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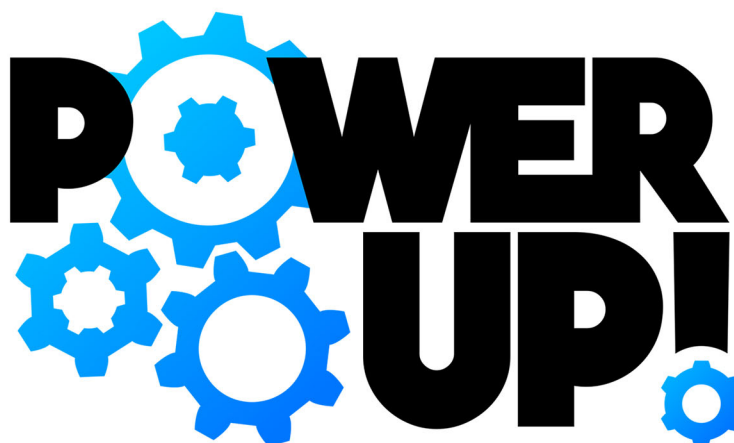


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A Recharge for Christian Men

Saturday, May 6, 2023



Sunday, May 7

Guest Speaker: **Steve Higginbotham**

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*John 18 -
Acts 1*



By Dan Jenkins

My Home Is Not For Sale

Bob had just walked outside the front door to begin weeding the flowerbed when his neighbor saw him. The neighbor began the conversation with a comment about how sad he was to see Bob selling his home for they had become good friends. The neighbor was surprised when Bob said we are not selling our home, we never plan to do that. We are selling our house, and next month our home will be in a new house just a few miles away. There is a vast difference in a home and a house, especially for Christians.

It may be easy, at first, to see this as nothing more than a play on two words we often use interchangeably, but such is far from the case. Consider the following to see that there is a vast difference in the home of Christians and the house in which they live.

One aspect of that home is how marriage is viewed so differently. The vows they made were not just words which seemed so appropriate for the occasion. They would never forget the expression found in that ceremony where they each promised "...to keep yourself him/her alone for as long as you both shall live." Their home had been built around the solemn promises made that day. There was trust which began that day and was never violated. They were faithful to each other.

Our view is different. We may sell our houses but never sell our homes.

There was another part of the ceremony they both remembered, and it followed them in every house in which lived. The words were those from Jesus: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh...Therefore what God has joined together let no man separate" (Matt. 19:5-6). The concept of how the two become one flesh removes selfishness from the hearts where selfishly they are standing and arguing their own private position. They have surrendered and become selfless, and a new entity has been formed. Divorce is not a word ever considered in their relationship.

There are many other aspects in the home of Christians which are not for sale, but one so vital is how children are seen. Like Hannah, they prayed before the children were born and God heard them.

Hannah said, "The Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord" (1 Sam. 1:27-28). Our world has vastly changed as the government uses the school system to control the values children need. If parents do nothing, children will be brainwashed with new sexual orientation of society. Our children are not for sale!

Our world view is different. Our homes are not for sale. We sell our houses but never sell our homes!



By David Sproule

Saved When They Got the Spirit? Not According to Scripture!

In an effort to prove that baptism is not essential to salvation, an appeal is often made to the Holy Spirit falling upon the household of Cornelius in Acts 10. The claim that is made goes something like this: "They received the Holy Spirit and were saved before they were baptized; therefore, baptism really isn't essential to salvation." In short, consider this.

First, the text does not say that they were saved from their sins when the Holy Spirit fell upon them. Read it carefully. It never says that.

Second, notice what the text does say was essential for them to be saved. The word "saved" is found once in the text. An angel told Cornelius to send for Peter, "who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved" (11:14). In order to be "saved," they needed to have "words" spoken to them by Peter. Why? Because "the gospel of Christ...is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16), and in order to "believe" the gospel, it is essential for one to "hear" the words of the gospel (10:13-14), for "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (10:17).

Ask yourself this question: "Could they be saved before and without hearing the words of the gospel from Peter?" The answer is obvious—No, they could not!

They were not saved before they were baptized.

Third, note carefully when the Holy Spirit fell upon them. When Peter reported to the other apostles the events at Cornelius' house, he "explained it to them in order from the beginning" (Acts 11:4). Peter said, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them" (11:15). The Greek word for "began" "indicates that a thing was but just begun when it was interrupted by something else." They had not heard the "words" yet, as Peter had just started. Thus, they were not saved yet, although the Spirit fell upon them.

Fourth, note that Peter identifies this as the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which was "the same gift" that God imparted to the apostles "at the beginning" on Pentecost in Acts 2 (11:15-17; 10:45-47). There are no other accounts of Holy Spirit baptism than these two. It occurred in Acts 10 for the benefit of the Jews, as a Divine demonstration to them that God's Word was for the Gentiles also (10:45-46; 11:17-18).

Fifth, note that they were "commanded...to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (10:48). Why would Peter command the Gentiles to do that? For the very same reason that he commanded the Jews to be baptized—"for the remission of sins" (2:38). Baptism was essential for all of them...and for us.

Read the text. Let the Bible do the teaching. They were not saved before they were baptized. No verse teaches that. In fact, every part of the text teaches just the opposite.



By Josh Blackmer

“Where Are the Nine?”

Jesus healed many but few returned to show gratitude. On one occasion Jesus healed ten men with leprosy—a disease that produced years of indescribable misery, advancing slowly but surely, as it destroyed the body. Ten such leprous men stood afar off and pleaded with Jesus to have mercy on them (Luke 17:11, 13). The Lord healed them (Luke 17:14). It was necessary that a healed leper go to the Jewish priest to be restored (Lev. 14:1-32). That is why Christ commanded that the lepers go show themselves unto the priests (Luke 17:14). However, only one of the ten turned back and thanked Jesus for this new lease on life (Luke 17:16), and he was a Samaritan, a man least expected to express gratitude to the Lord. Jesus asked, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine where are they?” (Luke 17:17). The question concerns gratitude.

Ingratitude is a blight on a gracious act of kindness. The unrighteous are described as, “For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks” (Rom. 1:21). It characterizes a rebellious people in the last days, “For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy” (2 Tim. 3:2). Prosperity often gives way to ingratitude. Man seldom ever appreciates the well until it runs dry.

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We should ask the question of ourselves, “Are we grateful?” We are the recipients of a thousand blessings daily, both spiritual and physical (Eph. 1:3; Jas. 1:5, 17). But, we often forget the One that cares for us (Acts 17:25). When do we show our gratitude? We are blessed with six days to work, and what do we do when the church gathers to worship (Acts 20:7)? Where are the nine? When we offer the fruit of our lips in song and thanks, where are the nine (Heb. 13:15)? When the contribution plates are passed, where are the nine (1 Cor. 16:2)? When there is work to be done at the building, gospel meetings, campaigns, service in His name, where are the nine? Paul’s being saved caused him to feel that he was a debtor to others who needed to be rescued. He said, “I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome” (Rom. 1:14-15).

“Be thankful” is a command of God (Col. 3:15). “In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess. 5:18). “Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving” (Col. 4:2). There are so many little, everyday things to remind us of our blessings. It is important that we remember and show our gratitude to the One who provides us with everything. Where are the nine? They should be counting their blessings and returning service.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Whatever we ask

Maybe you’ve experienced something like this with your kids (and maybe your spouse, but we’ll just go with your kids for this one). Your kid is in the back seat of the car talking to you but has been talking for so long about so many random (nonsensical, sometimes) things that you’ve just zoned out. They’re talking but you’re not really paying attention. Then comes this line, “Hey dad/mom, are you even listening to me?” Your mind tries to do a quick replay.

It’s possible that you do not actually hear everything that your kid says. You’re there, but maybe you’re not really “there.” Think about this verse, “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him” (1 John 5:14-15). Did you “hear” that? As a child of God, we can have “confidence” that we can ask “anything according to His will,” and “whatever we ask”...HE HEARS US! What a glorious thought! – DS



Do you celebrate your “birthday”?

For many people, it’s their favorite day of the year because it’s “their day.” Some people will take off of work. Some will treat themselves to something special. After all, it only comes around once a year. Celebrate it. It’s “my birthday”!

You know what day is better than your date of birth? Your date of new birth! Your spiritual birthday! Do you know what day you were baptized? That was (and still is) the BEST day of your life! Every year you celebrate the day that you came into this world. Why not also celebrate the day that you prepared yourself for when you leave this world! Parents, why not do something special for your kids on their spiritual birthday! If we truly believe that it is the most important day of our lives, on which we made the most important decision of our lives, should we not remember it and thank God for it! Let’s make it our actual favorite day of the year—not because it’s “our day” but because it’s truly “His day”! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	dealing with severe pain in her right leg and hip
Linda Coe	undergoing medical tests
Josie Dawson	treatments for wet macular degeneration in her retina
Marian Holland	under Hospice Care, diagnosed with aggressive cancer
Trudie Holland	now at home
Judie Jenkins	recovering at home from shoulder surgery
Jackie Stout	dealing with glucose issues
Sherrie Tibbetts	eye surgery postponed
Amy West	outpatient procedure on her leg on April 27

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, in ICU, multiple health issues
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, Luxe Rehab, no visitors
Nathaniel King	Mary A. Jackson's brother, hospital, multiple issues
Frankie Lyons	Gwen Lyons' mother, fell & cracked pelvis in 3 places

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 30

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on Sunday, May 7.
- ♦ **Memorial Service for Betty Sanders** at 4:45 p.m.

Monday, May 1

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **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.

Tuesday, May 2

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

Friday, May 5

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jim Rogers. Please bring a potluck dish. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

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."

Sunday, May 7

- ♦ **"Home, Sweet Home" with Steve Higginbotham** during morning services.
9:00 a.m. *Preparing Your Children for Heaven*
10:00 a.m. *Marriage: Made in Heaven, Maintained on Earth*
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Sunday, May 14

- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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.

Saturday, May 6

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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.

Friday, May 19

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Colage. 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.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, April 30

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on Sunday, May 7.

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.

Sunday, May 7

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Friday, May 19

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - May 2023

May 7 ^(A)

May 14 ^(L)

May 21 ^(A)

May 28 ^(C)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Tim Cox	Gary Jenkins	Michael Ellis	Victor Colage
Scripture Reader	Taylor Reeves	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Johnny Davis	Orlando Lolo
Presiding at Table	Robert Mariano	Freddie Gadson	Josh Blackmer	Philip Porter
Serving at Table	Douglas Alvarenga Trey Higbee Namdidie Ikon Richard Kelley Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher John Patrick Vincent Rogers Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Devin Eutsey Daniel Lord Dan McLeod Chuck Reeves, Jr. Benny Rodgers Islay J. Rodriguez Brandan Widner	Michael Erickson Kameron Heitler Hunter Hinton Jack Holoman Jeff Leslie Joe Maloney Islay Rodriguez Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder Cristian Suarez	Douglas Alvarenga Namdidie Ikon Todd Juckett Richard Kelley Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano John Patrick Taylor Reeves Nahum Villard
Closing Prayer	Philip Porter	David Holaday	Jimmie Banks	Tom Garrison

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	Tom Garrison	Darin Summerlot	John Hoelzer	Ricky Smith
Scripture Reader	Novel Brown	David Lord	Jeff Goodale	Tim Fry
Presiding at Table	Tim Fry	Dirk Summerlot	Ivan Villard	Novel Brown
Serving at Table	Silas Balfour Rick Hall	David Perez Leonard Williams	Connor Goodale Luther Robinson	Silas Balfour Tyler Williams
Closing Prayer	Willie Smith	Dan Fuller	Jim Davis	Trey Higbee

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	Todd Juckett	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Victor Colage	Daniel Swayne	Lawrence Williams	Seth Watson
Usher	Nahum Villard Seth Watson	Andres Fernandez Bob Higbee	Kane Campbell Marty Williams	Rick Hall Vincent Rogers

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 6-8 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



Those reported out of town last week were **Nicole Freseman; Gary Jenkins; Brent & Andrea Leslie; Regina Paul; David & Traci Sproule; Richard & Debi Watson; and Lawrence & Julie Williams.**

Those planning to be out of town this week are **Tim & Beth Fry.**



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
April 23

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Mr. Sandford Cooper; Mr. & Mrs. Cy & Maria Cox; Ms. Sandra Davidson; Mr. Paul Davidson; Mrs. Sonia Harford; Mrs. Melanie Heitman; Mr. Don McClintock; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mrs. Liz Otero; Ms. Liz-zie Rozier; and Mrs. Trellini Smith.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Garry & Teri Bee, Westland, FL; and Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday, May 1st

Charles & Rhona Hayes (Ann.)

Friday, May 5th

Taylor & Natalie Reeves (Ann.)

Willie Wilkins

Trina Wright

Wednesday, May 3rd

Julio Aristy

Saturday, May 6th

Rachel Fuller

Johnnie Green

Kaitlin Hinton

Nicholas Pietro

Thursday, May 4th

Dan Johnson



"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to

His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself." (Philippians 3:20-21)

Stronger Relations

Begin with God

Sunday, May 21

Friends & Family Day with David Shannon is on Sunday, May 21. Lunch will be catered from Pollo Tropical. Please fill out an order form. Then, place your order form in an envelope with your full payment and return it to the basket in the back of the Auditorium. Deadline is May 14. Cost is \$10 per person. Children 7 & under are \$6 each.

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 30

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Jeff Leslie
Scripture Reading Jim Rogers
Singing
Lord's Supper Kirk Crews
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Johnny Davis

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale	Jack Holoman
Jeff Goodale	Joseph Snyder
Graysen Hayes	Cristian Suarez
Kameron Heitler	Ivan Villard
Hunter Hinton	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, April 30

Singing Young Men
Opening Prayer Young Men
Scripture Reading Young Men
Singing
Lord's Supper Young Men
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Young Men

Serve at Table:

Young Men

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Bob Higbee

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, May 3

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Darin Summerlot
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 23	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	164	180
Sun. AM Worship	257	276
Sun. PM Worship	123	122
Wed. Bible Study	105	140
Contribution	\$16,430	\$17,638

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$14,680

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox & Josh Blackmer

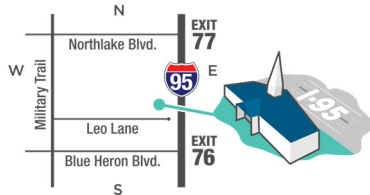
Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Islay Rodriguez
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

*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.

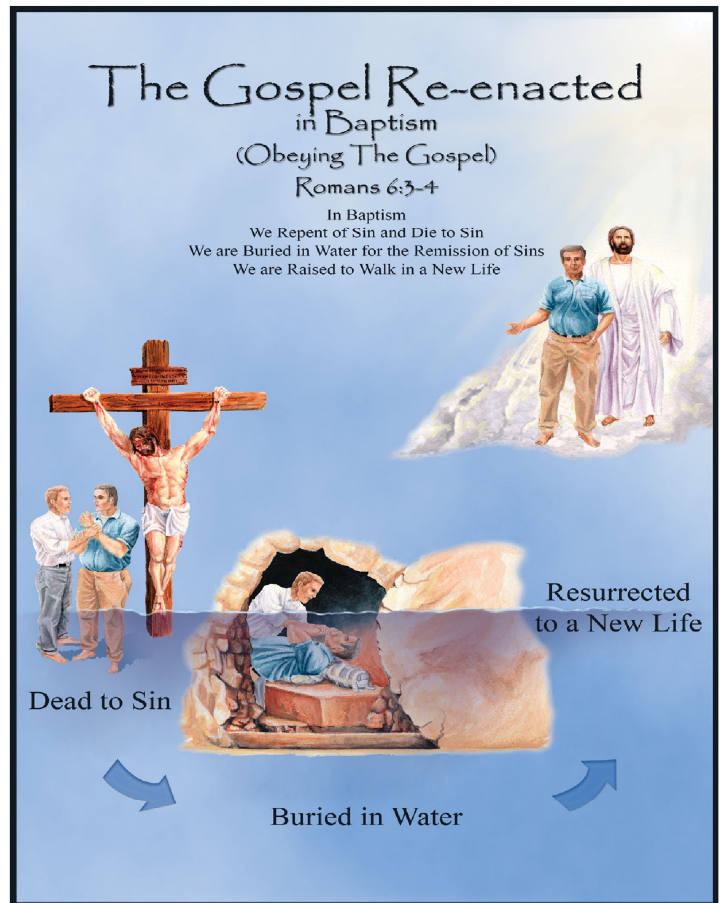
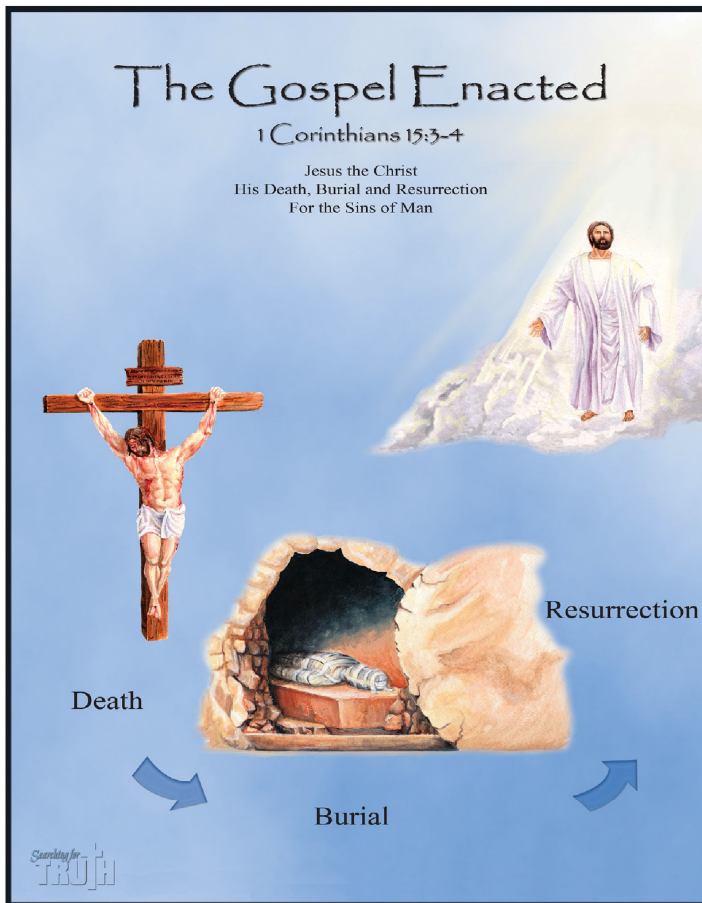
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.



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