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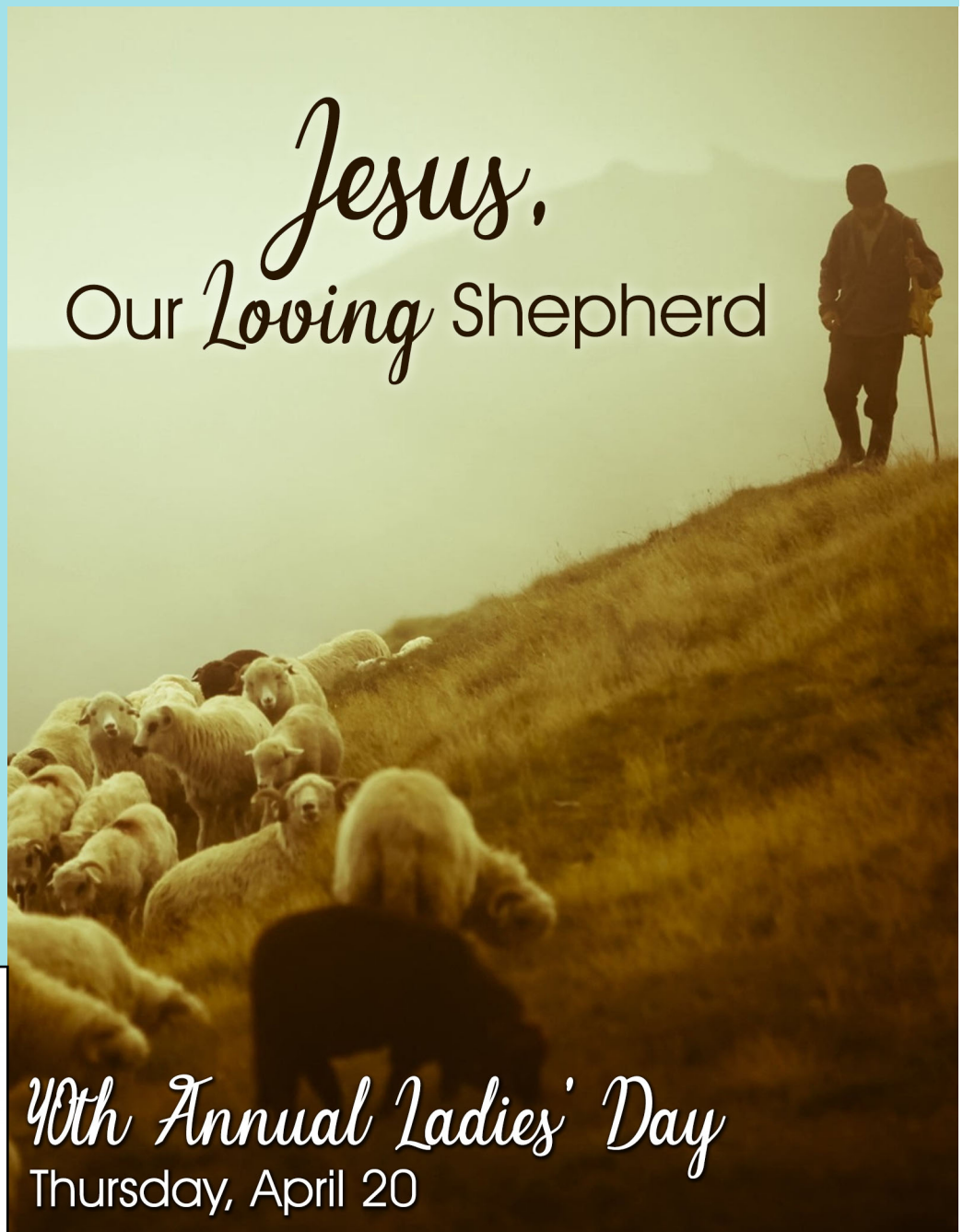
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Jesus.
Our Loving Shepherd



READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*John 8 -
John 12*

40th Annual Ladies' Day
Thursday, April 20



By Dan Jenkins

Heated Up and Boiling Over

The words of Paul so vividly describe heaven's view of how we should respond after we have given our lives to God. He talks about the fact that Christ "...gave Himself for us, that he might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:14). We are special to Him, and our response is that we should work for it with zeal.

The Greek word for zeal is used to describe water that is being heated and then reaches the point where it begins boiling vigorously. It might have at one time been cold, then it became lukewarm but the end result is so obvious to all. It has been heated up but now it is boiling over. Paul uses this word to describe his devotion to Judaism and then repeatedly used it to describe his service to God.

There is no story in the Bible which shows the application of this message better than the events which happened early in the public life of Jesus. At His first miracle performed in the wedding in Cana He said to His mother, "My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4), but because of her insistence He began displaying His power. Shortly thereafter He was in Jerusalem where He manifested exactly who He was and why He came. He had obviously come to do what His Father wanted.

**Have you ever
consider that a
boiling pot of
water has deeper
meaning?**

Before He came into the world, He knew that He was to be given the body of a man, and He knew how He should use that body in serving God. He said, "A body You have prepared for Me...behold I come to do your will" (Heb. 2:5-9). Jesus was in Jerusalem and look at how fervently He used His body.

He came into the temple and saw what was happening. He looked around Him and saw the oxen, sheep, doves and the tables of the money changers. What followed had to startle those who saw it. Jesus took a whip and drove those thieves who had turned a house of prayer into a den of thieves. His own disciples did not understand what He was doing and why He was doing it. It was only later that they remember that prophecy about Jesus, "The zeal for Your house has eaten me up" (John 2:14-17). He was consumed by what He saw. His "spiritual temperature" began to rise, and it then boiled over, leaving behind empty "stores" and overturned tables.

Now as you look at Him who has left us the example we should follow, look at yourself. What is your "spiritual temperature" of service? As you use the body God has prepared for you, what is your level of devotion? Think about Jesus and how He responded. I am not advocating turning over tables, but I urge you to let your devotion become more and more fervent as you become like Him. What is your "temperature"?



By David Sproule

Was Jesus Still Hurting?

Have you ever had a doctor or nurse ask you, "On a scale of 1 to 10, what's your pain level?" Imagine if someone asked Jesus that question. What would His "pain level" have been in His last hours?

We think about Jesus' agony in Gethsemane, His mistreatment in the trials, the vicious Roman scourging and His excruciating crucifixion. The pain that Jesus endured was immense! We can read it, but our imaginations cannot even fathom it. But, after He was raised from the dead, He was "all better," right? No more pain? He was 100%?

The Bible does not detail His post-resurrection pain level for us, but consider this. Jesus was raised in the same human body in which He died. It was not a "new and improved" body. It was not an "upgrade." It was the same body that had been beaten and killed. He told His disciples that He was not "a spirit," for He was still a man of "flesh and bones," and He ate with them (Luke 24:37-42). More than that, He showed them the wounds on His hands and feet (Luke 24:39-40), and He had Thomas "reach" his "hand" and "put it into [His] side" (John 20:27). What do we learn from that?

Jesus' post-resurrection body still had the same wounds that His pre-death body had. The wounds had likely

closed up (hopefully), but the scabs and scars of the dreadful suffering were still present.

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Have you ever had a large puncture wound that was in the process of healing? Did it still hurt after the scab started to form? If your hands had been pierced with an iron nail, how would they be feeling afterwards? If your feet had been pierced with an iron nail, would you want to be walking around in sandals on dusty roads? Is it possible that Jesus' feet were in severe pain? Is it possible that His back, which had been torn to shreds in the scourging, was still raw and very tender to the touch? Is it possible that His side, where a spear had pierced and out flowed blood and water, was not only very sore on the surface but the tissue and muscles underneath were constantly aching and having shooting pains?

I don't know. The Bible does not tell us to what level Jesus' body had healed, but it does tell us that the external wounds were still apparent. Is it not therefore likely that those 40 days on earth after His resurrection were still filled with pain as His physical body healed from the torture?

For how long Jesus suffered the physical hurt we do not know, but we do know that He still hurts for us today. As our High Priest, He is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities" (Heb. 4:15, ASV). He hurts (i.e., sympathizes) with our weaknesses. I wonder, when He looks at us today, what His pain level is...for us.



By Josh Blackmer

To Dwell In A Troubled Land

Peter tells us that Lot was oppressed by the sinfulness around him when living in the area of Sodom and Gomorrah. This “righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds” (2 Pet. 2:7-8). It is likely that we feel the weight of torment by the lawless deeds of the ungodly all around us. There are some safeguards that can help us from falling into the same unrighteous life.

First among these is a fear of the Lord. Solomon would say that the whole duty of man is to “fear God and keep His commandments” (Eccl. 12:13). Also, this fear is the beginning of knowledge (Prov. 1:7). Without a fear or reverent respect for God there will be no obedience.

Knowledge of God’s instructions is closely related to a right relationship with Him. During the work of the prophet Hosea God said, “My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge” (4:6). You can’t obey what you don’t know. Knowledge is something we are to add to our moral excellence (2 Pet. 1:5-7). We need to “be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).

A knowledge of the results of sin should motivate us

to keep ourselves separate from sin. “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). “Everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness” (1 Jn. 3:3-4).

The opposite is true also. A knowledge of the rewards of faithful obedience should help keep us on the right path. Christ says that He came to this earth for that purpose. “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). In Christ we have these blessings. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3).

Lastly, we must remain in strict obedience to God. That was the warning that Moses gave the people before entering into the promised land. “See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today; and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known” (Deut. 11:26-28). See to it that we maintain a healthy fear of the Lord and that we grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord (2 Pet. 3:18).

Fear God and keep His commandments

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Pay somebody else to do it?

At what point do you pay someone else to do something for you? At what point do you pay someone else to...change your vehicle’s oil for you...paint your house for you...mow your grass for you...do your taxes for you...walk your dog for you? The list of questions seems endless. But when faced with the cost factor, the convenience factor, the time factor, the personal preference factor, we face this decision.

So, consider this question: Why didn’t Jesus just pay someone else to come to earth and die on the cross in His place? The cost factor was really high. The convenience factor was real. The time and personal preference factors could have come into play. But Jesus did it Himself!

The expression “gave Himself” is found five times in the Bible, and EVERY time it is used to emphasize that Jesus “gave Himself for me...for us...for our sins” (Gal. 1:4; 2:20; Tit. 2:14; Eph. 5:25; 1 Tim. 2:6). He did not pay with someone else’s blood but with “His own blood” (Heb. 9:12; 13:12; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:5). Jesus Himself paid it all! All to Him I owe! – DS



Thinking that worship is right doesn’t make it right!

While Moses was with God on Mount Sinai, the Lord told Moses that the people had “corrupted themselves,” in that they “made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it” (Ex. 32:7-8). Moses descended to deal with the people, meeting Joshua who had gone up with him (24:13).

Joshua heard noise that he thought was the “noise of war in the camp” (32:17), but Moses knew better. Moses said it was “the sound of singing” (32:18). They came near the camp and Moses “saw the calf and the dancing” and his “anger became hot” (32:19).

The people THOUGHT that they were doing right. They were told, “This is your god” (32:4). They were told to offer “burnt offerings” and “peace offerings” on the altar that had been built, as a worshipful “feast to the Lord” (32:5-6). But their worship provoked God’s “wrath” (32:10).

CALLING something “worship” does NOT make it worship! THINKING that something is acceptable to God does NOT make it acceptable to God! May God help us to worship HIM exactly as HE has directed (John 4:23-24), not as man might find appealing! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Lillian Bankston	recovering at home from a fall
Linda Coe	having a medical test on April 14
Robin Davis	recovering from surgery
Angelica Fernandez	recovering from rotator cuff surgery
Charles Hayes	recovering from basal cell carcinoma surgery
Trudie Holland	Luxe Rehab in Jupiter (room 101) for rehab
Sylvester Jackson	back in JFK and is undergoing more tests
Judie Jenkins	recovering at home from shoulder surgery
Janice Maloney	recovering from a procedure
Betty Sanders	dealing with stage 4 colon cancer
Jackie Stout	dealing with glucose issues
Sherrie Tibbetts	recovering from eye surgery
Maggie Widner	still awaiting more tests

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
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	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, Jupiter Med. Ctr, procedure
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, upper respiratory infection

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, April 16

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on Sunday, April 30.
- ♦ **No Youth & Family Singing** tonight after services.

Monday, April 17

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume next week.

Tuesday, April 18

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume next week.

Thursday, April 20

- ♦ **Ladies' Day with Lacy Crowell** at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Jesus, Our Loving Shepherd."*

Friday, April 21

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. 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 a dessert.

Saturday, April 22

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for details.
- ♦ **Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod. This will be a potluck event. Please bring a main dish, dessert, and/or drinks. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.

Tuesday, April 25

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 6:45 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring a potluck dish. This is for all PBL members and families who live between Blue Heron Blvd. and Southern Blvd.

Monday, May 1

- ♦ **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, May 5

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, April 21

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. 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 a dessert.

Monday, May 1

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Saturday, May 6

- ♦ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Disabling the Devil's Devices." Please RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Saturday, May 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Liz Otero. See Ivan Villard for the address and more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, April 16

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on Sunday, April 30.
- ♦ **No Youth & Family Singing** tonight after services.

Friday, April 21

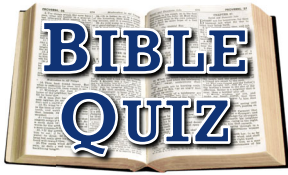
- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

Sunday, April 23

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on Sunday, April 30.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Goodale. Bring drinks and desserts.

Saturday, April 29

- ♦ **Sr. High Spring Formal** at 6:00 p.m. at the Silverball Museum. Cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP by April 23 by signing up on the bulletin board in the Lobby.



Runners Run

1. What bizarre person saw Jesus from far off and ran to worship Him (Mark 5:6)? _____
2. What man ran to meet his brother and kissed him after a long separation (Genesis 33:4)? _____
3. Who outran a team of horses (1 Kings 18:46)? _____
4. What evangelist ran to meet a foreign official in his chariot (Acts 8:30)? _____
5. What disciple outran Peter to Jesus' tomb (John 20:2-4)? _____
6. What boy ran into the Philistine camp to confront their best warrior (1 Samuel 17:48-49)? _____
7. What servant of the prophet Elisha ran to meet the Shunammite woman (2 Kings 4:25-26)? _____
8. What short man ran to see Jesus but could not because of his height (Luke 19:4)? _____
9. Who ran to meet the Lord in the plains of Mamre (Genesis 18:1-2)? _____
10. Who sent the Cushite to run to David with the news of Absalom's death (2 Samuel 18:19-23)? _____
11. According to Isaiah, what sort of people can run and not be weary (Isaiah 40:31)? _____
12. What prophet ran after another prophet to be his successor (1 Kings 19:19-21)? _____
13. What usurper to the throne of Israel gathered up fifty men to run before him (1 Kings 1:5)? _____
14. What judge's mother ran to tell her husband that an angel appeared to her (Judges 13:10)? _____
15. What beautiful woman caused Abraham's servant to run to meet her (Genesis 24:17)? _____
16. What did a man at Jesus' crucifixion run to find for the dying Jesus (Matthew 27:46-48)? _____
17. Who ran into the midst of the Israelites carrying incense to stop a plague (Numbers 16:46-48)? _____
18. What two women ran from Jesus' empty tomb to tell the disciples (Matthew 28:1-8)? _____
19. What man ran to meet Abraham's servant at the well (Genesis 24:29)? _____
20. What creatures ran violently down the steep place into the sea (Matthew 8:32)? _____

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
April 9

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday, April 17th

Joseph Charles
Max Eizaga

Tuesday, April 18th

Loni Fuller

Wednesday, April 19th

Sherri Richmond

Thursday, April 20th

Don Seay

Saturday, April 22nd

Steward & Rowena Lynch (Ann.)
Layla Courts-Buonadonna
Jeremy Maloney
Amber Villard
Allan Zamora

Thank You Notes

Your calls, cards and especially your prayers are so much appreciated. So far, I am doing okay. I have no pain and a good appetite. My church family means so much. Keep me in your prayers always.

Betty Sanders

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Sherri Burris; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Tangela Jackson; Ms. LaQuanda Renee Lane; Ms. Stephanie Louve; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. Tyrome McDuffie; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mrs. Liz Otero; Miss Carolena Ramos; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Jan Bates, Pompano Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne & Martha Colyer, Ocala, FL; Mr. Channing Daniel, High Springs, FL; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL; Mr. Andres Fernandez, Jr., Lake Placid, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Lindsey McPherson, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. David & Jill Montgomery, Knoxville, TN; Mr. Adam Seal, Seattle, WA; Mr. Ryan Smedberg, Plantation, FL; Mrs. Emily Smithson, Knoxville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Emma St. Germain, Glastonbury, CT; Mr. Clarence Tipton, Tallahassee, FL; and Ms. Sara Walpole, Vero Beach, FL.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the many prayers, kindnesses and encouragement you extended to us during Mike's recent surgery and early recovery. God has blessed us with a positive outcome and a clear path toward a fully functional shoulder. You have helped us bear this burden, and we are forever grateful!

Tasha & Mike Ellis

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, April 16

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Douglas Alvarenga
Singing
Lord's Supper Willie Smith
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Orlando Lolo

Serve at Table:

Namddie Ikon	Nicholas Pietro
Richard Kelley	Taylor Reeves
Steward Lynch	Dirk Summerlot
Tim Mahlbacher	Daniel Wagner
John Patrick	Brandan Widner

Sunday Evening, April 16

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading Tom Garrison
Singing
Lord's Supper Novel Brown
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Richard Watson

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga Trey Higbee

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Bob Higbee

Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, April 19

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Freddie Gadson
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 9	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	172	180
Sun. AM Worship	316	276
Sun. PM Worship	111	122
Wed. Bible Study	102	140
Contribution	\$17,535	\$17,638

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$13,377

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

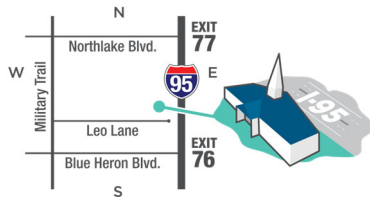
Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Tyler Williams
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



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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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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11-14



"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).