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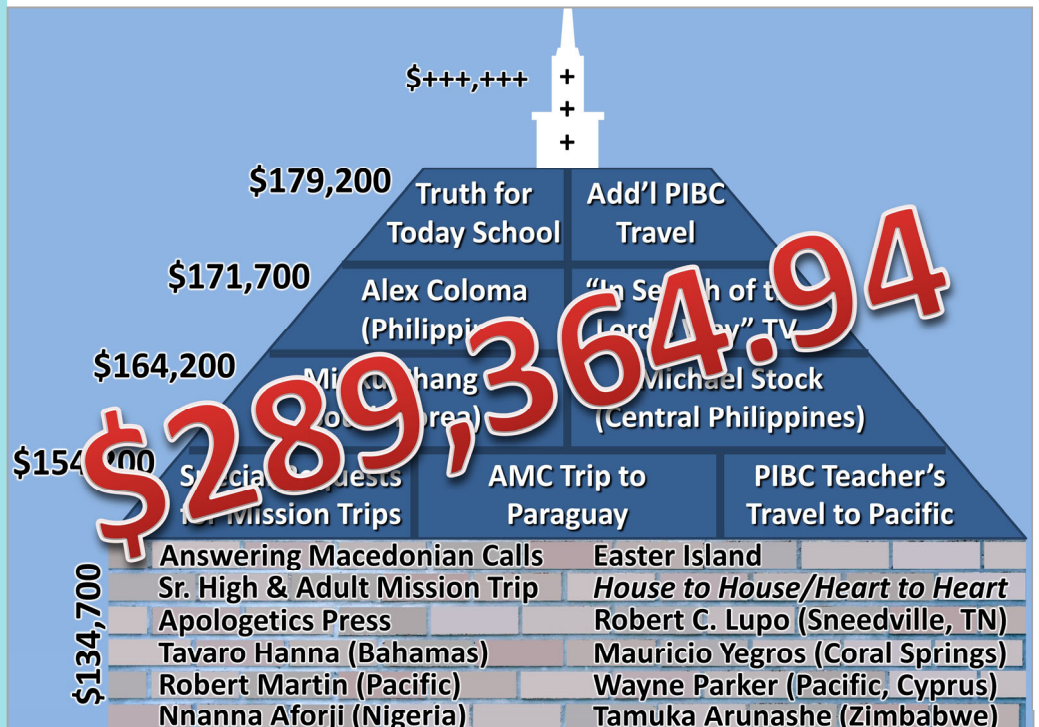
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# MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD



**TO GOD Be the Glory**



By Dan Jenkins

## The Heart of Those Who Seek the Lost

When Paul arrived in Thessalonica, his body showed the shameful treatment he had received at Philippi. He and Silas had just been dragged into the marketplace, brought before the magistrates who ripped their garments off of them and publicly beaten them with rods, and they received many stripes.

They were thrown into jail where they could hardly move because their feet were securely fastened in stocks. At midnight they were singing praises to God!

The next day, they left Philippi and arrived in Thessalonica—their bodies showing the beating they had just received. These two men immediately began teaching the lost. They were there for only three weeks before severe persecution arose, and the new Christians there helped them escape by night. Read all the details in Acts chapters sixteen and seventeen.

Paul did not forget them, and shortly afterwards wrote his first letter to them. While he mentions what had happened in Philippi, he did not have to give details of what those babes in Christ had actually seen. He devotes an entire chapter of the epistle to describe his attitude in preaching. Every soul winner and preacher should read 1 Thessalonians 2 to have his own life changed by seeing the heart each of us should have. Read this chapter often and meditate on it.

Every Christian  
should read this  
chapter to have  
his heart  
changed

Note the great faith and spirituality we all should have as we teach others. Prayerfully consider the following:

- He boldly spoke the gospel (v. 2).
- He boldly spoke the gospel surrounded by conflict (v. 2).
- He was not deceitful with hidden motives (v. 3).
- He understood God had entrusted him with the gospel.
- He spoke only the message entrusted to him (v. 4).
  - He spoke not to please men, but his Judge (v. 4).
  - He did not use flattering words (v. 5).
  - He was not doing this to gain money (v. 5).
  - He sought no glory from any man (v. 6).
  - He was gentle like a mother in dealing with them.
  - He cherished them like they were his children (v. 7).
- He affectionally longed to save them (v. 8).
- He was not lazy, but labored day and night (v. 9).
- He was devout, just and blameless (v. 10).
- He exhorted and comforted like a father (v. 11).
- His goal was to lead them to walk in a new way in the new kingdom (v. 12).
- He prayed for them without ceasing (v. 13).

....to be continued



By David Sproule

## What Does the Bible Say About Miracles?

The Bible is filled with powerful, awe-inspiring miracles. These great works were supernatural events (Acts 2:22), that could not be explained by natural law. While miracles permeate Scripture, they were not continuous throughout history, nor were they granted to all of God's people. This

alone indicates a Divine purpose behind their appearance and their timing. When the Bible is allowed to define miracles, it is clear that God designed them for a specific work that has been completed.

**The Bible teaches that miracles had a defined purpose.** Their first purpose was **revelation**—to reveal all truth to the apostles and inspired writers (John 14:26; 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:10-13). Their second purpose was **confirmation**—to prove that the message they preached was truly from God (John 3:2; Mark 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4). Their third purpose was **producing faith**, both in those who witnessed them and in all who later read of them (John 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17). Once God's message was fully revealed, fully confirmed and fully recorded, the purpose of miracles was fulfilled (and does not need to be re-confirmed).

**The Bible teaches that miraculous power had a defined means of reception.** In the New Testament, there were only two ways a person received the ability to perform mira-

cles: (1) the baptism of the Holy Spirit and (2) the laying on of the apostles' hands. Holy Spirit baptism only occurred twice—upon the apostles in Acts 2 and upon Cornelius in Acts 10—both for unique, foundational purposes. The other means was through the physical hands of living apostles (Acts 8:14-19; 19:6; 2 Tim. 1:6). Since the apostles are no longer living and Holy Spirit baptism is not occurring today (Eph. 4:5), there is no avenue through which miraculous power can be received.

Thus, the miraculous age cannot continue.

**The Bible defines the duration of miracles.**

Miraculous gifts were temporary, lasting only "till we all come to the unity of the faith" (Eph. 4:13). God's revelation was given part-by-part through miraculous gifts but would cease "when that which is perfect"—the complete revelation—came (1 Cor. 13:8-10).

Once the New Testament was finished, the church reached maturity, the partial gave way to the complete, and miracles fulfilled their God-given purpose.

In conclusion, Biblical miracles accomplished exactly what God intended—they revealed truth, confirmed it and produced saving faith. Today, we possess the fully revealed, fully confirmed Word of God, which "thoroughly equips" us in every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17). While the age of miracles has ended, the power of God's written Word remains—living, active and sufficient for all who seek Him.

Miracles fulfilled  
their God-given  
purpose.



By Robert Lupo

## It's the Deal of a Lifetime!

Hurry! For a limited time, you could win a brand new car! That's right, we're giving away the hottest vehicle of the season for free! But you have to act now! No purchase necessary. All you have to do is sign up for this amazing sweepstakes. Don't miss the chance of a lifetime to be the proud owner of the car all your friends are dying to have.

Sounds pretty good, right? What would you do to be part of such an incredible offer? If you're like me, you'd have that form signed and submitted as soon as humanly possible. When an offer is that good, you don't wait around and risk missing the opportunity. Then, why are so many people waiting to obey the gospel?

In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus gave us the offer of a lifetime, saying, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." We have a Lord that wants us and understands our struggles. And He wants to take those struggles away. All we have to do is choose to learn His ways and take up His mission, which He promises is easy. Who wouldn't jump at this kind of offer?

...why change  
my life for  
a heaven  
I can't see?

Maybe Jesus' offer doesn't feel real enough. Some might think, "All we know is the world around us and despite the challenges, I feel I'm pretty much in control. So why change my life for a heaven I can't see?" But, Jesus rose from the dead. That means everything He said about heaven is true. Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:2-3). Jesus saw heaven and is preparing it for all who accept His offer. And since Jesus is alive, I know it is true (cf. 1 Cor. 15:20-21).

Maybe they believe everything Jesus said about heaven, but they just aren't ready to make the changes necessary to accept it. Then, perhaps they don't know how great the offer is. In Revelation 21:4, the Bible tells us, "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." What wouldn't you give up for such a great prize?

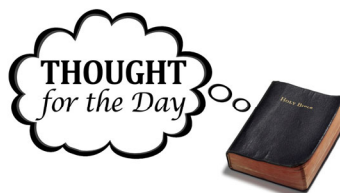
Jesus is offering you the greatest gift of all. All you have to do to receive it is accept His terms. Believe in Him (John 3:16), change your ways (Luke 13:3), confess your faith in Him (Rom. 10:9), be baptized (Mark 16:16), and live faithfully (Rev. 2:10). This offer is only available for a limited time. Act now!

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Where's the wisdom in having a drink?

When one reads the book of Proverbs, he will find the word "wise" 72 times and the word "wisdom" 50 times. Yes, the book of Proverbs was written "to know wisdom and instruction" (1:2), for "a wise man will hear and increase learning" (1:5) and "receive commands" (10:8). The wise, inspired penman pleaded, "Pay attention to my wisdom" (5:1), "Hear instruction and be wise" (8:33). When one truly has "the fear of the Lord" in his soul, it will lead to godly "wisdom" (9:10) that "fears and departs from evil" (14:16) and refuses any impulse to "be wise in [his] own eyes" (3:7).

With so much emphasis on being "wise" in the book, there is one verse that emphasizes that something is "NOT wise." Please, read it carefully. This isn't a verse in which to search for loopholes. It's the wisdom from heaven! "Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise" (20:1). Rather than sanction any number of drinks, God affirms that consumption of alcoholic beverages, in general, is "not wise"! Can you drink alcohol and still be considered "wise" by God? – DS



### He doesn't ask for my own blood, but...

Under the Levitical system, priests would offer the blood of animals (certainly not the priest's own personal blood) to make atonement for the sins of the people (Ex. 29:36-37), but that blood could not "take away sins" (Heb. 10:4). But, when Christ came into the world, He did not come to offer someone else's blood.

Note the emphasis in these four verses. "The church of God" was "purchased with His OWN BLOOD" (Acts 20:28). It was "Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His OWN BLOOD" that He "obtained eternal redemption" (Heb. 9:12). In order to "sanctify the people," Jesus "suffered" and gave "His OWN BLOOD" (Heb. 13:12). What a marvel it is to think how Christ "loved us and washed us from our sins in His OWN BLOOD" (Rev. 1:5).

These are the only four verses in the New Testament with the words "His own blood." They emphasize that it is Christ's own blood (and no other blood) that was given to wash us, purchase us, redeem us and sanctify us! He paid the ultimate price! What kind of sacrifice have I made for Him? – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Jimmie Banks</b>	going to hospital in Tampa for a procedure
<b>Sonia Davidson</b>	recovering from second cataract surgery
<b>Tristan Dubuisson</b>	Krystian's son, now recovering at home
<b>Maria Hackshaw</b>	undergoing medical testing
<b>Todd Juckett</b>	hernia surgery on February 20
<b>Charlene Knowles</b>	dealing with pain in her knee
<b>Islay Rodriguez</b>	procedure on February 12
<b>Evetta Wilson</b>	undergoing more medical tests

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Jimmie Banks</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	chronic health issues
<b>Dianne Halenda</b>	pain, swelling in legs & back
<b>John Loftis</b>	back pain, weakness
<b>Tiffany Mayes</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	multiple health issues
<b>Jackie Stout</b>	trouble walking

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Willie Evans</b>	Rosa Nash's brother, in ICU with pneumonia
<b>Don Fields</b>	Trish Clark's brother, dealing with the flu again
<b>Kori Grant</b>	Lizzie Rozier's daughter, dealing with health issues
<b>John Lord</b>	David Lord's father, still dealing with prostate cancer
<b>Joel Owens</b>	Cindy Nelson's father, upcoming biopsy
<b>Leonard Rozier</b>	Lizzie Rozier's brother, dealing with health issues

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

**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

## Monday, February 2

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

## Tuesday, February 3

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

## Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8

- ♦ **Family Seminar with Steve Minor.** The focus will be "Family Strong: Building Homes That Last." Childcare provided on Saturday—RSVP to office@pblcoc.org. Sunday evening services will be at 12:45 p.m. See page 8 for the full schedule.

## Wednesday, February 11

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

## Saturday, February 14

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited.

## Saturday, February 21

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

## Friday, February 27

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. See Skye Brown or Allison Roman for details.

## Saturday, February 28

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship together.

## Monday, March 2

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

## Saturday, March 7

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18. See Beth Fry, Misty Hayes or Traci Sproule for more details.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

### Sunday, February 1

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

### Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8

- ♦ **Family Seminar with Steve Minor.** The focus will be "Family Strong: Building Homes That Last." Childcare provided on Saturday—RSVP to office@pblcoc.org. Sunday evening services will be at 12:45 p.m. See page 8 for the full schedule.

### Saturday, February 21

- ♦ **Chill & Grill Day hosted by the Young Adults** at 2:00 p.m. on the church property. See Ivan for more details.

### Saturday, March 14

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Hernandez. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Sunday, March 29

- ♦ **Youth & YA Family Lunch** after morning worship.



## Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

### Sunday, February 1

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

### Sunday, February 8

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on February 15.

### Friday, February 13

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet Set-Up** at 7:00 p.m. for Jr. High & Sr. High. See Robert Lupo for more details.

### Saturday, February 14

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Jr. High & Sr. High Youth should arrive at 4:00 p.m. Please wear a white button-up shirt and black pants. RSVP to Robert Lupo.

### Sunday, February 15

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

# A Passage A Day

*Keeps me on the Lord's way*

A ONE-YEAR STUDY THROUGH THE

## Life of Christ

IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

### For the Month of *February*

**February 1: Luke 3:1-6**

Luke's Account of the Historical Setting of John's Baptism

**February 2: Matthew 3:1-12**

Matthew's Account of John's Preaching and Baptism

**February 3: Mark 1:1-8**

Mark's Account of John's Preaching and Baptism

**February 4: Luke 3:7-20**

Luke's Account of John's Baptism Leading to Prison

**February 5: Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23**

Jesus Is Baptized By John the Baptist

**February 6: Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13**

Matthew and Mark's Accounts of Jesus Being Tempted By the Devil

**February 7: Luke 4:1-13**

Luke's Account of Jesus Being Tempted By the Devil

**February 8: John 1:6-8, 15, 19-28**

John the Baptist Identifies Himself As the Forerunner of Jesus

**February 9: John 1:29-34**

John the Baptist Identifies Jesus As the Son of God

**February 10: John 1:35-42**

Andrew and Peter Become Jesus' Disciples

**February 11: John 1:43-51**

Philip and Nathanael Become Jesus' Disciples

**February 12: John 2:1-12**

Jesus' First Miracle: Turning Water to Wine

**February 13: John 2:13-25**

Jesus Cleanses the Temple for the First Time During Passover

**February 14: John 3:1-8**

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus About the New Birth

**February 15: John 3:9-21**

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus About the Son of God

**February 16: John 3:22-36**

John the Baptist Exalts Christ to His Disciples

**February 17: John 4:1-8**

Jesus Meets a Samaritan Woman

**February 18: John 4:9-18**

Jesus Teaches a Samaritan Woman About True Living Water

**February 19: John 4:19-26**

Jesus Teaches About True Worship

**February 20: John 4:27-42**

Jesus Teaches His Disciples About True Harvest, and the Samaritans Believe

**February 21: Matthew 4:12, 17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:14-15; John 4:43-45**

Jesus Arrives in Galilee and Begins Preaching

**February 22: John 4:46-54**

Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son While in Cana

**February 23: Luke 4:16-30**

Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth on His First Visit

**February 24: Matthew 4:13-16; Luke 4:31-32**

Jesus Makes Capernaum His Homebase for His Ministry

**February 25: Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20**

Jesus Calls Four Fishermen the First Time

**February 26: Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:33-37**

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

**February 27: Matthew 8:14-18; Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41**

Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law and Others

**February 28: Matthew 4:23-25; Mark 1:35-39; Luke 4:42-44**

Jesus Preaches and Prays in Galilee



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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
January 25

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Nancy Baker; Mr. Terrence Breau; Ms. Monica Brown; Mr. & Mrs. Beau & Carly Caviness; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Felipe Gonzalez; Mrs. Evelyn Green; Ms. Helen Knight; Mr. Kerry Krause; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Miss D.L. Moore; Mr. Ricardo Patterson; and Mr. Noel Sinclair, Jr.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Matthew Brown, Heiskell, TN; Mr. Mark Coley; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; Mrs. Yvonne Mobley, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; Miss Kayla Myles, Cedar Rapids, IA; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mrs. Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Debbi Ware, Tryon, NC.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*

Monday, February 2nd  
Gai Ingram

Wednesday, February 4th  
Lilly Lolo

Tuesday, February 3rd  
Jennifer Goodale

 **Sweetheart Banquet**   
**Saturday, February 14**  
At 500 p.m. in the Family Room.  
PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Please RSVP to Robert Lupo.

### 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, February 1

Opening Prayer ..... Kirk Crews  
Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Scripture Reading ..... Kane Campbell  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Jeff Goodale  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Islay Rodriguez

#### Serve at Table:

Casey Crews      Jim Rogers  
Connor Goodale      Vincent Rogers  
Jeff Leslie      Joseph Snyder  
Michael Menendez      Marty Williams

#### Sunday Evening, February 1

Singing ..... Graysen Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... Eugene Williams  
Scripture Reading ..... Rick Hall  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... John Hoelzer  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Archer

#### Serve at Table:

Sylvester Jackson      John Patrick

Audio this week: Jack Holoman

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Ed Gager

#### Wednesday Evening, February 4

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation ..... Darin Summerlot  
Family Prayer ..... Victor Colage

### Our Record

Attendance	Jan 25	Dec Avg
Sun. Bible Study	156	152
Sun. AM Worship	263	249
Sun. PM Worship	105	106
Wed. Bible Study	114	106
MS Contribution	\$289,365	\$17,145

2026 Weekly Budget: TBA

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBA

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

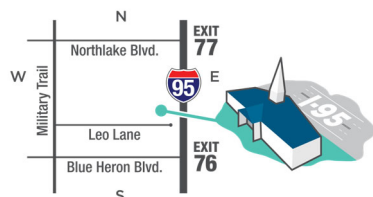
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks & James Green  
Safety Team for this week: Michael Erickson



# 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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**STEVE MINOR**

## FAMILY STRONG SEMINAR

Building Homes That Last



## FEBRUARY 7-8, 2026

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00 a.m. **What Drives Your Family?**

11:00 a.m. **10 Priorities in Our Home**

12:00 p.m. **Pizza Lunch Provided**

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 a.m. **7 Dangers Killing the Family**

10:00 a.m. **What Does It Mean to Build  
an Intentional Family?**

11:30 a.m. **Potluck Lunch**

12:45 p.m. **Learning to Raise Failures**