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# Conversational Sign Language Class

## SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

Meet at 5:00 p.m.  
in Adult 1-2.

All members are  
encouraged to come and  
learn BASIC conversational  
sign language! See Traci  
Sproule for more details.





By Dan Jenkins

## So How Are Your Inward Parts?

If you did not read the title of this article, do it now and then resume reading. So what did you think when you read it? Did you first think of X-ray, CT Scan, MRI or some other procedure that is part of the medical world? It might surprise you that the Bible itself uses the phrase “inward parts.”

In the King James Version, this phrase is found fewer than ten times. We turn our attention to its use in Jeremiah 31:31-34. In this passage, God looks into the future of the Jewish nation to whom Jeremiah spoke. He described the true nature of Christianity. “This shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.” God was planning on putting His laws in man’s inward parts. The Hebrew word for “inward part” indicates the central part of man, and the New Testament quotes this Old Testament verse and uses the phrase “into their minds” (Heb. 8:10).

The words “inward parts” (or mind) and the word “heart” which follows them probably reflect Hebrew parallelism, but there is a blessing if we look more carefully at the contrast between putting “My laws in their minds” and writing “them in their hearts.” God seems to make a distinction be-

tween minds and hearts in this passage. There is a distinct difference in the mind and the heart.

Christianity first involves the law of God and the mind of man. Before His words truly become part of our spiritual lives, we must use our minds to know His laws. We listen to His words or read them in the Bible, and we are “...taught by God” and are “...drawn to Him” (John 6:44-45). We know His laws because we have put them in our minds.

**The Spirit of God  
will change how  
you truly are,  
beginning on the  
inside**

However, if we stop at this point, our relationship with Him has just begun and being transformed into His image will never happen. Our inward part, our soul, must be involved. To use Paul’s words, “We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Cor. 3:18).

We come to His word with open hearts and unveiled faces and see His image. That image is a mirror in which we see His glory, but we also see ourselves. We see Him, but our souls see ourselves. By spending time looking at Him, His image is written on our hearts and our glory becomes like His glory. These words vividly describe how the Holy Spirit changes us. God’s Spirit changes us to be like God, but it never happens without using His mirror to write His words first in our minds and then in our souls. So how do you look in your inside?



By David Sproule

## I’m OK, You’re OK?

In 1967, Thomas A. Harris published a book entitled, *I’m OK, You’re OK*. The book focused on interpersonal relationships, healthy communication and understanding how individuals interact with one another. Harris did not focus on religious beliefs, but the title of his book has certainly been taken and used frequently in that arena for over 50 years.

When a difference in beliefs and/or teachings about the Bible has arisen, some have tried to argue that such differences are immaterial and want to conclude, “I’m ok, you’re ok.” But, when it comes to the truths of the Word of God, can we take such an approach? Is it permissible to God (to use another phrase) to “agree to disagree”? Let’s consider just a few examples.

If two religious groups teach two different paths to salvation from sin, is one “ok” and the other also “ok”? God clearly teaches us to not add to His Word, nor take away from it (Rev. 22:18-19). We are warned about “anyone” teaching “any other gospel” than what is plainly found in Scripture (Gal. 1:9). We are commanded to “all speak the same thing” and to have “no divisions” among us (1 Cor. 1:10). We are cautioned against merely thinking that we are right with the Lord, when we have not actually been obeying Him (Matt. 7:21-23).

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So, back to the question—If two religious groups teach two different paths to salvation from sin, is one “ok” and the other also “ok”? Let’s be more specific—if one group teaches that salvation is by faith alone but another group teaches that salvation is not by faith alone, are they both “ok”? If one group teaches that baptism is essential for salvation but another group teaches that baptism is not essential for salvation, are they both “ok”? If one group teaches that a Christian can fall away from his saved state and be lost but another group teaches that once a person is saved that he is always saved, are they both “ok”?

It is obvious that saying two opposite things cannot both be right or “ok.” Why would anyone “agree to disagree” when the Bible makes matters of salvation so clear? The Bible teaches that one is saved by faith (John 3:16), but it does not teach that one is saved by faith alone (John 3:36; 8:30-44; Jas. 2:14-26). The Bible teaches that baptism of a penitent believer is essential for sins to be forgiven by Christ (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). The Bible teaches that once a person is saved that he can so live that he falls away from his saved state and is lost (Jas. 5:19-20; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; Gal. 5:1-4). Thank God for the clarity of His Word!

Disagreements over religious beliefs cannot be settled by “I’m ok, you’re ok.” They must be settled by Scripture!



By Robert Lupo

## Cut Out the Noise

There is far too much negativity in the world today. You can hardly escape it. The news is filled with hatred, cruelty and lies. Our TV shows, movies and music are cynical, grotesque and lewd. Social media is foul, divisive and perverse. It is everywhere.

Many of us have probably found ourselves being angry, sad or scared because of the media we consume. It's not just the content itself, but how much we see it. We used to shut off the noise to spend time with family, friends or brethren. Now, it permeates and overtakes our social interactions. Instead of enjoying each other's company, we may spend it worrying about the last thing we saw on our phone.

If we don't learn to cut out the noise, the worries of this world will tear us apart. Our attention to media has caused fighting between family and brethren. Longtime friendships are ending. Many are falling into depression. We cannot keep this up. We must stop letting negativity permeate our daily lives.

In Philippians 4:6, Paul tells us to "Be anxious for nothing..." Can we say we are following this command? Christians shouldn't be worrying about the cares of the world. We should be rejoicing in Christ (cf. v. 4). Yet, many of us are find-

ing it to be too difficult.

We need to change what we give our attention to. Paul shows us what needs our attention in verse 8. He says, "Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are **of good report**, if there is **any virtue** and if there is **anything praiseworthy**—meditate on these things."

**We need to  
make better  
choices for what  
gets our  
attention**

Does your media proclaim God's truth or is your feed filled with fake news?

Does your media exemplify godly nobility or is your TikTok delivering trash?

Does your media promote justice or are your "Shorts" showing you something else?

Does your media teach purity, loveliness, goodness, virtue and that which receives God's praise or is your search history something you hope is never seen?

Evil thoughts war against the soul! We can't go on being inundated with the ugliness of the world 24/7. We need to make better choices for what gets our attention. Let's make a real effort to put worldly media away and concentrate on those things that God has given us. Despite all the turmoil in the world, if we will turn our minds to God and His teachings, "...the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:9).

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### It matters what you believe

If someone is "mostly right" about the teachings of the Bible, isn't that good enough? A man by the name of Apollos had been "instructed in the way of the Lord" and was teaching "accurately the things of the Lord," with one exception. "He knew only the baptism of John" (Acts 18:25). If he was "accurate" in other things, is being off on one thing, like baptism, a big deal?

Aquila and Priscilla "took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately" (18:26). The inspired Word of God is not only profitable for "doctrine" and "instruction," but it is also essential for "reproof" and "correction." There are some who genuinely believe that they are teaching and doing right, but they will find out differently on the day of judgment (Matt. 7:21-23).

Jesus described the way to life as "narrow" (Matt. 7:13-14). Jesus has only "one faith" (Eph. 4:5), which must be taught without addition or subtraction (Rev. 22:18-19; Gal. 1:6-9). Yes, it truly matters what you believe and what you teach. Let's go back to the Bible...and the Bible only! —DS



### Your house of great treasure

When you think of a house of great treasure, which house comes to mind? Do you think of the Taj Mahal? Or what about Fort Knox? Maybe you think of Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory? Is there some reason that your own house doesn't immediately come to mind?

Proverbs 15:6 states, "In the house of the righteous there is much treasure." Have you looked around your house lately? God says that if you are "righteous" then you are surrounded by "much treasure." Of course, we automatically think of material treasure, but there is "much" greater "treasure" than material things!

While every material blessing in your house is from God (Matt. 6:33; Jas. 1:17), of "much" greater value is "every spiritual blessing" (Eph. 1:3) that is yours in Christ, such as: forgiveness of sins (Eph. 1:7), fellowship with God (1 John 1:3-4), mind-surpassing peace (Phil. 4:7), inexpressible joy (1 Pet. 1:8), Christian family (Mark 10:30), reserved home in heaven (1 Pet. 1:3-5). Yes! You have a house of great treasure! —DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Crystal Burroughs</b>	having hip replacement surgery on October 9
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	waiting on test results from her orthopedic surgeon
<b>Dianne Halenda</b>	blood clot in her leg causing pain and swelling
<b>Ophelia Holmes</b>	awaiting test results on lungs
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	having a heart catheterization on October 3
<b>Janice Osborne</b>	awaiting test results
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	awaiting test results
<b>Jackie Stout</b>	Gardens Court, rehab for broken leg



**Victor Colage, upon the passing of his mother, Delores McGee, on Saturday, September 27 in Ohio.**

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Jimmie Banks</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	chronic health issues
<b>John Loftis</b>	back pain, weakness
<b>Tiffany Mayes</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	multiple health issues

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Kasandra Jones
Gloria Boyd	Leigh Puckett
Josie Dawson	Don Seay
Zula Garrett	Ricky Smedley
Dick Haines	Samuel Williams
Loretta Holaday	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Carolyn Deem</b>	Allison Roman's mother, treatment for blood clot in leg
<b>Everol Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's brother, cancer treatments
<b>John Griffin</b>	Jennifer Goodale's father, surg. on his hand postponed
<b>Scott Kelley</b>	Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, still dealing with blood clot
<b>Marion Vanderwende</b>	Karen Lester's mother, heart valve replacement on 10/3
<b>Reese Wenzel</b>	Gary & Doris Friedly's granddaughter, med. treatments
<b>Curtis White</b>	Betty White's brother, undergoing medical tests
<b>Darryl Williams</b>	Verdell March's son, blood clot in his leg

**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, October 5

- ♦ **Deadline: Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home.** Please bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards and place them in the box in the Lobby.
- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Conversational Sign Language Class** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. See Traci Sproule for more details.

## Monday, October 6

- ♦ **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, October 7

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

## Sunday, October 12

- ♦ **Conversational Sign Language Class** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. See Traci Sproule for more details.

## Saturday, October 18

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Suncoast** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "*Speak God, Your Daughters Are Listening.*" Seating is limited. Please RSVP.
- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. Please have your trunk ready by 6:15 p.m. Hot dogs will be provided for dinner. Wear your costume! RSVP here: <https://signup.com/go/QjyEYDg>.

## Sunday, October 19

- ♦ **Conversational Sign Language Class** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. See Traci Sproule for more details.

## Sunday-Wednesday, October 19-22

- ♦ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Mon-Wed). This year's theme is "Living for His Glory." Andy Cantrell and Erik Borlaug will be the guest speakers.

## Friday, October 24

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Sunday, October 5

- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Study** at 9:00 a.m. in Adult 3. All young adults are encouraged to join as we study "*Fundamentals of the Faith.*"

### Saturday, October 18

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. Hot dogs will be provided for dinner. Wear your costume! Please have your trunk ready by 6:15 p.m. RSVP here: <https://signup.com/go/QjyEYDg>.

### Saturday, October 25

- ♦ **Young Adult & Sr. High Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Robert Lupo for details.

### Saturday, November 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Sunrise Fellowship** at 6:00 a.m. at Juno Beach. See Ivan Villard for more details.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, October 5

- ♦ **NO His Kids Class** in October. Class will resume in November.

### Sunday, October 12

- ♦ **NO His Kids Class** in October. Class will resume in November.
- ♦ **Jr. High Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring desserts and drinks to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

### Saturday, October 18

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. Hot dogs will be provided for dinner. Wear your costume! Please RSVP by October 16: <https://signup.com/go/QjyEYDg>. See Robert Lupo or Ivan Villard for more details.

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## SIMPLE Things You Can Do to Build Personal FAITH in YOUR KIDS

*by David Sproule*

1. Pray together in the morning before school.
2. Pray together before every meal.
3. Pray together before going to bed every night.
4. Stop everything and read a Bible story together every night before bed.
5. Read Bible stories to them from the time they are in the womb and even while very young.
6. Listen to a chapter in Proverbs each morning corresponding to the day of the month.
7. Read and study the Bible (as part of your day) in front of your kids, so they can see it's important to you.
8. Give your kids age-appropriate Bible books every year to build their own library.
9. Commemorate the date of their baptism each year, emphasizing its supreme importance.
10. Create and take advantage of teachable moments about God—His power, His love, His will.
11. Make Bible class and worship attendance an absolute, consistent, #1 priority for your family.
12. Refuse to allow any worldly affairs (ex: sports, school events, work, etc.) to interfere with worship time.
13. Have your kids involved in worship from very young (giving, praying, singing, sermon notes, etc.).
14. Find and worship with faithful congregations when traveling.
15. Talk about what they learned in Bible class every Sunday and every Wednesday.
16. Be highly involved in church activities beyond classes and worship.
17. Find various ways that you can serve in the church and involve your children with you.
18. Have them around other Christians frequently outside of the church building.
19. Speak of church members as if they are members of your family and make heroes out of them.
20. Make your home the hangout place where church friends are always welcome, even without asking.
21. Refuse to ever talk negatively about the church or about people in the church (including its leaders).
22. Engage your kids in simple service projects for elderly, hurting or special members of the church.
23. Encourage your kids to invite their friends and others to church.
24. Make the church (as a collective and as individual members) a natural, everyday part of your home.
25. Teach your kids the overwhelming evidence for the existence of God and of His creation.
26. Teach your kids that the Bible is truly from God and has God's truth for everything we need to know.
27. Teach your kids that Jesus loves them, died for them and wants to be their best friend.
28. Teach your kids to love the unique nature of the church of Christ.
29. Listen to worship songs and children's Bible class songs in the car.
30. Play Bible trivia type games in the car on road trips.
31. Subscribe to *Discovery Magazine* from Apologetics Press.
32. Let them know specific ways in which God has taken care of you and the family over the years.
33. Speak of the commands of God as desires we want to do and not as drudgeries or burdens.
34. Talk about the hard subjects of Christian morality, emphasizing a desire to please God above all else.
35. Control immorality that comes into your home, including phones, TV shows, movies, music, etc.
36. Schedule fun family activities in place of school activities that are inconsistent with Christian values.
37. Live the Christian life in front of them every day, without shame or compromise.
38. Treat everyone in the home with respect—in words, attitudes and actions—even when it's hard.
39. Build a strong marriage and let your kids see parents who love each other and serve each other.
40. Treat your kids as responsible human beings, created in the image of God to bring Him glory in all things.

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
September 28

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week

Sunday, October 5th  
Rosa Nash

Monday, October 6th  
Tom DiNetta

Tuesday, October 7th  
Jimmie & Cheryl Banks (Ann.)  
Lisa Suarez

Wednesday, October 8th  
Donna Erickson  
Norma Mariano

Wednesday, October 8th (cont.)  
Bessie Walker  
Betty White

Thursday, October 9th  
Lawrence Williams

Friday, October 10th  
Dirk Summerlot

Saturday, October 11th  
Scott Studer

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Jennifer Anderson; Ms. Katherine Balbuona; Mr. Terrell Coe; Mrs. Roslyn Craig; Mr. Charles & Antony Cramer; Mrs. Rita Frederick; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Mrs. Kori Grant; Miss Vanesa Hotchkiss; Mr. James Lang; Miss Sheryl Lewis; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Joyce Medina; Mr. Paul Miller; Miss D.L. Moore; Ms. Ann Marie Newman; Mr. Jimmy Newman; Ms. Mornese Paige; Ms. Haydee Pichardo; Ms. Grace Royal; Mr. Carl Staley; Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts; Ms. Martie Veverka; and Mrs. Felicia Washington.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Andres Fernandez, Jr. & Mr. Andres Fernandez, III, Lake Placid, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Janie Flournoy, Lauderhill, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; and Mr. Devin Simmons, Miami, FL.



**Directory Changes**

**Eldra Judge** moved to Ft. Lauderdale.

**Malita McMiller** placed membership at Suncoast.



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## 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, October 5

Opening Prayer ..... Stephen Beliech  
Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Scripture Reading ..... Trevin Roman  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Tim Cox  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Taylor Reeves

#### Serve at Table:

Ryan Hankins	Steward Lynch
Jack Holoman	Tim Mahlbacher
Namddie Ikon	Robert Mariano
Orlando Lolo	Bret Nesbitt

### Sunday Evening, October 5

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Tom Garrison  
Scripture Reading ..... Bret Nesbitt  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Phil Porter  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Andres Fernandez

#### Serve at Table:

Todd Juckett      Joe Maloney

Audio this week: Ricky Smith  
Computer this week: Buzz Nelson  
Video this week: Ed Gager

### Wednesday Evening, October 8

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation ..... Jimmie Banks  
Family Prayer ..... Jeff Goodale

## Our Record

Attendance	Sep 21	Aug Avg
Sun. Bible Study	135	158
Sun. AM Worship	254	249
Sun. PM Worship	154	116
Wed. Bible Study	125	123
Contribution	\$15,817	\$17,577
2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,641		

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

Ushers for this week: Tim Fry & Nahum Villard  
Safety Team for this week: Victor Colage





# 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.

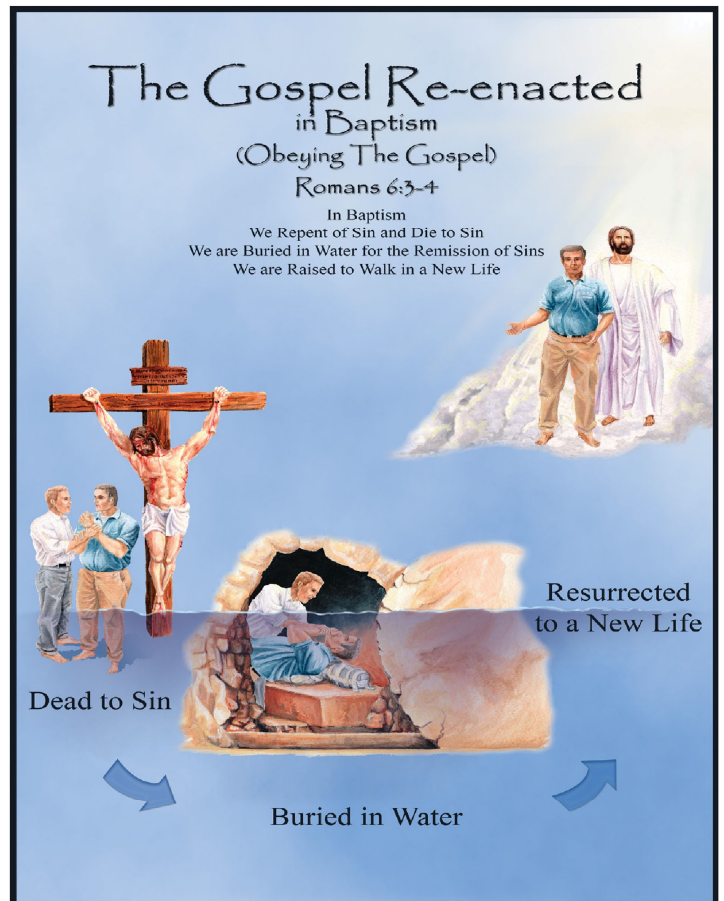
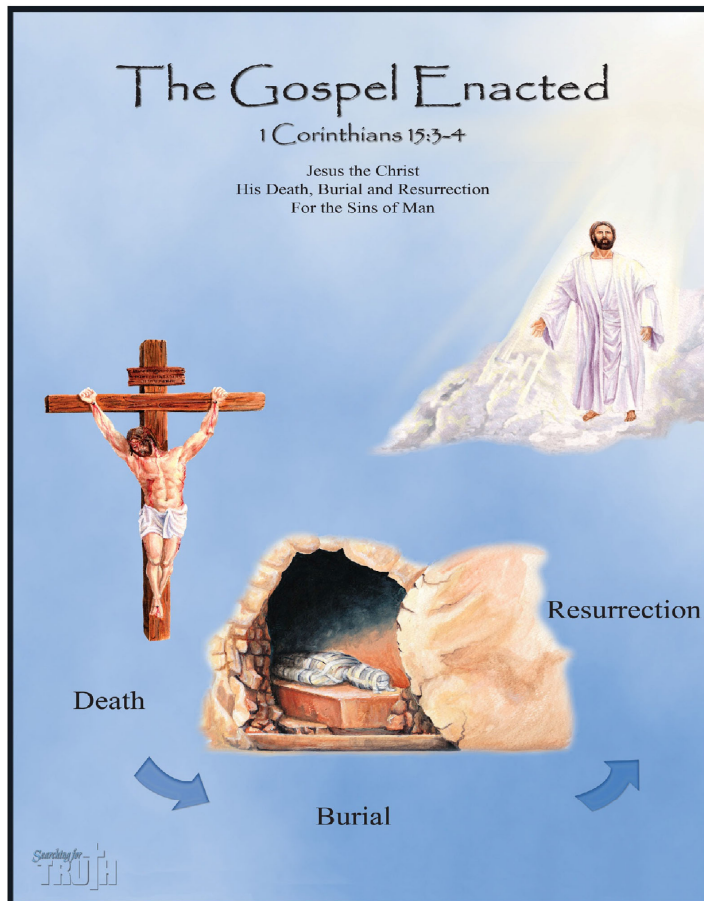
Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday:

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



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