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Welcome

NEW MEMBERS



Monica Brown

(Baptized January 31)



Allysha Fischbacher

(Baptized February 22)

GOOD NEWS WEEKEND

God Is Still Here

GUEST SPEAKER: JUSTIN ROGERS

March 20-22, 2026



By Dan Jenkins

When Isaac Asks, “Why Are You Killing Me?”

Sometimes we fail to understand faith and the role that it plays in our lives. Thankfully, the Bible describes the source of our faith as coming from what God says. Paul says, “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). This is why the Great Commission Jesus gave just before His ascension is so important. He told the apostles to preach the gospel to every creature, and those who heard the message and believed it and were baptized would be saved (Mark 16:15-16). Faith, trusting in God, is our response to His plan and why it is so important to see the role it plays.

Faith does not come because we have used our own minds to find God. However, to know only intellectually what God wants to do is far different from trusting with all our hearts and doing what He says, even if we may have no other reason for doing it. Sometimes small children can understand intellectually and see why they should obey parents. When a parent tells a child to be watchful and careful about walking down steps, a child can understand what mom or dad said. They may not know the “why” until they ignore what was said, and after tumbling down those steps, they begin to listen when told not to touch a hot stove. Faith is trusting and doing what a parent says, even though we are too young to comprehend anything about hot stoves.

These nine words answer the question as to why we do what we do

Faith in God is not seen when we only do those things we can comprehend why God wants us to do it. The faith of Abraham is seen most vividly when he takes Isaac, binds him up, places him on an altar and raises the knife to kill him (Gen. 22). Abraham is not doing this horrendous act because Abraham understands why he is doing it. Had Isaac asked him why are you doing this, there is just one answer. You know what that answer is, and it is sometimes the one answer we can give for some things we do in serving God. Abraham’s faith and our faith is seen most vividly when we respond with one answer, “Because God told me to.”

After God intervened and kept Isaac from being killed, He said, “Now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me” (v. 12). God knew and Abraham knew. We also read this, and we know about faith and its place in our salvation and the vital role it plays in our obedient service to God.

Why do we dip people in water? Why do we eat unleavened bread? Why do we give back to God what is already His? Why do we turn the other cheek? Why do we love our enemies? Why do we...? Why do we...? Why do we...? The one answer is the same one Abraham had—*because this is what God told me to do!* And these nine words define faith. Faith is doing what He told me to do every time, all the time!



By David Sproule

Personally Imposed Distractions

Some distractions are unavoidable and created by others—like when someone literally gets in your face. Other distractions, even if created by others, are easier to disregard and can be managed, if we try. So, think about a place where distractions exist but we wish they didn’t—in a worship assembly. But, how many of the distractions are self-imposed? Or, how many could we control, if we tried?

Imagine being a Jew at the temple, with the sound, smell and sight of animals being slaughtered. Could that distract you from worshiping God? Imagine the sight of the priest with blood on his hands and his garment. Distracting? Imagine the delay when older priests took longer to carry out their duties than others. Are you distracted? Imagine being outside in the temple court, exposed to the elements and dealing with uncomfortable temperatures or precipitation. Would that distract your mind from staying focused? It could have a real negative impact on you, if you allowed it.

What about in our modern worship assemblies? Do the sounds and sights of crying babies or the ruckus caused by children distract you from worshiping God? Do the members constantly on their phones and not paying attention or really engaging in worship distract you? Does what the men leading

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in worship are wearing distract you? Do the mannerisms or efforts of older men leading in worship distract you? Do the mannerisms or efforts of younger men leading in worship distract you? Does the temperature of the auditorium distract you? Does the length of the comments before the Lord’s Supper distract you? Does the song selection distract you? Does the length of the sermon or the service itself distract you?

Can I encourage you to read through that list again? Can I ask you to add other things to the list that have been common distractions for you in worship?

Then, can I ask you—how many of these distractions are self-imposed? (There are several on that list which are choices one makes, not actual distractions.) Can I ask you—how many of these distractions could be controlled by your mind, if you really tried? The mind is powerful, even able to disregard crying babies and noisy kids. After you have whittled away at your list of “distracting things” in worship, how many actual distractions are left?

Some distractions can be overcome by sitting up front, or by pouring yourself deeply into the worship, or by bringing stray thoughts into captivity and control. Whatever may be distracting you from throwing your whole “heart” and self into worshiping God (Col. 3:14-17, 23), may I encourage you to identify it, evaluate it and work fervently to eliminate it.



By Robert Lupo

Was the Serpent Right?

Recently, there has been a trend amongst so-called “progressive Christians” to subvert plain Biblical teaching in various places in the Bible. They will make wild claims, like the word translated as “homosexual” in 1 Corinthians 6:9 and 1 Timothy 1:10 meaning something different, although the word literally means “a male who engages in sexual activity with a person of his own sex.”

One passage that seems to come up a lot from these false teachers is Genesis 3. They claim that the serpent told the truth to Eve in verse 4 when he said, “You will not surely die.” They say that after Adam and Eve took and ate of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they didn’t die, making God the liar, not Satan. You might ask, “What is their point in saying this?” The only goal is to cause true Christians to doubt the trustworthiness of the Bible.

So, what did happen in the Garden? Did Satan lie to Eve and tempt her to violate God’s command like we have been taught? Or, was the Serpent right all along? Well, as Hebrews 6:18 says, it is impossible for God to lie. So, there must be an explanation. In fact, there are a few.

The first explanation comes from the phrase God used in His command to Adam. In Genesis 2:16-17, God said to Ad-

am, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” This phrase literally means “dying you shall die.” The phrase does not necessarily mean immediate death. Instead, it is emphasizing the certainty of death. And, in Genesis 5:5, this certainty came to pass when Adam was 930 years old. He surely died.

Secondly, Adam and Eve did, in fact, suffer an immediate death in the Garden. After eating the fruit, they hid from the presence of God (Gen. 3:8-10) and were ultimately expelled from the Garden (3:23-24). Death is a separation. Usually, we mean the separation of body and soul. But, in the Garden, man was separated from God because of his sin. As Paul explains in Ephesians 2:1, when you sin, you become “...dead in your trespasses and sins...”

Lastly, a physical death occurred that day as well. In Genesis 3:21, the Bible tells us that “...God made garment from skin...and clothed them.” Where did those skins come from? Isn’t it curious that in the same chapter that gives us the first prophecy of Jesus’ Plan of Salvation (v. 15), we find the deaths of animals instead of sinful men.

God cannot lie. That serpent of old was always a deceiver. But, our God has always been a redeemer. Though we were dead in sins, He made us alive in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:1).

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Osmosis

We used to joke around as kids about putting the school textbook under our pillow at night and learning what we needed to know for the next day’s test by osmosis. Well, it doesn’t take a genius to know that didn’t work. Being in the proximity of the book that has information doesn’t actually convey the information.

The same ought to be obvious to us as Christians. We are given the responsibility to “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). God’s command makes that good and necessary for us to do, but simply being in the proximity of a Christian who has the information about Jesus Christ and eternal salvation does not actually convey that information to the hearts of those who need it.

That’s why God told Christians to do more than be a good example. The lost will not learn the gospel by osmosis! We must open our mouths and tell people the good news about Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15; 2 Tim. 2:2). It’s worth telling, for there is nothing more exciting and life-changing! – DS



The true sign of strength

Do you ever get emotionally overloaded with the trials and hardships of life? Then, do you ever get emotionally overloaded when you look around at the dismal condition of the sin-filled world around us? Then, do you ever get emotionally over-over-overloaded when unexpected challenges face your family? Then do you ever get emotionally over-over-over-overloaded when friends or family unload their troubles and complaints and issues on you? Have you ever reached a point where you weren’t sure how much more you could handle?

Great! You just passed the “I’m-Human-And-Have-A-Heart Test”! Now, here’s your prize. You don’t have to carry that load! See if you notice two key words in these verses: “In EVERYTHING by prayer...let your requests be made known to God” (Phil. 4:6), “casting ALL your care upon Him, for He cares for you” (1 Pet. 5:7). Did you catch the key words?

STOP trying to carry EVERYTHING that’s going on and ALL of your anxieties on your own! Trust that when you “Cast your burden on the Lord” that “He shall sustain you” and “never permit [YOU!] to be moved” (Psa. 55:22). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	recovering from a fall, injured his knee
Jimmie Banks	awaiting test results from his procedure
Maria Hackshaw	undergoing medical testing
Charlene Knowles	flu and breathing treatments
Carolyn Preston	has been struggling with some health issues
Amy West	undergoing medical tests, awaiting surgery

Ongoing Health Issues

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Carmen Dussard	Isolyn Sinclair's sister, dealing with several health issues
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, pacemaker surgery
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, La Posada, rehab after a fall
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, recovering at home
Ornans Pierre	Juliette Mauvais' son, recovering from car accident
Steve Stout	Jackie Stout's brother, in ICU and on a ventilator
Jeanette Volker	Tom DiNetta's sister, tests on a growth on her pancreas
Curtis White	Betty White's brother, health issues and complications

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, March 16

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, March 17

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.

Wednesday, March 18

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for Good News Weekend. Grades 5 & under will have regular classes.

Friday-Sunday, March 20-22

- ◆ **Good News Weekend with Justin Rogers.** The theme is "God Is Still Here." See page 6 for the full schedule.

Monday, March 23

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in Adult 3.

Tuesday, March 24

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.

Saturday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services.** See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, March 29-April 1

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebring Parkway** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Dan Jenkins will be speaking on "The Seven Most Important Questions."

Monday, March 30

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Saturday, April 4

- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Gathering.** Location and time TBD. See John Hoelzer for details.

Monday, April 6

- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.
- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Sunday, March 29

- ◆ **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 25 and pay Ivan Villard (cash or venmo @Ivan-Villard-1).

Friday, April 17

- ◆ **Young Adult Mini-Golf & Ice Cream** at 7:00 p.m. at Lighthouse Cove Adventure Golf at Abacoa (1145 Main Street, Jupiter 33458). See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, April 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. on the church property. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, May 8

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, March 15

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Stephen & Carolina Beliech. Bring drinks and desserts to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

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- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Tim & Beth Fry. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, April 4

- ◆ **Sr. High Spring Formal.** See Robert Lupo for details.

GOOD NEWS WEEKEND

God Is Still Here

GUEST SPEAKER: JUSTIN ROGERS

March 20-22, 2026

Friday, March 20

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. **God Still Sees**

Saturday, March 21

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. **God Still Shows**

Sunday, March 22

9:00 a.m. **God Still Speaks**

10:00 a.m. **God Still Saves**

11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch

12:45 p.m. **God Still Strengthens**



Justin Rogers

Henderson, TN

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
March 8

Lightpost

DL Moore placed membership on Sunday, March 8.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, March 15th

Jamie Green

Monday, March 16th

Jim & Amelia Rogers (Ann.)

Tim Cox

Lynne Jorgensen

Thursday, March 19th

Kendall Gonsalves

Thursday, March 19th (cont.)

Dion Hayes

Ricky Smith

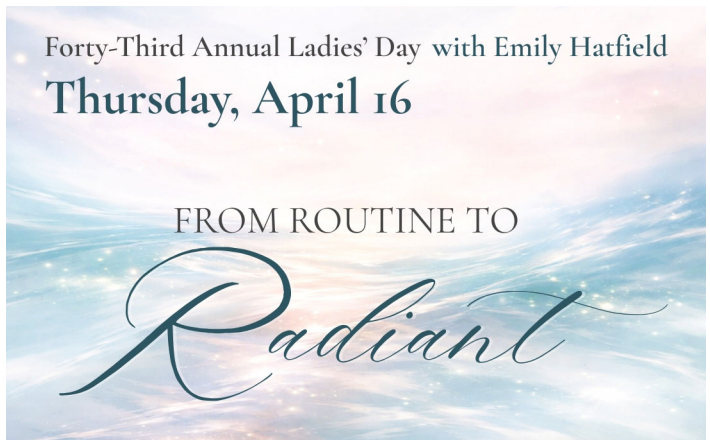
Jermaine Smith

Saturday, March 21st

Jack Holoman

Yolanda Stewart

David Whipple



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 15

Singing Gary Friedly
 Lord's Supper Kirk Crews
 Singing
 Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
 Scripture Reading Islay Rodriguez
 Singing
 Contribution
 Singing
 Sermon
 Singing
 Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

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

Sunday Evening, March 15

Singing Ivan Villard
 Opening Prayer John Hoelzer
 Scripture Reading Jimmie Banks
 Singing
 Lord's Supper Dan Jenkins
 Singing
 Contribution
 Singing
 Sermon
 Singing
 Closing Prayer Eugene Williams

Serve at Table:

Kameron Heitler John Patrick

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, March 18

Singing Daniel Wagner
 Invitation Islay Rodriguez
 Family Prayer Paul Metzkes

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 8	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	136	142
Sun. AM Worship	265	241
Sun. PM Worship	113	106
Wed. Bible Study	111	118
Contribution	\$18,165	\$17,099

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,984

Service Coordinator:

Mike Damron

Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Michael Erickson

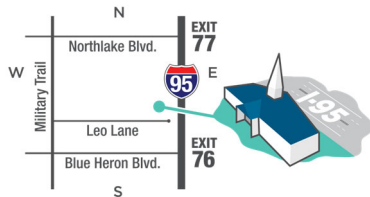
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

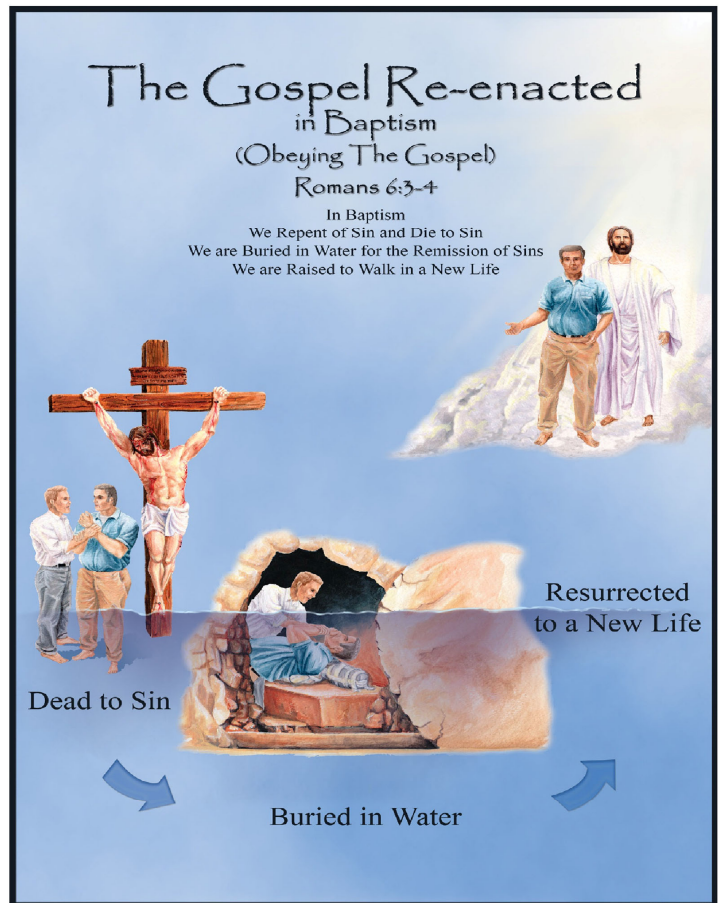
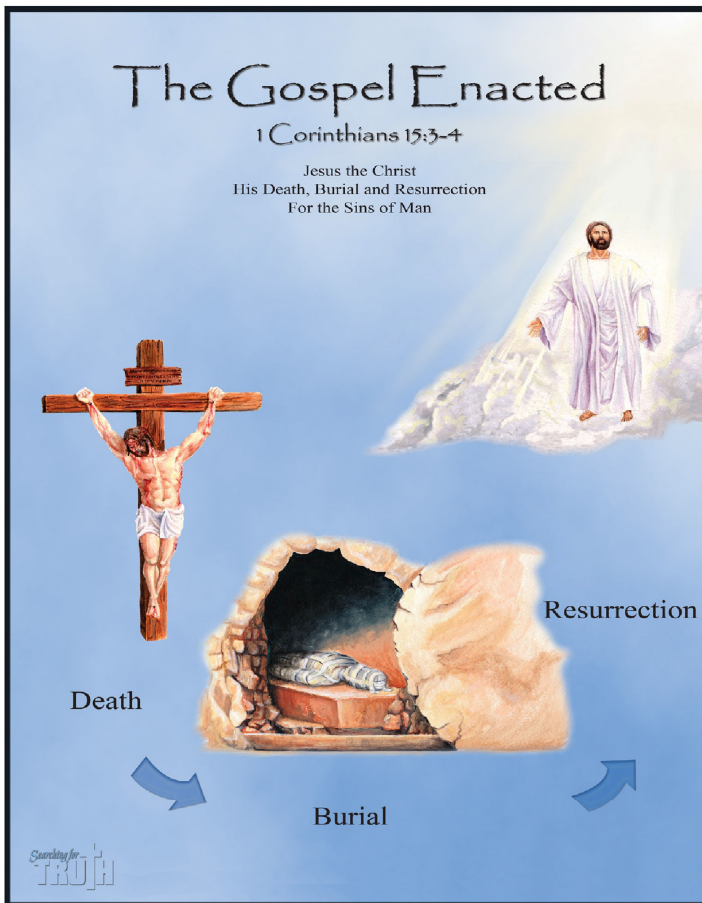
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

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

Front Cover: **Jimmie & Cheryl Banks**



(Chart from World Video Bible School, wvbs.org)