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First-Century Faith in the Modern World

Hiram Kemp conducted a Gospel Meeting at the PBL church of Christ on March 2-5, 2025.

Finishing the Course

March 5, 2025 Sermon  [Hiram Kemp](#)

What Jonah Teaches Us About Almighty God

March 5, 2025 Sermon  [Hiram Kemp](#)

True Unity

March 4, 2025 Sermon  [Hiram Kemp](#)

What the Thief on the Cross Believed

March 4, 2025 Sermon  [Hiram Kemp](#)

Things to Do Before Winter

March 3, 2025 Sermon  [Hiram Kemp](#)

Lessons From the First Page of the Bible

March 3, 2025 Sermon  [Hiram Kemp](#)


The Pathway to Spiritual Maturity

March 2, 2025 Sermon  [Hiram Kemp](#)

What to Look for in a Church

March 2, 2025 Sermon  [Hiram Kemp](#)

Remaining Faithful No Matter What

March 2, 2025 Sermon  [Hiram Kemp](#)

Watch. Listen. Share. Repeat.



By Dan Jenkins

Jeremiah and “Prophets” of His Day

Jeremiah chapter twenty-three gives a vivid picture of what was happening just before Nebuchadnezzar came to bring God’s judgment on the Jewish nation. The land was filled with many prophets, but Jeremiah stands in marked contrast with those false prophets found throughout the land.

There are so many lessons to be learned from reading this chapter.

First, there is the reaction of Jeremiah. “My heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake” (v. 9). He was so overwhelmed that he described himself as being like a drunken man who has been overcome by wine. He reacted in this way, “...because of the Lord, and because of His holy words.”

God’s hope for the spirituality of the Jews was entrusted to prophets and priests. Jeremiah stood alone against the prophets of Samaria in the northern kingdom and against the prophets in Jerusalem in the southern kingdom (vs. 12-13). Their messages were described as folly and as a horrible thing. These messages had “caused My people Israel to err” and “commit adultery and walk in lies” (vs. 13-14). God’s view of every one of them was they “...are like Sodom to Me, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah.”

**God has spoken
through the
Scriptures we
truly know have
come from Him**

These prophets “speak a vision of their own hearts” (v. 16), “prophecy lies” and the deceits of their own heart” (v. 26), saying “I have dreamed, I have dreamed” (v. 25)!

These prophets had been joined by the priests (v. 11). Those who had been appointed by God to reverently come before Him on behalf of the nations had profaned the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place on earth. God said, “Yes, in My house I have found their wickedness” (v. 11). Judgment lay on the horizon, which Jeremiah described as God coming as a violent whirlwind that would fall violently on the head of the wicked (v. 19). His anger would not be turned back until He had executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. Yet these false prophets repeatedly said that only peace lay ahead and condoned the worship of Baal (v. 17).

God said, “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied” (v. 21). “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord” (v. 16).

This is such a remarkable section of the Bible and teaches us so much. The only true path to find our God in a land filled with so many “prophets” is to only listen to the message He has given in the Scriptures we know are from God. Jeremiah was grieved and so should we be!



By David Sproule

The Bible Is an AMAZING Book!

All sorts of things have been said and written about the Bible, and it can sometimes be hard to sort through it all. So, here’s the question, “What can we know about the Bible? Is it possible to know if it is really from God or not?” Consider just a few things we know about this amazing book.

Amazing Fact #1: The Bible maintains complete unity from beginning to end. Think about this: There were about 40 men who wrote the 66 books of the Bible over a period of about 1,600 years. Can you imagine finding any continuity or agreement in such a document? And yet, that’s exactly what you’ll find, and with masterful precision. The penmen remain united in theme and purpose and content throughout the entirety of the book, without wavering and without contradicting each other. That’s amazing! That’s from God!

Amazing Fact #2: The Bible is completely accurate in all of its details. That’s a bold claim to make, so check it carefully. The Bible is full of historical and geographical information covering millennia, and whenever discoveries have been made from those eras, it has only verified the precision of each of those details. Books produced by mere men have been found to be plagued with mistakes, especially as time passes. But not the Bible! That’s amazing! That’s from God!

**Pick up
your Bible.
This is no
ordinary book!**

Amazing Fact #3: The Bible is filled with predictive prophecies that were fulfilled exactly as predicted. There are hundreds of prophecies that were made hundreds (sometimes thousands) of years before their fulfillment, and these prophecies deal with matters relating to people, places and events that were impossible for the writers to have known about or to have affected the outcome in any way. No human could ever foretell the future like the Bible does! That’s amazing! That’s from God!

Amazing Fact #4: The Bible contains extraordinary scientific foreknowledge. The Bible is not a science textbook, but there are scientific details within it that are astonishing, as related to the fields of astronomy, oceanography, biology, medicine, physics, etc. The penmen could have never known or understood these things, as man just recently “discovered” most of them in the last few centuries. That’s amazing! That’s from God!

Pick up your Bible. This is no ordinary book! While many charges have been leveled against the Bible, those charges have all faded one-by-one, but the Bible still remains. Why is that? Because the evidence within the pages of the Bible itself prove that it can in no way be the product of a man or a group of men (on their own)! God used men to write HIS WORD (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21). That’s amazing!



By Robert Lupo

For the Bible Tells Me So

One of my favorite sounds in the world is a chorus of young people singing cheerfully, “Jesus loves me. This I know for the Bible tells me so.” It’s a song simple enough that any child can learn it and start singing along in minutes. It has a simple melody and a simple message. Why do I know that Jesus loves me? Because it says so in the Bible.

It’s such a simple explanation. But is it too simple? Thousands upon thousands of books, essays, sermons, and the like have been written by Christian apologists to explain the basic claims of the Bible. And these claims have been debated countless times by atheists and others. Surely it isn’t enough to say that I can truly know that Jesus loves me simply because the Bible says so. Are we deceiving our children with an overly simple answer to all the criticisms the world will hurl toward them? Or is it really that simple?

Jesus certainly thinks so. In John 17:17, He prayed to God, saying, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.” Here, Jesus expresses that the word of God is true. That means that the Bible is trustworthy. If it wasn’t trustworthy, then Jesus would have been lying when He said in John 8:32, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” The truth of the Bible is the very foundation of our faith. If it wasn’t

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trustworthy, then we would have no reason to hope for the promises found in Jesus Christ.

Some may argue, these are only the words of a man who lived 2,000 years ago. What makes Him trustworthy? Because the trustworthy nature of Jesus was seen and attested to by trustworthy witnesses. “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). John speaks on behalf of the apostles and all those who saw Jesus risen from the dead (cf. 1 Cor. 15:3-8), declaring that His resurrection proved that Jesus was not just a man but is the embodiment of truth. This fact was so undeniable to the apostles that each of them refused to recant their faith, even in the face of execution and exile. It was to these men that the Lord Jesus gave the responsibility of writing the New Testament (cf. Acts 1:8; 2 Pet. 1:21; Heb. 1:1).

The message of the Bible is the most amazing thing in the world. The God of the Universe, Jesus the Christ, loves me. Whatever trial or tribulation, loss, disease, or heartache that may come into my life cannot destroy the comfort of this truth. I know that it is true because the Bible tells me so. And the Bible is true because Jesus is trustworthy. And so are the men who died to bring this most wonderful news. And that is all I need to know.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Feeling overwhelmed?

Do you ever feel like you have too much going on? Do you feel overwhelmed and not sure how much more you can take? Sometimes it is easy to let stresses take over. If any of that sounds familiar, consider this.

STEP ONE: Press pause for just 10 seconds. When Peter was overwhelmed, he prayed the shortest prayer in the Bible, “Lord, save me!” (Matt. 14:30). Throughout your day, press pause and just say, “Lord, please help me!” STEP TWO: Press pause for just 10 more seconds. When Paul was overwhelmed with suffering, in every one of the prison epistles, he said, “I thank my God” (Eph. 1:16; Phil. 1:3; Col. 1:3; Phile. 4). Find little things throughout your days to pause and tell God a simple, “Thank You for that!” STEP THREE: Press pause for a final 10 seconds. When Jesus was overwhelmed with pain and anguish, He took time to see those around Him and do something for them (Luke 23:34, 43; John 19:26). Take 10 seconds to send a short text of encouragement to someone who needs it.

Feeling overwhelmed? 10-second pauses can make a big difference! – DS



Those “one another” pronouns

Dozens of times in the New Testament, the Holy Spirit gives instructions to Christians regarding our relationship with and interaction with “one another” by using that pronoun “one another.” This is a reciprocal pronoun, wherein a person performs an action for, toward or on another person, while receiving that same action performed in return.

It is easy as humans to point the finger and identify all of the ways that others are not doing what they should be doing for us. While their inactivity can be disheartening, frustrating and even seem like a reason for inactivity on my part, God will not allow me to remain idle. The reciprocal pronoun instructs me to act, even if the other person is not acting, realizing that doing such will not only benefit the receiver, but it benefits me as the giver also.

One example: “Bear one another’s burdens” (Gal. 6:2). Don’t complain if no one is doing it for you. Get busy and get under the burdens of your brethren. You just might find your own burdens lifted in the process. God’s ways always work best! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Crystal Burroughs	Delray Medical Center, undergoing tests
Linda Coe	undergoing therapy on her knee following surgery
Carolyn Cullom	dealing with several health issues
Trudie Holland	fell and has a couple fractures in her back
Dan Johnson	Gardens Medical Center, undergoing tests, infection
Todd Juckett	Cleveland Clinic in PSL, recovering from bowel surgery
Bettye King	recovering from a stroke, slowly improving
Carolyn Preston	dealing with a lot of back pain
Isolyn Sinclair	in severe pain and not feeling well
Jackie Stout	dealing with severe chronic back pain
Guadalupe Tipton	undergoing medical tests
Amy West	Bethesda West Hospital, recovering from surgery on leg
Henry Williams	recovering at home from hospitalization

Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Carmack	chronic 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	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Kasandra Jones
Zula Garrett	Leigh Puckett
Dick Haines	Maurine Reed
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	



Paul Davidson, upon the passing of his brother, Dennis Davidson, on Monday, March 3.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Hattie Anderson	Christene Bean & Loretta James' sister, ICU in Georgia
Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, recovering from another seizure
Lillian Cunningham	Mary Brown's sister, recovering from knee replacement
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, upcoming outpatient surg.
Scott Kelley	Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, recovering from tumor surg.
Debra Lord	David Lord's sister, recovering from foot surgery
John Lord	David Lord's father, prostate cancer treatments
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, ongoing health issues
Sandra Perez	Cherylann Banks' sister, biopsy on her liver

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker

Africa
Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States
Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls
Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 9

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Set your clocks ahead one hour.
- ♦ **Congregational Singing in the Lobby** during evening services.

Sunday-Tuesday, March 9-11

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Okeechobee** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Tuesday). Dave Cabell from Charleston, WV will be speaking each night.

Monday, March 10

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 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.
- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 22

- ♦ **Road Rally & Potluck for All PBL Adults.** Meet at the building at 1:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby with your team and to bring a food item. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Sunday, March 23

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 30

- ♦ **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.

Sunday, April 6

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Monday, April 7

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, March 16

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Family Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. All Youth and Young Adult families are invited to have lunch together and prepare advertising packages for this year's Vacation Bible School. Cost is \$5 per person (age 5 & up); kids under 5 are free. Please RSVP by March 12 and pay Ivan Villard (cash or venmo@Ivan-Villard-1).



Saturday, April 5

- ♦ **Young Adult Bike Ride** at 10:00 a.m. Location TBD. If you do not have a bike, bike rentals will be available. We will be riding our bikes and then have a picnic lunch. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, April 26

- ♦ **Young Adult Connect Day** at 10:00 a.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, March 9

- ♦ **No Kids Class.** Class will resume on March 30.

Sunday, March 16

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Family Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. All Youth and Young Adult families are invited to have lunch together and prepare advertising packages for this year's Vacation Bible School. Cost is \$5 per person (age 5 & up); kids under 5 are free. Please RSVP by March 12 and pay Ivan Villard (cash or venmo @Ivan-Villard-1).



Sunday-Monday, March 23-24

- ♦ **Youth Rally hosted by West Broward.** See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, March 30

- ♦ **Youth Mission Trip Application Deadline.** See Robert Lupo for details.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up.

A Verse A Day

Keeps me on the Lord's way

365 VERSES THROUGH THE

Life of Christ

IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

For the Month of *March*

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| ❑ March 1 | Luke 4:36 | ❑ March 17 | Matthew 5:10 |
| ❑ March 2 | Luke 4:41 | ❑ March 18 | Luke 6:22 |
| ❑ March 3 | Luke 4:43 | ❑ March 19 | Matthew 5:13 |
| ❑ March 4 | Luke 5:16 | ❑ March 20 | Matthew 5:16 |
| ❑ March 5 | Mark 2:5 | ❑ March 21 | Matthew 5:17 |
| ❑ March 6 | Matthew 9:6 | ❑ March 22 | Matthew 5:18 |
| ❑ March 7 | John 5:18 | ❑ March 23 | Matthew 5:20 |
| ❑ March 8 | John 5:27 | ❑ March 24 | Matthew 5:24 |
| ❑ March 9 | John 5:28 | ❑ March 25 | Matthew 5:28 |
| ❑ March 10 | Mark 2:28 | ❑ March 26 | Matthew 5:32 |
| ❑ March 11 | Luke 6:12 | ❑ March 27 | Matthew 5:41 |
| ❑ March 12 | Matthew 5:3 | ❑ March 28 | Matthew 5:44 |
| ❑ March 13 | Matthew 5:6 | ❑ March 29 | Matthew 5:45 |
| ❑ March 14 | Matthew 5:7 | ❑ March 30 | Luke 6:33 |
| ❑ March 15 | Matthew 5:8 | ❑ March 31 | Luke 6:36 |
| ❑ March 16 | Matthew 5:9 | | |

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
March 2



Directory Changes

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, March 9th
Bonnie Quigley
Samuel Williams

Thursday, March 13th
Vivian Blackmer

Wednesday, March 12
Jim & Robin Davis (Ann.)

Friday, March 14th
Mike Erickson

Saturday, March 15th
Jamie Green



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT FAMILY LUNCH

SCAN to RSVP! Pay Ivan by Wed, March 12.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Jordan Anderson, Miss Christy Anderson, Ms. Sharon Banks; Ms. Althea & Ariane Bignall; Miss Julie Charles; Ms. Alyssa Daniel; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Ms. Helene Dieujeusse; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Sharon Feeney; Ms. Stephanie Flournoy; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Mrs. Rita Frederick; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Mr. Andrew Jackson; Mrs. Tangela Jackson; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Rai Masuda; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Joyce Medina; Miss D.L. Moore; Mr. & Mrs. Bret & Shelley Nesbitt; Ms. Jean Powers; Mr. & Mrs. Antoine & Pamela Rolle; Mrs. Janet Rubio; Mr. Nicholas Ruffini; Mrs. Susan Shelt; Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts; Ms. Natasha Twiggs; Ms. Martie Veverka; Mr. Joseph Wanyoike; Mr. Trevor Wellington; and Mr. John Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Carra & Savannah Byers, Parrish, FL; Mr. & Mrs. H. David & Debra Carter, Orlando, FL; Ms. Elizabeth Cook, Fern Park, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. Andres Fernandez, Jr. & family, Lake Placid, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Corey & Kelly Hansen, Bedford, TX; Ms. Patricia Harrington, Gladwin, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Jennifer Higbee, Henderson, TN; Ms. Lori Ivey, Madison, MS; Miss Brittany Jameson, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Hiram & Brittani Kemp, Bowling Green, KY; Ms. Florence Lamy, Apopka, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Margaret Lewis, Columbia, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Dawn Long, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David & Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Ms. Wendy Rodriguez, Winter Park, FL; Ms. Yvonne Williams, Altamonte Springs, FL.

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, March 9

Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Singing Dion Hayes
Contribution..... Robert Mariano
Scripture Reading..... Phil Porter
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Orlando Lolo

Serve at Table:

Ryan Hankins	Rick Price
Namdidie Ikon	Taylor Reeves
Steward Lynch	Trevin Roman
Tim Mahlbacher	Lawrence Williams

Sunday Evening, March 9

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer..... Richard Watson
Scripture Reading Ricky Smith
Singing
Lord's Supper..... Tim Fry
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer..... Joe Maloney

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga	Richard Weinstein
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Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Israel Cuevas

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, March 12

Singing Dan McLeod
Invitation..... Tim Fry
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 2	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	221	155
Sun. AM Worship	368	252
Sun. PM Worship	193	106
Wed. Bible Study	162	124
Contribution	\$19,436	\$16,868

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,530

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

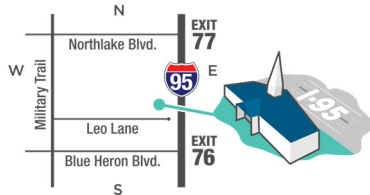
Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Nahum Villard
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



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.

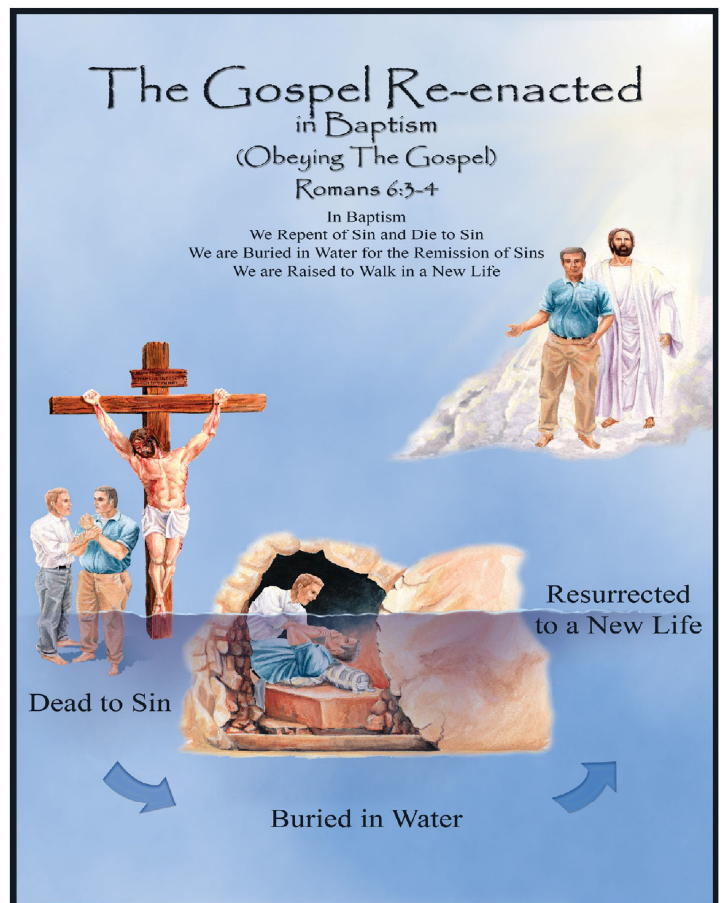
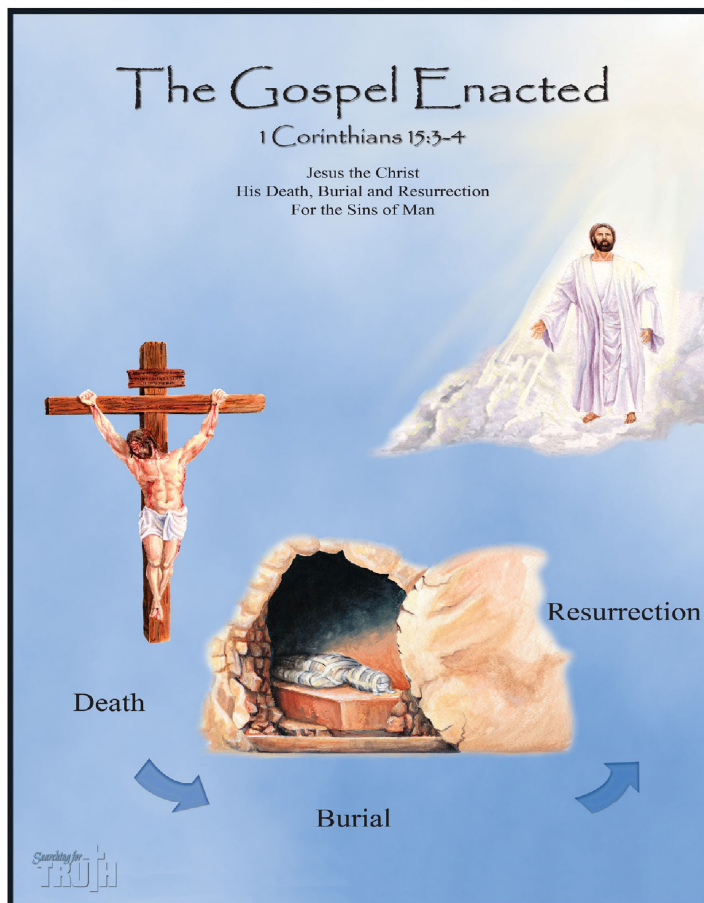
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.



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