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MISSION
Sunday
TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD



\$110,300

\$107,487.21

Pursuing Sign
Special Request for Mission Trips

Joey Treat
Special Request

Douglas Alvarenga
(Spanish Work in L.W.)

House to House/Heart to Heart (to 8,000 homes)

Apologetics Press	Teen Mission Trip
Troy Spradlin (Paraguay)	Josh Blackmer (Paraguay)
Robert Martin (Pacific)	Mauricio Yegros (Coral Springs)
Scott Shanahan (Pacific)	Joey Treat (Pacific)
Nnanna Aforji (Nigeria)	Tamuka Arunashe (Zimbabwe)

\$82,000

11-Year Total:

\$1,271,373.66

TO GOD
Be the Glory



By Dan Jenkins

A Victorious Sunday

The Lord has promised us repeatedly that we will be winners if we will just trust in Him. John said, "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). He also described our faith as that key element which brings victory over the world (1 John 5:4). We truly are on the winning team. Paul said, "We are more than conquerors" (Rom. 8:37). These words so vividly describe what happened last week at Palm Beach Lakes.

Last Sunday was that special day we set aside each year to sacrificially give so that the world will hear about the cross. When we gave more than \$107,000 on that day, our hearts were filled with thanksgiving. This brings the total amount given for mission work in the last eleven years to \$1,271,000. Sunday was truly a victorious day!

It was a victory for the Lord, the one who truly matters. There is no room for any of us to think of what we have done. It is God working through us that made that day possible. It is what *He* has done. All glory and praise belongs to Him. It was a victory day for our Lord!

It was a day of victory over Satan. We are in a spiritual war against all that is evil. It is a battle for the hearts and souls of mankind. We are seeking to pull down "...Strongholds,

casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God" (2 Cor. 10:4-5). Hell would have rejoiced had we not been victorious, but now hell trembles in fear!

It was a victory for our missionaries. We have committed ourselves to support men in Africa, Paraguay, the South Pacific and other places. On that day, we showed each of them how thankful we are to be associated with what they are doing. We showed them that we are fully behind all they are doing.

It was a victory for the lost world. It is strange to think that in the coming years people who are right now enemies of God were loved by the church last week. Right now their lives reflect all that we oppose, but soon they will learn that Christians really do love and sacrifice for those who are on the other side. They now are losers, but some day they will be victorious because of the sacrifices you made.

It marks the beginning of a victorious year for the church. This year has begun in such a tremendous way. The deacons have taken the Laborers Together with God program and so many more are involved in the work than before.

I also hope you will plan to be here on February 16, when a special announcement will be made which will thrill the souls of each of us. This year will be a year of victory!

**A year of victory!
Be here February
16 for a special,
exciting
announcement!**



By David Sproule

Your Family Resemblance

One of the fun things about Facebook is seeing pictures of kids, especially pictures of kids whose parents you knew when they were children. It's enjoyable to see eyes and smiles on the faces of children that look exactly like eyes and smiles from twenty or thirty years ago.

What makes children resemble their parents so much? That is not a hard question to answer. Let's summarize it in this way: "When children look like their parents on the inside, they'll look like their parents on the outside."

The genetic makeup of children comes directly from their parents. The DNA code for the hair color, the eye color, the facial features, etc. all come from the father and the mother. A child's DNA on the inside is what determines how they look on the outside. That is why they look like their parents.

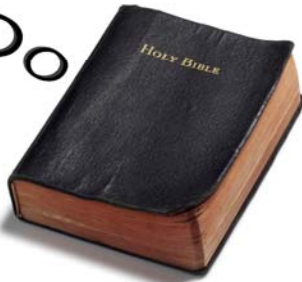
Of course, that works in another way, as well. The behavior of a child (on the outside) is a direct resemblance of how that child looks on the inside. If a child is insecure on the inside, it will show on the outside. If a child "full of himself" on the inside, it will show on the outside. As parents, we have a direct responsibility for and influence on the molding of hearts (the inside) and behaviors (the outside).

Let's make a broader and more significant application of this principle. If a human's outward characteristics are a reflection of inward genetic qualities, where do a Christian's outward characteristics originate? If you see a Christian who is humble, servant-hearted and eager to do good unto others, is that not a reflection of an inward "genetic code"? If you see a Christian who is sacrificial, selfless and profusely generous with time, abilities and finances, is that not an outward manifestation of an inward condition?

A human's outward characteristics are a reflection of inward qualities.

Consider the Scriptural perspective on this. Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God" (Gal. 2:20). The fact that Christ is "in me" directly affects how I live "on the outside." Again in Second Corinthians 3:18 — "But 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." When a Christian makes it his habit to continually behold the glory of the Lord (by continually putting the Spirit/Word of the Lord **inside him**), he will be transformed into the image of the Lord "on the outside."

When the world looks at you, do they see the "family resemblance"? Do they see your Father in you? Do they see your Older Brother in you? Who do you look like?



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Storm chaser or treasure hunter? One or the other!

Picture what the sky looks like right before a bad storm. Jesus talked of men being able to discern the weather by looking to the sky: "It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering" (Matt. 16:3). The word "lowering" is from a Greek word that means "a dark or gloomy appearance." You know what that looks like, right?

That same Greek word is found only one other time in the New Testament. In Mark 10, Jesus told the rich young ruler what he needed to do to inherit eternal life (i.e., sell his possessions and give to the poor), and the man "**sad at this word**" (Mark 10:22). The word "sad" is that same word that describes "a gloomy man who broods over unwelcome thoughts" (H.B. Swete). The words of Jesus were unwelcome to this young man and made him dark and gloomy.

In contrast is the psalmist who said, "I **rejoice at Your word** as one who finds great treasure" (119:162). When you read and contemplate the Lord's instructions to you, are you gloomy at the word (like a storm cloud) or do you rejoice at the word (like finding a treasure)? – DS

"If she doesn't come to me first, I won't forgive her!"

Forgiveness. It is such a hard thing to do! It is such an emotionally-charged topic that it is hard to discuss and consider with any level of impartiality! We are quick to expect others to forgive, but we are slow in offering forgiveness ourselves! Jesus taught significant and numerous lessons about forgiveness, but consider just this one verse for a moment in Mark 11:25.

"And whenever you stand praying..." Got the picture? You're talking to God. What is one thing you ask of God almost every time you talk to Him? If you're like me, it's for forgiveness. (In fact, at the end of the verse, Jesus implies that seeking forgiveness is part of the prayer.) Right after that opening phrase ("And whenever you stand praying..."), the ASV, NASB and ESV all have one word – **"forgive."** Forgive who? Forgive what? Jesus tells us. **"If you have ANYthing against ANYone."** Is there ANYone whom I have a right to not forgive? Is there ANYthing which I have a right to not forgiven? NO! And, NO!

Brother and sister in Christ, Jesus said, if you have ANYthing against ANYone, forgive! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Donna Armstrong	lung cancer, under Hospice Care at home
Dick Haines	recovering from heart catheterization
Charles Hayes	having chest x-rays for severe congestion
Janet Hickerson	in a lot of pain
Judie Jenkins	scheduled for foot surgery (2/12)
Dick Kelley	recovering from outpatient procedure
Jeff Leslie	triple bypass surgery (1/31)
Leigh Puckett	recovering at home from heart catheterization
Norm Smedley	recovering at home from medical testing
Karen Watts	recovering at home
Cherylann Wineinger	diagnosed with scoliosis



Carolyn Preston, upon the passing of her mother, **Ella Rollins**, last week.

Long-Term Health Issues

Lennie Langley	Palms Edge, Hospice Care
Deidra Miley	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Les Sawyer	radiation treatments
Norman Smedley	at home and very weak
Patricia Ventress	both kidneys removed

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Vera Day	Gladys Jackson
Cora Lee Dennis	Jean McMasters
Margie Fortenberry	Betty Matter
Helen Gardner	Leigh Puckett
Margaret Griffio	Ray Seay
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Margaret Wade
Shelton Howell	Karen Watts

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Billie Earhart	Cindy Nelson's grandmother, lung cancer surgery (2/3)
Lisa Hayes	Cynthia Ingraham's sister, suffering with heart problems
David Jackson	Mary A. Jackson's husband, surgery on Achilles tendon
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, NICU on ventilator
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, having chemo treatments again
Carol Moses	Silas Moses' daughter, hospitalized last week
Cynthia Noel	W. & B. Arthur's granddaughter, heart & kidney issues

Pray for Our Missionaries

Josh & Cara Blackmer	Paraguay
Troy & Andrea Spradlin	Paraguay
Robert & Mary Martin	Pacific Islands
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan	Pacific Islands
Joey & Tammy Treat	Pacific Islands
Tamuka Arunashe	Zimbabwe
Nnanna Aforgi	Nigeria
Apologetics Press	Montgomery, AL
Mauricio Yegros	Coral Springs, FL



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 2

- ◆ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, February 3

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

Tuesday, February 4

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Will resume next week

Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

- ◆ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$35 per person. See the bulletin board for details.

Saturday, February 8

- ◆ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth for PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years.** The event begins at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Area-Wide Congregational Singing hosted by Jog Road** at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday-Wednesday, February 9-12

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by the Belle Glade congregation.** Alfred Woodard will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). *We have designated Tuesday night as PBL night. Let's try to support this effort of this good congregation.*

Sunday, February 16

- ◆ **BIG Announcement.** Every member is strongly encouraged to be present at morning worship services for some exciting news from our shepherds.

Friday-Sunday, February 21-23

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by the Sebastian congregation.** David Sproule will be speaking each night on *"I Want to Be a Worker for the Lord."*

Friday-Sunday, February 28-March 2

- ◆ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.** Go to www.cf biblecamp.org for more details.



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Young Adults

Friday-Monday, February 14-17

- ◆ **Young Adult Camping Trip** at Fisheating Creek Outpost. The cost is \$33 per person (camping fee and food included). You must pay by February 5. See Ivan Villard, Darin Summerlot or Rachel Fuller for more details.

Saturday, March 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Monday, March 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson.

Sunday, March 16

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 1.

Saturday, March 29

- ◆ **Cookout for Kids** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at TY Park in Miami. See the bulletin board for more details.



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Youth

Saturday, February 8

- ◆ **Sr. High Service Project** from noon until 2:00 p.m. See Marty & Leslie Williams for more details.
- ◆ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth need to be at the building by 3:30 p.m. See David or Traci Sproule for details.

Sunday, February 9

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Meeting** in the Family Room after morning worship to sign medical release forms for all 2014 youth activities. All youth and their parents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday, February 14

- ◆ **Sr. High Camping** on the church property from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Bring \$10 to cover the cost of food. Sign up on the bulletin board. See Marty or Leslie Williams for more details.

Equipping & Edifying Families



8 Secrets of Conflict Resolution

In his book, *Learning to Live with the Love of Your Life... And Loving It!*, Dr. Neil Clark Warren provides eight secrets to working through conflict with your spouse.

1. Marriage is a “We” Business

Dr. Warren says, “Any couple who gains a ‘we’ perspective eventually experiences great success in marriage.” Shift the focus of your marriage to a “we” mentality, especially in conflict.

2. Deal with the Issue as Quickly as Possible

Deal with conflict by getting problems out in the open and addressing them head-on. Don’t let issues fester below the surface.

3. Stick to the Subject

If you are in the middle of an argument with your spouse, stay focused on resolving that current conflict. Don’t throw old fights or problems into the discussion.

4. Don’t Intimidate

Some people become more concerned with “winning” a fight than working through the conflict. They may become mean, intimidating or threatening in order to stay in the fight. In Dr. Warren’s words, “Intimidation may result in victory for an individual, but I’ve never seen it produce victory for the marriage.”

5. No Name-Calling

Establish a rule with your spouse that there will be no name-calling during a fight. Name-calling will only lead to more hurt and emotional distance between the two of you.

6. Turn Up Your Listening Sensitivity

While it may be hard to actively listen to your spouse when your emotions are running high from an argument, you must take the time to try and see their point of view. This is key to the road to resolution. When your spouse feels listened to, they will be more willing to listen to what you have to say, as well.

7. Practice Give and Take

“What we must understand is that marriage is a partnership and therefore requires both give and take to be successful,” says Dr. Warren. Be willing to compromise on certain issues that are more important to your spouse. Choose your battles wisely.

8. Celebrate Every Victory

Recognize the victories when you and your spouse successfully work through a conflict together. Focus on the progress you have made as a couple and the new strengths that you have together as a result.

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



Sunday,
January 26

Sunday (Feb. 2nd)

Gai Ingram

Monday (Feb. 3rd)

Jennifer Goodale

Tuesday (Feb. 4th)

Novel & Mary Brown (Ann.)

Lilly Lolo

Deidra Miley

Wednesday (Feb. 5th)

Glen & Josie Dawson (Ann.)

Mike & Tasha Ellis (Ann.)

Wednesday (Feb. 5th) cont.

Tim Arnold

Maurine Reed

Thursday (Feb. 6th)

Kenneth Long

Sherrie Tibbetts

Friday (Feb. 7th)

Connye Plouffe

Saturday (Feb. 8th)

Sallie Moses

LOCAL VISITORS: Paul & Nellie Batitsky; Emily Canales; Mr. Jean Charles; Shaeyla Davis & Mo Classen; Terry & Regina Crews; Andratti Duckett; Ms. Angela Freeman; Brenda Parker; Ms. Charlene Ruiz; Lana Smith, Sasha, Alexis, & Rimma Nikulova; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Stewart; Machel Williams; and Morris Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Lorriane Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Mike & Renee Barrios, Collierville, TN; Suzanne Branard, Merritt Island, FL; Michael & Donna Carron, St. Charles, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Davis, Equality, AL; Thomas Genduso, Apex, NC; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hamlen, Valdosta, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Holley, Sumiton, AL; Gilbert & Dianne Lee, Hopkinsville, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Gary W. Lewis, St. Charles, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mahaney, Vienna, WV; Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Dean Murphy, Littleton, CO; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Risa Schamel, Pleasant Hill, IA; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Tellmann, Pacific, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Averill Thomas, Shelby Township, MI; Ms. Sheila Wilson, Murfreesboro, TN; and Ms. Linda Wolfe, Fayetteville, NC.

Thank You Notes

There are thank you notes on the bulletin board from the family of **James Allen**; the **Beliech** family; **Carolyn & John Kemp**; **Jonetta Green** for the **Jackson** family; and **Mary Coombs** on the behalf of her sister, **Jillian Orr**.

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, Feb. 2

Lead Singing Gary Friedly

Opening Prayer Jack Jagers

Scripture Reading..... Jerry Pittman

Presiding at Table Justin Maloney

Serve at Table:

Pete Brown Kenneth Long

Tim Fry Vincent Rogers

Bobby Ingraham Tyrone Toson

Jeff Leslie Ken Worsham

Alternates:

Gary Seames Ivan Villard, Jr.

Sermon..... Dan Jenkins

Closing Prayer Richard Watson

Sunday Evening, Feb. 2

Lead Singing Tyrone Toson

Opening Prayer Chris Thomas

Scripture Reading..... Grant Fuller

Presiding at Table..... Austin Metzkes

Serve at Table:

Grant Fuller, Clayton Trujillo

& Austin Williams

Sermon..... Young Men

Closing Prayer Jesse Bertram

Wednesday Evening, Feb 5

Lead Singing Robert Lupo

Extend Invitation..... Dan Fuller

Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 26	Dec. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	224	208
Sun. A.M. Worship	384	353
Sun. P.M. Worship	218	167
Wed. Bible study	156	167
Contribution	\$107,487	\$13,262
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +66		

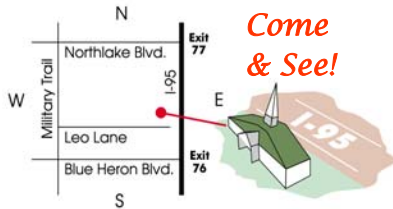
Ushers for the week of **Feb 2**: Head Usher: Victor Colage, Dan McLeod & Rick Price



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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.

Front Cover: Alice Nelson

The **Lord** is close to the
BROKENHEARTED

He **saves** those who are
CRUSHED in Spirit.

Psalm 34:18