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FAMILY PHOTOS

Sunday, August 30

All members are encouraged to
update your family photo after
morning worship or before
evening worship in the Family Room.



Wayne Parker MISSION REPORT

Sunday, August 30



By Dan Jenkins

Leaders Saying More Than God Says

One of the studies that will open so many new doors of truth is to consider how much the Jewish leaders knew before the beginning of the New Testament. They obviously had studied the Old Testament and found many truths. The problem was that these leaders taught the people these truths, but they taught them more than the truth. Consider the following and then make application about how we view highly respected religious leaders today.

It is obvious that the scribes and Pharisees knew many truths. In their day, and also in ours, they tried to determine what the future held. Throughout the Old Testament, there were hundreds of prophecies about how God would continue His impact on His chosen nation.

Peter said this about those Old Testament prophets and their message as it applied to the first century. "All the prophets from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days" (Acts 3:24). This does not mean that those who read the prophecies fully understood them (see 1 Cor. 2:8-10), but it is also true that the Jews of the first century had developed their own religious theology.

What did these Jews understand? They knew that someday a great king would come. Even Herod was aware of

this truth. When the wise men spoke of the recent birth of the King of the Jews, Herod the Great asked the scribes as to where that King was to be born. The scribes knew the answer and said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this it is written by the prophet..." (Matt. 2:5). The message of the wise men was known, not just by Herod, but by "all of Jerusalem" (Matt. 2:3).

The leaders also knew that there would be a forerunner to come before that King. The very last of the Old Testament prophecies said, "I will send My messenger and he will prepare the way before Me... Behold, I will send Elijah before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord..." (Mal. 3:1; 4:5). Even the apostles knew that the scribes were teaching this truth. They asked Jesus, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" (Mark 9:11).

These leaders clearly knew the Bible, but they did not understand what it meant. The King was to be born in Bethlehem, and He would have Elijah come as His forerunner. The leaders were teaching the truth, but they were teaching more than the truth. They taught their opinions about the meaning of the words and felt their opinions were equal in authority with what God said. The people followed these leaders and were like blind men following a blind man (Matt. 15:14). There is so much more to be said. We will continue with these thoughts in next week's bulletin.

**Simply following
a religious leader
is like blind
people following
a blind man.**



By David Sproule

The Law and the Prophets

Bible readers will come across the expression, "the law and the prophets," several times in the New Testament. It is important to know how the Bible uses that expression and what it means to us today.

The Hebrew Bible was not arranged in the exact order that our Old Testament is today. It was divided into three main sections: (1) The Law, (2) The Prophets and (3) The Writings. "The Law" consisted of the first five books of the Bible. "The Prophets" was subdivided into the "Former Prophets" (containing many of the historical books) and the "Latter Prophets" (containing most of the prophetic books). "The Writings" consisted of the poetic books and the remaining historical and prophetic books. Sometimes "The Writings" was referred to as "The Psalms," after the largest book of that division.

In New Testament times, they did not immediately begin referring to the Old Testament as "The Old Testament," for until "The NEW Testament" was revealed, it was not (to them) "The OLD Testament." It was first in the book of Second Corinthians and the book of Hebrews (both in contexts of contrasting the old and the new covenants) that the writers referred to "the Old Testament" (2 Cor. 3:14) and "the first covenant" (Heb. 9:15). Until that differentiation was made be-

tween "The New" and "The Old," the Hebrew Bible (the only Bible from God until the New Testament) was simply referred to (in short) as "the law and the prophets." That was their way of identifying the collection of inspired books that we now call "The Old Testament" (see that clearly in Acts 13:15).

Now, look at what the New Testament tells us about the Old Testament (identified as "the law and the prophets"). "The law and the prophets were until John" (Luke 16:16). Note that marker of time, when a transition was being made to "the kingdom of God" or "the Way," which was foretold "in the Law and the Prophets" (Acts 24:14) and becoming a reality in that day. Jesus said that He came to "fulfill" the Law and the Prophets (Matt. 5:17), and then before His ascension, He affirmed "all things" had been "fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me" (Luke 24:44).

What's the point for us today? Jesus "abolished in His flesh...the law of commandments" (Eph. 2:15), for when He "fulfilled" all that was written in the Law and the Prophets (Matt. 5:17; Luke 24:44), He took that which was "obsolete" (Heb. 8:13) "out of the way" (Col. 2:14), and He brought His "new covenant" into "force" (Heb. 9:15-17). He took away the entirety of "the first that He may establish the second" (Heb. 10:9), under which we live today.

**The collection
of inspired
books that we
now call "The
Old Testament"**



By Robert Lupo

We Don't Deserve the Name

Do you ever take a moment to appreciate the name that Jesus has given you? If you have been baptized into Christ's church, then you are a Christian. You have been forgiven of your sins, raised as a new man, and given a holy inheritance as a child of God (cf. Eph. 1:11-14). What did we ever do to deserve such an honor?

To be a Christian is to be declared a disciple of our perfect Lord who suffered and died the death that was awaiting us all. He committed no crime, He never sinned, yet He bore our sins to purchase us and make us His own. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21). What did we ever do to deserve such mercy?

We haven't done a thing to deserve the name of Christian. What we deserve is punishment for all the acts of rebellion we've committed against our heavenly Father. We deserve the wages of death accrued for our sin (cf. Rom. 6:23). The absolute last thing we deserve is to be forgiven and made sons of the Most High God (cf. Rom. 8:14-17).

The actions we've taken in our lives should mark us as forsaken and condemned. As Paul put it, "Oh wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" (Rom.

7:24). But instead, God calls us His beloved (cf. Col. 3:12).

Paul saw himself as what he was: a murderer who should be condemned. In 1 Corinthians 15:9, Paul says, "For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." Paul was the worst kind of criminal, yet God granted him a new identity. In verse 10, Paul continues, "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

Paul didn't deserve to be called a Christian, but God made him one. He has done the same thing for us. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). Though we were sinners Christ died for us and gave us the chance to attain a new life free of all of our guilt. All praise belongs to God.

We deserve to be called sinners. We deserve to be called children of wrath. We don't deserve to wear the name "Christian." But, we can choose to live like we do. We can live like Paul who recognized the incredible mercy bestowed on him and pushed himself to labor as hard as he could for the name he was given. What could we do today to show the world the glorious name of Christ that we wear?

The absolute last thing we deserve is to be forgiven...

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Church graveyard?

I don't remember how old I was the first time that I saw a graveyard on church property, but I remember being struck by the proximity of graves being side-by-side with a church building. There is certainly nothing wrong with it, but it was different than what I had known growing up.

As I've gotten older, those graveyards have certainly become more familiar, especially when traveling in certain places. But my mind has sometimes wandered from outside the church building to inside the building and wondered, "Is it possible that some churches might be like a graveyard inside the building and not just outside?"

That's not designed to be critical. Sharing that thought is intended to stir us up. Jesus told the Christians in Sardis, "...You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead" (Rev. 3:1). Could that be any one of us? God's children are "dead indeed to sin," so that we can be "alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:11). The question is: Do we live like we are ALIVE TO GOD? Not just in the building! But every day outside of it? — DS



"That's my manager standing right there"

A very elderly man was trying to buy alcohol at a gas station. The clerk asked for his ID. The man gasped in frustration, "Do you want to know my blood type, too!" The patient clerk pointed over to a man standing behind the counter—"That's my manager standing right there. He won't let me sell it without ID." The manager quickly chimed in, "Don't point at me.

That's the rule that you have to follow just as much as I do—it's from corporate."

I've thought about that scene since witnessing it. The clerk suggested the rule was to be enforced because of the manager, but the manager knew that it was not his rule and had to be obeyed by everyone equally.

Sometimes in the church, do we point at the elders or the preacher, as if certain things have to be done in the church because they teach them or because they are watching? But if elders and preachers are only telling what the Bible says, then don't point at them, as if they are the standard. Point to God—trust Him and obey Him. — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Marie Achille	recovering at home from carotid artery surgery
Skye Brown	having extended pain from lung cancer surgery
Sandy DeVall	dealing with severe pain
Beth Fry	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Ophelia Holmes	undergoing 4 months of breathing treatments
Lynne Jorgensen	dealing with health issues
David Lord	dealing with acute bronchitis
Pat Patterson	severe case of gout
Isolyn Sinclair	struggling with pain in her knee
Jackie Stout	recovering from a fall but is doing okay
Amy West	undergoing chemo treatments

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
Bill Ingram, Jr.	advanced Alzheimer's
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Sadie Myrie
Gloria Boyd	Leigh Puckett
Josie Dawson	Don Seay
Zula Garrett	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Jackie Stout
Kasandra Jones	Samuel Williams
Owen Miley	Evetta Wilson

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

James DiNetta	Tom DiNetta's son, recovering from hip surgery
Melinda Johnson	Selena Booze's sister, recovering from a heart attack
Rochelle Lord	David Lord's mother, recovering from pacemaker surg.
Jeanette Volker	Tom DiNetta's sister, very rare immune system disease

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, August 30

- ♦ **Wayne Parker Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 5

- ♦ **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.

Sunday, September 6

- ♦ **Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home Begins.** Please bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards by October 4 and place them in the box in the Lobby.

Sunday, September 6 (cont.)

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, September 7

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Saturday, September 12

- ♦ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Brenda Collier. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18. See Beth Fry or Traci Sproule for more details.

Sunday, September 13

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Saturday, September 19

- ♦ **Teacher Appreciation Banquet** for our teachers of children and adult Bible classes at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Please RSVP to the office.



YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, September 26

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday, September 11

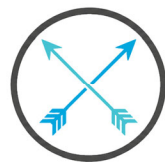
- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, October 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, October 24

- ♦ **Young Adult Sunrise & Breakfast** at 7:00 a.m. at Juno Beach. Breakfast will be at Juno Beach Café. See Ivan Villard for more details.
- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. All Jr. High, Sr. High & Young Adults are invited. See Robert Lupo for more details.



YOUTH & FAMILY

Sunday, August 30

- ♦ **RUSH Deadline for Grades 8-12.** Cost is \$40 per person plus money for meals. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby and pay Robert Lupo by August 30.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services** at 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo. Bring drinks and desserts to share. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, September 6

- ♦ **His Kids Class** 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, September 6

- ♦ **His Kids Class** 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High Devo** after evening worship.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - September 2026

September 6 ^(P)

September 13 ^(A)

September 20 ^(L)

September 27 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Philip Porter	Dan Fuller	Dan Jenkins	Bret Nesbitt
Scripture Reader	Beau Caviness	Wilton Mooror	Jim Rogers	Robert Mariano
Presiding at Table	Stephen Beliech	David Lord	Dan McLeod	Victor Colage
Serving at Table	Tim Cox Andres Fernandez Namdidie Ikon Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano Taylor Reeves Nahum Villard	Ed Buonadonna Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Can Margarini Chuck Reeves, Jr. Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez Darin Summerlot	Michael Erickson Kingsley Gardner Jeff Goodale Kameron Heitler Jeff Leslie Michael Menendez Joseph Snyder Marty Williams	Beau Caviness Andres Fernandez Jack Holoman Namdidie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Taylor Reeves Trevin Roman
Closing Prayer	Orlando Lolo	Gary Jenkins	Kirk Crews	Philip Porter

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Robert Lupo	Ivan Villard	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Ivan Villard	Paul Metzkes	Jimmie Banks	Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reader	Trevin Roman	Douglas Alvarenga	John Patrick	Joe Maloney
Presiding at Table	Tim Fry	Bret Nesbitt	John Hoelzer	Tom Garrison
Serving at Table	Joe Maloney Nahum Villard	Ed Gager Ken Gonsalves	Kane Campbell Jeff Goodale	Andres Fernandez Trevin Roman
Closing Prayer	Tom Garrison	Daniel Wagner	Kane Campbell	Tim Fry

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Jack Holoman	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Ivan Villard	Buzz Nelson	Addison Collins
Video	Ed Gager	Scott Studer	Ed Gager	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Victor Colage	Dirk Summerlot	Vincent Rogers	Rick Hall
Usher	Brent McPherson Rick Hall	Addison Collins Eugene Williams	Mike Damron Islay Rodriguez	Tim Cox Nahum Villard

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Rick Hall	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



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 23

Lightpost

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, August 30th

Mary Brown

Monday, August 31st

Dan & Luann McLeod (Ann.)

Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro (Ann.)

Cheryl Banks

Wednesday, September 2nd

Owen Miley

Nahum Villard

Friday, September 4th

Gary & Doris Friedly (Ann.)

Brittany Summerlot

Marty Williams



His Kids — Class —

 Love God.

 Obey God.

 Learn about God
in the Bible.

 Live with God
in Heaven in the end.

Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

For age 3 & up.

Meet in the front of the Auditorium.

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, August 30

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Jim Rogers
Singing
Lord's Supper Gary Jenkins
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dave Holaday

Serve at Table:

Kirk Crews	Michael Menendez
Michael Erickson	John Patrick
Kingsley Gardner	Vincent Rogers
Jeff Leslie	Joseph Snyder

Sunday Evening, August 30

Singing Wilton Moorer
Opening Prayer Roderick McLeod
Scripture Reading Roderick McLeod
Singing
Lord's Supper Beau Caviness
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon Trevin Roman
Singing
Closing Prayer Kingsley Gardner

Serve at Table:

Addison Collins Can Margarini

Audio this week: Jack Holoman

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, September 2

Singing Chuck Reeves
Invitation Stephen Beliech
Family Prayer Paul Metzkes

Our Record

Attendance	Aug 23	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	156	146
Sun. AM Worship	232	223
Sun. PM Worship	89	109
Wed. Bible Study	113	115
Contribution	\$16,913	\$16,288

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,212

Service Coordinator:

Rick Hall (AM) & Robert Lupo (PM)

Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Marty Williams

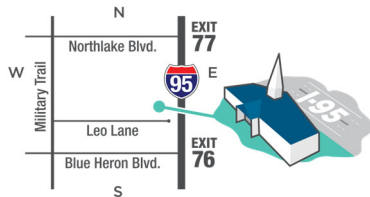
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks



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.

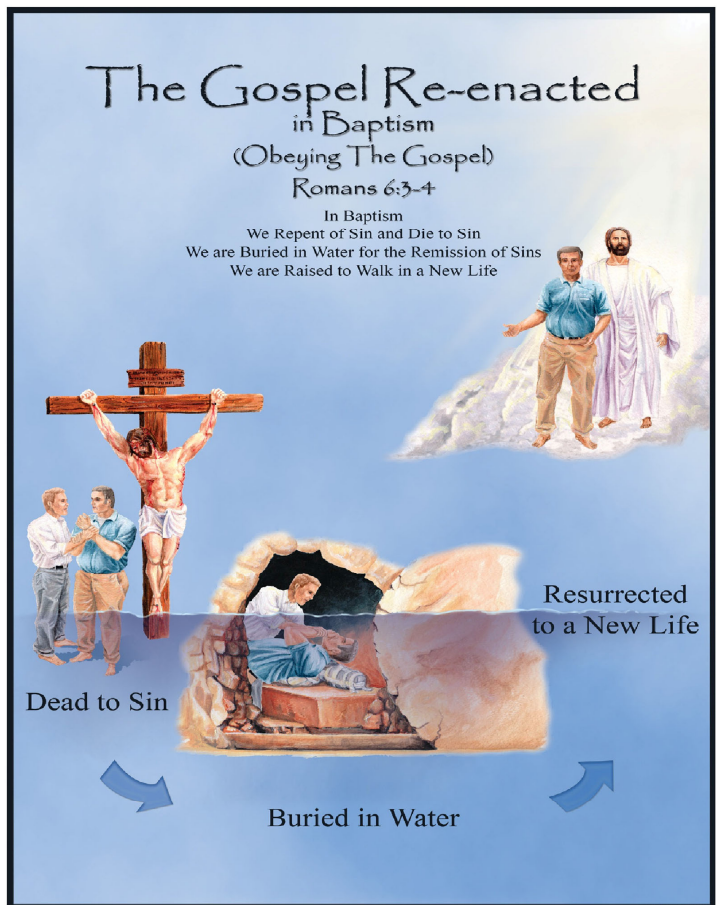
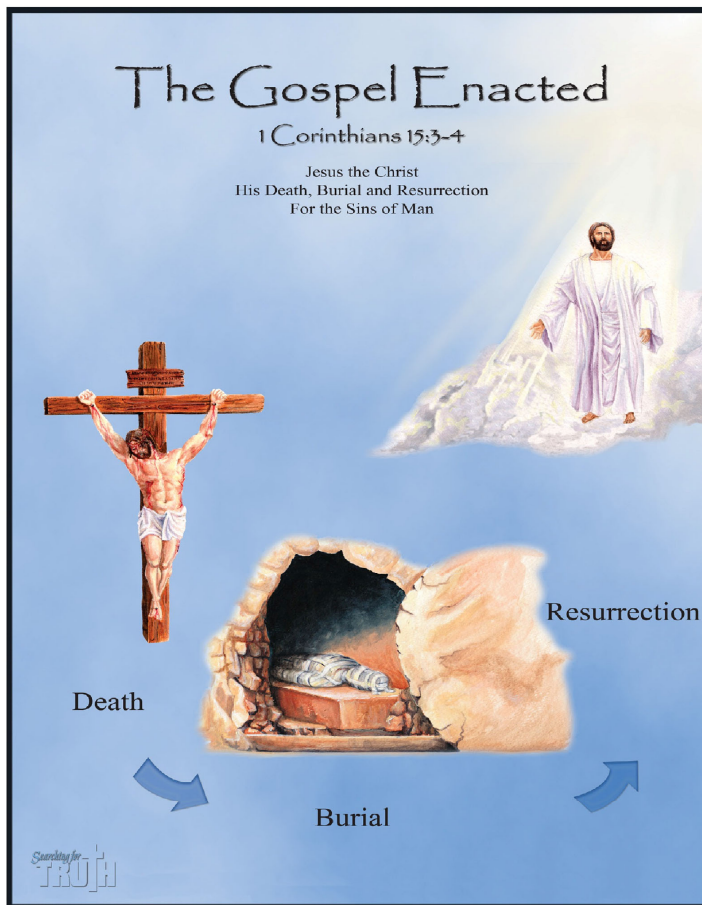
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

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



Front Cover: **Giselle Smith** (Teaching Cradle Roll Class)



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