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- Jerry Hopkins.....434-4188
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- Mike Archer.....422-2995
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- Novel Brown.....848-6988
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- Lance Collier793-2718
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- Jim Davis747-2984
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Grades 6-8

Gary Jenkins

Jr. High Classroom

Grades 9-12

Jeff Goodale

Sr. High Classroom

Ages 18-24

Dan Fuller

Adult 3 Classroom

Ages 25-35

David Sproule

Adult 2 Classroom

Ages 36-49

Richard Watson

Adult 1 Classroom

Ages 50+

Dan Jenkins

Family Room

(There will be no class in the Auditorium on Sunday mornings.)



By Dan Jenkins

Five Part Harmony

I was about six years old when I first heard of the words “soprano, alto, tenor and bass.” At the old West Huntsville church building, a brother from Tennessee, A. J. Vetito, conducted the first of several singing schools at the church. By the end of that week, we all knew “do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti do.” We all could sing the scale and learned so many new songs. The singing at that congregation vastly improved in these annual schools.

I learned to listen to all the various parts and how they harmonized. There is nothing which sounds more beautiful to me than blending of voices in praising God.

In the sixth grade I began attending Christians schools. The first was in Athens, Alabama, and the second was in Huntsville. I am so thankful for the choruses at both of these schools where I grew in my appreciation for singing in worship. I owe to one of the choral directors, Wayne Hemingway, an even greater debt. He constantly emphasized understanding the words of songs and their meaning. In fact, before we learned a new song we would spend time discussing what we were trying to say to each other as we sang. He even did this for older songs and I soon learned that while I had known the music of those songs, I did not know the songs meaning!

The emphasis is not on melody made with voice, but that made in the heart

You see, there is another aspect of singing harmoniously that has nothing to do with “do, re, and mi.” Look carefully at Ephesians 5:19. Our use of the *music* attached to psalms, hymns and spiritual songs is *not* emphasized. Paul said, “Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” Look at it carefully. The emphasis is not on the melody made with the voice, but the melody made in the heart!

Now look at the passage again. The verse does not say making melody in your hearts (plural)! It is singular. In the Greek, the word “your” is plural (congregational), but the heart is singular. There is the harmony of every individual heart, as we sing with one heart to the Lord. In Colossians 3:16, the text speaks of hearts, but the emphasis in Ephesians is on the singular heart we bring before God. God does not care how skilled you are in harmonizing “do, re, mi”! We do not just blend our voices, we blend our hearts.

Look at singing as it ascends to heaven and enters the throne room of heaven. Do we really think that God judges our singing based on four part harmony? The melody that sweetens heaven is that fifth part harmony when it comes from the one heart of His people. Let’s learn all we can about four part harmony, but may we never fail to place the right emphasis on the harmony of our souls as we worship our Maker!



By David Sproule

Spiritual Goal Setting

We set goals in so many parts of our lives—career goals, family goals, financial goals, health and fitness goals, educational goals, etc., etc. Then, in most cases, we determine certain steps that we should take in order to reach those goals. Would it not, then, be prudent to have spiritual goals for our lives and determine steps by which to reach them?

Where do you want to be (spiritually) in 10 years? Do you want to be a deacon or an elder? Do you want to do some work in the mission field? Do you want to be teaching Bible classes? Do you want to be known as a strong Bible student with extensive knowledge of His Word? These things won’t happen overnight! You must make plans now, determining specific steps, in order to reach your spiritual goals!

Where do you want to be (spiritually) in 5 years? Do you want to be teaching one-on-one Bible studies? Do you want to be leading (prayers, songs, etc.) in public worship? Do you want to have studied through the entire Bible? Do you want to be able to know and defend truth (and recognize error) better than you do now? Do you want to have your work schedule adjusted so that you can attend all church services? Do you want to have freed your weekly schedule enough so that you can be helping and serving the church in various ca-

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pacities during the week? These things won’t happen overnight! You must make plans now, determining specific steps, in order to reach your spiritual goals!

Where do you want to be (spiritually) at this time next year? Do you want to have read through the entire Bible? Do you want to be more regular in your worship attendance? Do you want to feel closer to God? Do you want to be praying more frequently? Do you want to feel more comfortable talking to others about the gospel? Do you want to have better control of your temper and your tongue? Do you want to be more hospitable and more encouraging to fellow Christians? These things won’t happen overnight! You must make plans now, determining specific steps, in order to reach your spiritual goals!

It has been said, “If you aim at nothing, you’ll hit it every time.” What are you aiming at *spiritually*? There are no goals that will be more important in the next year, the next five years or the next ten years than your *spiritual* goals! When your life ends on this earth and you enter into eternity, there will be no goals that were more important to prepare you for judgment day than your *spiritual* goals!

Now, how will you arrive at your goals? Spend time determining the specific steps you will need to take to reach your goals. Then, implement your plans and stick to them!



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"I used to feel guilty if I wasn't there"

The words of an enlightened soul: *"I grew up thinking that I needed to be at church three times a week for two Bible classes and two worship services. For years that just seemed normal and I felt guilty if I ever missed. Then, I started feeling confined and almost like I was being forced, against what I wanted, to be there at ever service (although no one was "forcing me"). Finally, finally, I came to realize that the silly tradition of being at church was just that – a tradition. I didn't have to be there! What difference did it really make if I was or wasn't! I feel so much freer now – my Wednesdays are less stressed...I sleep an extra hour on Sunday and show up most Sundays for the service in the morning...then the rest of my Sunday is mine to enjoy."*

As we enter a new year, take time to consider this question – **what is really first in your life?** Not, what is conveniently first? Not, what is usually first? Not, what is comfortably first? **What is in reality first in your life?** Two choices: is it you or is it Jesus? Those are the only two options, but they cannot both be "first" at the same time. If Jesus is truly first, what will you "think," "feel," "want" and "enjoy"? A new year can be a new start! Is He really first? – DS

The Lord has been mindful of me!

Brother Lloyd O. Sanderson was converted to Christ in 1922, and at first, he thought that giving his life to Christ was going to cause him great trouble, grief and sacrifice. Later Sanderson reflected, "I decided [after becoming a Christian] that I had been wonderfully blessed. With this feeling, I wrote [the song] 'The Lord Has Been Mindful of Me.'"

Sanderson recognized that no matter the journey of life (i.e., "valley of shadow...troubled sea...darkness [he] travelled"), *"The Lord has been mindful of me!"* He calculated that no amount of trouble (i.e., "Much more than my grief...my sorrow...adversity...all I have given"), *"The Lord has been mindful of me!"* He realized from all that he had (i.e., "I'm rich...saved... happy! I've health...prosperity...friends...door ever open"), *"The Lord has been mindful of me!"*

Make your own list! Make a list of troublesome times in your life...make a list of all the blessings in your life. Then, at the end, conclude with joy that through all the bad times and all the good times of life, "The Lord has been mindful of me [exclamation point]!" – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Donna Armstrong	undergoing chemo treatments for lung cancer
Joyce Barnhouse	recovering at home from back surgery
Ellen Gager	blood clots in leg and lung, recovering at home
Shirley Hopkins	recovering from hip surgery, doing well
Judie Jenkins	recovering from back surgery, still in severe pain
Jerry Pittman	undergoing chemo for bladder cancer
Leigh Puckett	recovering from foot surgery
Sue Shelt	recovering from back surgery
Norman Smedley	in Jupiter Medical Center (room 518), infection
Ricky Smith	broken foot, recovering at home

Long-Term Health Issues

James Allen	dialysis treatments
Deidra Miley	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments



Julie Trujillo and family upon the passing of Julie's grandmother, **Shirley Handeland**.
Wesley Williams upon the passing of his sister, **Mary Galloway**.
Novel & Cornelius Brown upon passing of Novel's brother & Cornelius' father, **Donnell**.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Brandt Forman	Patricia Humphries' grandson, doing some better
Earl Isom	Chuck Reeves, Sr.'s bro-in-law, Hospice Care
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, stroke, ICU at St. Mary's
Cecil Newman	Lorena Pittman's father, Hospice Care at WP Hospital

Relatives with Long-Term Health Issues

Jim Barlow	Gary Friedly's brother-in-law, terminal cancer
Julius Burch	Brenda Collier's uncle, chemo for lymphoma
Shantel Charles	Maria Hackshaw's cousin, lupus, in critical condition
John Judd	Ellen Gager's brother, colon cancer, terminal
Ruben Pacheco	Joyce Parker's grandson, juvenile myoclonic epilepsy
Susan Schenk	Leesa's sister-in-law, treatments for breast cancer
Geraldine White	Betty White's sis-in-law, very sick from chemotherapy
Ray Williams	Linda Coe's cousin, undergoing more chemo

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Cora Lee Dennis	Shelton Howell
Margie Fortenberry	Gladys Jackson
Helen Gardner	Don & Betty Matter
Margaret Griffo	Rosa Nash
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Margaret Wade

Pray for Our Mission Works

Josh & Cara Blackmer (Paraguay)
Troy & Andrea Spradlin (Paraguay)
Robert & Mary Martin (Pacific)
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan (Pacific)
Joey & Tammy Treat (Pacific)
Tamuka Arunashe (Zimbabwe)
Nnanna Aforji (Nigeria)
Apologetics Press



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 6

- ◆ **“Stepping into the Bible” Kickoff.** The new Bible class program begins for our children ages 3–grade 5. Parents and children meet in the Lobby before class begins for a special prayer.
- ◆ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Singing Class** at 5:15 p.m. Spend time singing, learning new songs and enjoying time with brethren before evening worship.

Sunday-Monday, January 6-21

- ◆ **Blackmer Family Visit at PBL.** If you’d like to spend time with the Blackmer’s or have them over at your house, please see Gary or Jacqui Jenkins, who are coordinating this effort.

Friday-Sunday, January 11-13

- ◆ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.** Visit CFBC’s website for more information (www.cfbiblecamp.org).

Sunday, January 13

- ◆ **Josh Blackmer Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High and up will meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, January 13 (cont.)

- ◆ **Singing Class** at 5:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Special Gathering & Fellowship with Blackmer Family** in the Family Room after evening worship. Bring finger foods & drinks and enjoy this time with our missionary family.

Saturday, January 19

- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange. RSVP to Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

Sunday, January 20

- ◆ **House to House/Heart to Heart Labeling** from noon until 5:45 p.m. All members are encouraged to help label the 100,000 pieces of mail that will go to the homes of our neighbors.

Sunday, January 27

- ◆ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work.
- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Room.



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Young Adults

Saturday, January 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins. Bring finger foods and drinks.

Monday, January 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies’ Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier. See Sarah or Cindy for details.

Friday, January 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. at the Shelt’s. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, January 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, January 26

- ◆ **Young Adult Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for details.



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Youth

Saturday, January 12

- ◆ **Sr. High Project Day** at 3:00 p.m. Meet at the church building to work on a special project. Please bring 10 *new* washcloths to donate and wear clothes that can get messy. See Skye Brown for more details.

Sunday, January 13

- ◆ **Sr. High & Jr. High Singing** after evening worship. Bring drinks and desserts to share.

Friday, January 18

- ◆ **Sr. High Movie Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jim & Robin Davis. Bring \$5 for dinner. Directions can be found on the board in the Sr. High Room. See Skye Brown for more details.

Saturday, January 19

- ◆ **Jr. High Movie Night.** See David or Traci Sproule for details.

Equipping & Edifying Families



10 Ways to Lead Your Family

“Leadership” is a huge buzzword in 21st Century America. Corporations and institutions spend *gazillions* of dollars annually on classes and training seminars designed to teach and facilitate leadership skills in employees. Why? The business world knows that organizations function best when people take ownership of the opportunity and the responsibility to lead.

Likewise, family dynamics become more conducive to harmony, healing, productivity and positive growth when the people charged with the responsibility step forward and actually lead. Too many parents are reluctant (or scared, or lack the confidence, or feel ill-equipped) to take on such a role. However, no matter what your family configuration, making the effort to guide and lead the way is a most critical step toward family health.

Is it easy? Certainly not! How about straightforward? Not on your life! Leading your family is far and away less demanding, less complicated, and less taxing emotionally than taking the proverbial “pass.”

1. **From the front:** We’re talking about being an example. Model the respect, responsibility, trust and family fidelity you’d like to see across the board.
2. **In partnership with your wife:** Don’t try to be an island. Don’t make the mistake of always assuming unilateral authority. Leadership is something you must agree on together.
3. **Like a Servant:** “Servant Leadership” means to take heed of great advice from a Leader who said such things as, “The last shall be first.” “If you want to be great, act like a servant”, and “He didn’t come to be served, but to serve.”
4. **From your knees:** Servants spend a lot of time on their knees, but so do *prayers*. Be that kind of dad for your family and be the spiritual leader by example.
5. **With humility:** Effective leaders aren’t in it for themselves; they’re in it for the organization. Family leaders place their personal needs behind that of the family. It’s not about you.
6. **Morally:** Moral leadership gains authority through—essentially—“right living.” Be the kind of dad the family looks up to because you live with such evident goodness.
7. **Educationally:** Be the dad who is moving his education forward, constantly. “Dad is always learning!” “Dad is always getting better!” “Dad is an inspiration!” “Dad is showing the way.”
8. **Courageously:** Leading often means taking a stand, and stands can be costly. But dads who stand on conviction are family leaders everyone knows they can rely on.
9. **With an open heart and mind:** Be ready to admit when you’re wrong, quick to apologize, and open to discussion. Don’t confuse any of that with compromise!
10. **Lead with the sure understanding that, if you don’t, someone else will:** This is a crucial point to understand. A leadership vacuum will occur if parents step away from the opportunity. Also understand this: Leading your family is not only your right—it’s your responsibility.

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

News & Notes



Sunday,
December 30

As you’ve probably noticed, we are **expanding our weekly bulletin in size and purpose**. In an effort to reduce some redundancy in printing, to consolidate all pertinent weekly information in one document and to enhance as much as possible the works going on at PBL, we decided to:

- ◆ Expand the bulletin from 4 pages to 8 pages.
- ◆ Print it on Fridays instead of Mondays.
- ◆ Use it as our primary source of info on Sundays.
- ◆ Increase the teaching and edification content.

We hope that the new format will be useful for all PBL members (and readers outside PBL) and that it will help us to draw closer to one another as a church family.

The **Blackmer** family will be arriving Sunday night, January 6. Keep them in your prayers as they travel. They will be here until January 21. If you would like to have them over, take them out or spend time with them, **Gary & Jacqui Jenkins** are trying to help coordinate their schedule during their visit. Josh will be making his Mission Report on Sunday, January 13 at 9:00 a.m.

House to House/Heart to Heart Labeling will be Sunday, January 20, from noon until 5:45 p.m. in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to come help label the 100,000 pieces of mail that will go to the homes of our neighbors.

Sunday Singing Class begins Sunday, January 6, at 5:15 p.m. Spend time singing, learning new songs, and enjoying time with brethren before evening worship.

LOCAL VISITORS: Marjorie, Kaylani, and Marco Carmona; Miss Karen Carrara; Ms. Prescolita Clough; Bob and Angel Fasig; Louise Holmes; Keisha Johnson; Wallace L. Jones; Richard & Judy Lerro; Karen Lester; John Loftis; Beverly Michaelian; Alisa Neal and Crystal Ferguson; Morris Williams; and Mrs. Marion Vanderwende.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Joyce Blake, Stone Mountain, GA; Cliff & Shawna Boyd, Geneva, FL; Mrs. Lisa Foreman & Kiana, Richmond, VA; Robert Greninger, Norfolk, VA; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hansel, Paris, IL; Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Harvey, Pleasant Hill, IA; Scott, Jacob, & Cole Kelley, Tamarac, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Keith Kull, Canton, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Scott McElroy, Addison, TX; Ron & Kathy McQuinn, Fruitland Park, FL; Leena, Gabbi, & Tessa Mack, Enfield, CT; Mrs. Anne Merrill, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Juanita Simpson, Ft. Pierce, FL; Daniel Simons, Jackson, TN; Donald & Chris Smith, Franklin, TN; Miss Olivia Swearingen, Henderson, TN; and Ron Wilkins, Pollock, LA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (6th) Bobby Ingraham Joe Maloney	Wednesday (9th) Brenda Collier Lennie Langley Matt & Kasandra Jones (Ann.)
Monday (7th) Kipp Affron Sandy Colage Willie & Giselle Smith (Ann.)	Saturday (12th) Barbara King

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

*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, January 6

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
 Opening Prayer Joe Maloney
 Scripture Reading Phil Porter
 Presiding at Table John Hoelzer
 Serve at Table:
 Doug Carrick Kenneth Long
 Jon Erickson Gary Seames
 Ted Friesner Mike Trujillo
 Namdidie Ikon Nahum Villard
 Alternates:
 Ivan Villard, Jr. Kevin Weeks
 Sermon Dan Jenkins
 Closing Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.

Sunday Evening, January 6

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
 Opening Prayer Dave Payne
 Scripture Reading Darin Summerlot
 Preside at Table Gary Jenkins
 Serve at Table:
 Gorman Ericksen
 Charles Hayes
 Dirk Summerlot
 Sermon Dan Jenkins
 Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Wednesday Evening, January 9

Lead Singing Tyrone Toson
 Extend Invitation Nate Nelson

Our Record

Attendance	Dec. 30	Dec. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	228	238
Sun. A.M. Worship	382	381
Sun. P.M. Worship	198	190
Wed. Bible study	163	186
Contribution	\$14,019	\$13,695
2012 Weekly Budget	\$12,980	

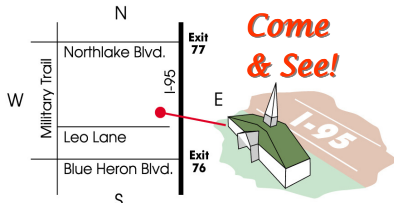
Ushers for the week of **January 6:** Novel Brown, Orlando Lolo & Tommy Pauldo



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Come & See!

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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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Upcoming Events

January 13

Josh Blackmer Mission Report & Fellowship Time

January 20

100,000 House to House/Heart to Heart Labeling

January 27

Mission Sunday

February 10

"Laborers Together with God" Introduction Sunday

March 3-6

Gospel Meeting with Dan Winkler

April 18

Ladies' Day with Becky Blackmon

May 3-5

Evangelism Training for Youth with Casey Haynes



"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).