyes are on the ways of man, and He sees all his steps" (Job 34:21). "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron. 16:9).

For some people, the thought of God watching everything that they do can be terrifying. But it doesn't have to be. For God's children, the thought that God knows all that is happening in their lives (Heb. 4:13-16) can be reassuring and comforting. His "eyes...are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry" (1 Pet. 3:12). Oh, how excellent is that (Psa. 8)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Carolina Alvarenga	dealing with arthritis in her knee
Dan Johnson	at Promedica, recovering from double amputation
Owen Miley	recovering from back surgery
Cheryl Milton	Good Sam. Medical Center, recovering from a fall
Joel Ramirez	Gardens Medical Center (room 383)
Maurine Reed	back at Hamlin Place
Betty Sanders	at home but having more tests
Don Seay	has been discharged from the hospital
Isolyn Sinclair	undergoing tests on her eye
Yolanda Stewart	recovering from surgery
Jettie Sweetenburg	awaiting test results on the spot on her lung
Leonard Williams	recovering from an outpatient procedure

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Robin Landen	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Peggy Simpkins	chemo, rare cancer
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Inell Ingram
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Terri Hahn	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
Shirley Griffin	Mary Porter's mother, under Hospice Care
Diane McArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, hospitalized last week
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, ongoing health issues
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, hospitalized last week, now home
Mary Pietro	Nicholas Pietro's mother, dealing with spreading cancer
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, rec. from pacemaker surgery
Lillie Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, dealing with spreading cancer





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 27

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, November 28

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume in January.

Tuesday, November 29

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume in January.

Thursday, December 1

- ♦ **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 and an ornament to exchange.

Friday, December 2

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David & Daisy Lord. Bring a potluck dish to share. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

Sunday, December 4

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. 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 details.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Monday, December 5

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Sunday, December 11

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Saturday, December 17

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Thursday, December 1

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Please bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Monday, December 5

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Friday, December 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes.

Sunday, December 18

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

Saturday, December 31

- ♦ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. in the Family Room.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, November 27

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Saturday, December 3

- ♦ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. There will be food, crafts and games. RSVP by December 1: <https://signup.com/go/PCyafNV>.

Monday, December 5

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and a plate/utensils.

Saturday, December 10

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party & Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange and 2-liter drinks. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, December 18

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - December 2022

December 4 ^(A)

December 11 ^(L)

December 18 ^(C)

December 25 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Jeff Goodale	Stephen Beliech	Gary Jenkins	Michael Ellis
Scripture Reader	Hunter Hinton	Taylor Reeves	Andy Anderson	Jeff Goodale
Presiding at Table	Kane Campbell	Richard Watson	Dan Fuller	Johnny Davis
Serving at Table	Lance Collier Kirk Crews Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Jeff Leslie Islay Rodriguez Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder Cristian Suarez Marty Williams	Tim Cox Tim Fry Namdidie Ikon Todd Juckett Richard Kelley Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano Nahum Villard Tyler Williams	Troy Alberga Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Cris Cuevas Freddie Gadson Edward Gager Daniel Lord Cody Price Chuck Reeves, Jr. Eugene Williams	Gorman Ericksen Connor Goodale James Green Kameron Heitler Hunter Hinton Jeff Leslie Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder Cristian Suarez Marty Williams
Closing Prayer	Michael Ellis	Ricky Smith	Dan McLeod	Mike Archer

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	Johnny Davis	Novel Brown	Paul Metzkes	John Hoelzer
Scripture Reader	Jim Davis	Willie Smith	Daniel Wagner	Kane Campbell
Presiding at Table	John Hoelzer	Victor Colage	Dirk Summerlot	Kirk Crews
Serving at Table	Graysen Hayes Kameron Heitler	Silas Balfour Nicholas Pietro	Devin Eutsey Leonard Williams	Joe Maloney Luther Robinson
Closing Prayer	Joe Maloney	Trey Higbee	Darin Summerlot	Jim Davis

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Daniel Lord	Cris Cuevas	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Todd Juckett	Edward Gager	Scott Studer	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Lawrence Williams	Seth Watson	Brandan Widner	Jimmie Banks
Usher	Jimmie Banks Michael Erickson	Rick Hall Vincent Rogers	Andres Fernandez Daniel Swayne	Lance Collier Islay Rodriguez

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

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)

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
November 20

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

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

Monday, November 28th
Mike Damron
Aaron Ross

Tuesday, November 29th
Aaron & Jennifer Walker (Ann.)

Tuesday, November 29th (cont.)
Regina Paul

Wednesday, November 30th
Brad & Krystian Dubuisson (Ann.)
Andres Fernandez

Friday, December 2nd
Pat Brown
Steward Lynch

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Don McClintock; Ms. Lonna Pate; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mrs. Susan Shelt; and Ms. Cecilia Tipton.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jacob & Lauren Campbell, Spring Hill, TN; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. John & Peggy Daniels, Folsom, CA; Mr. & Mrs. Elijah & Kristen Dye, Addison, TX; Mr. Andres Fernandez, III, Lake Placid, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Janie Flournoy, Lauderhill, FL; Miss Stay Hall, Dallas, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Corey & Kelly Hansen, Dallas, TX; Miss Jasmine Matthews, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Lindsey McPherson, Nashville, TN; Mr. Tony Miller, Murfreesboro, TN; Ms. Dorothy Pernell, Aiken, SC; Mrs. Andrea Spradlin, Milton, FL; Mr. Leslie Szakacs, Parkland, FL; Mr. Kevin Vanderwende, Maryville, TN; and Ms. Arianna Vanderwende, Maryville, TN.



Directory Changes

We rejoice with **Sylvester Jackson** who was restored on Sunday, November 20.

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, November 27

Singing..... Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading..... David Lord
Singing
Lord's Supper Bob Higbee
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Ed Buonadonna	Gary Jenkins
Cris Cuevas	Daniel Lord
Andres Fernandez	Cody Price
Freddie Gadson	Chuck Reeves, Jr.

Sunday Evening, November 27

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading Paul Metzkes
Singing
Lord's Supper Darin Summerlot
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer..... Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

Devin Eutsey Leonard Williams

Wednesday Evening, November 30

Singing..... Graysen Hayes
Invitation..... Jeff Leslie
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 20	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	194	165
Sun. AM Worship	276	247
Sun. PM Worship	114	140
Wed. Bible Study	NA	136
Contribution	\$15,718	\$16,188
2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$57,611		

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

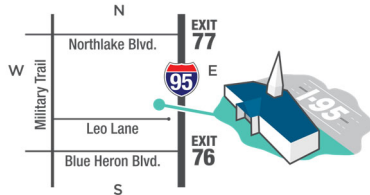
Ushers for this week: Addison Collins & Edward Gager
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne



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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.

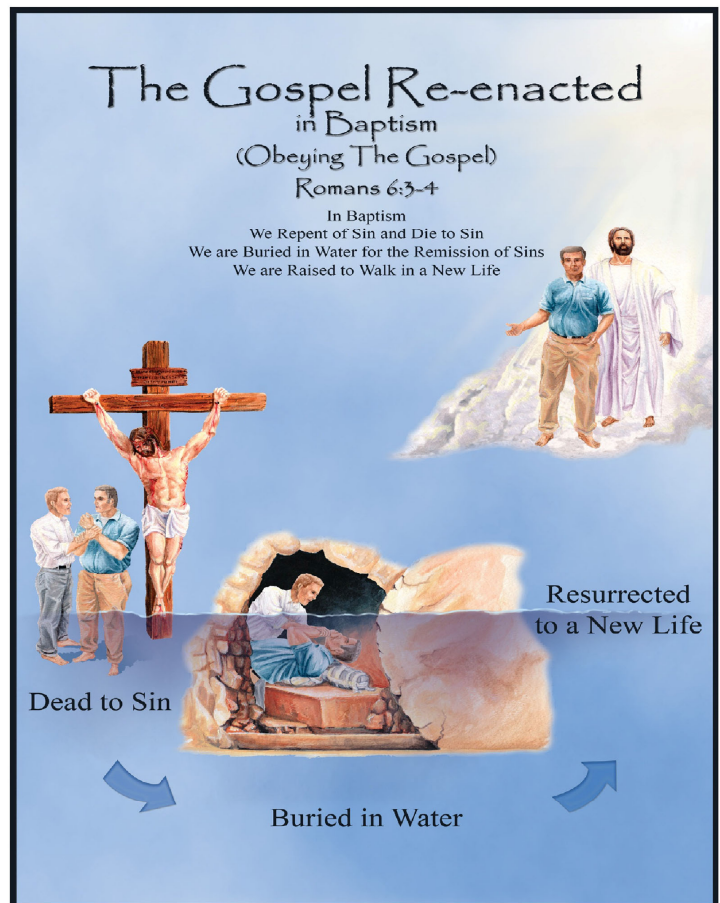
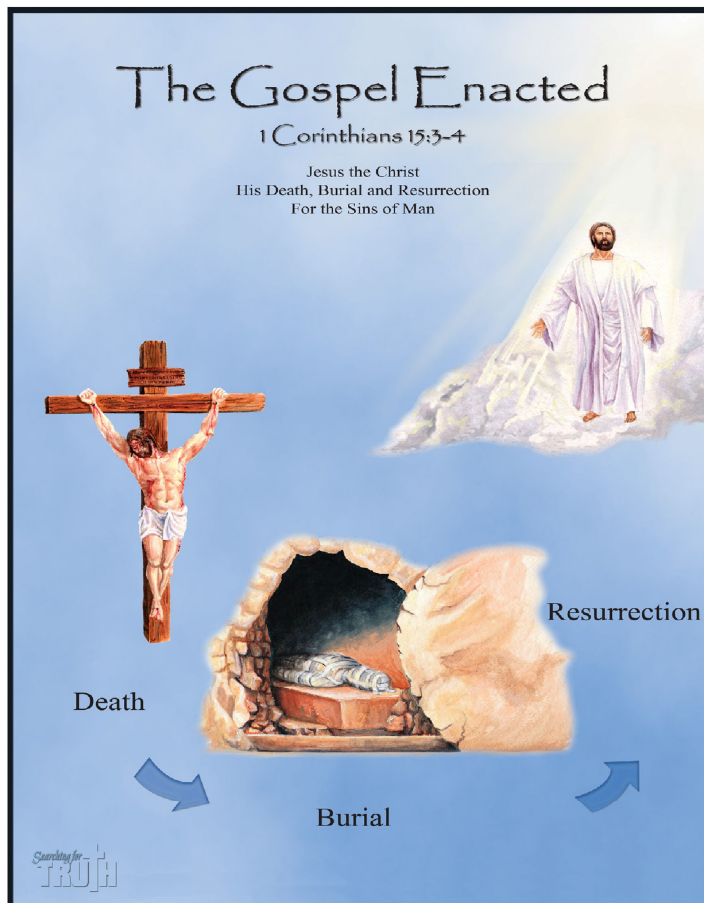
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.



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