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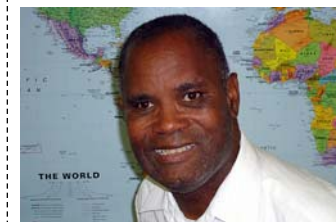
Welcome New Members



Forde, Tomekea & Ava

Group 3

Baptized March 2



Reed, Anthony

Group 2

Baptized February 16

**The
Bride
of Christ**

Thursday, April 17 *32nd Annual Ladies' Day*



By Dan Jenkins

God Does Not Use “Bribery” to Gain Followers

It is remarkable that some ignorant-ly try to deny the existence of God by saying, “If there is a God, why do bad things happen to good people?” This question has been answered often and is not the focus of this article. A far greater question to be considered is, “If there is a God why do *good* things happen to *bad* people.”

It is not because they acknowledge God’s existence. Unlike godly people who willingly submit to their Creator, our world refuses to acknowledge Him and stubbornly rebels against Him. Yet every breath they take is from Him. Job said that God held in His hand “. . . the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind” (Job 12:9). Paul reminded the atheists of His day of this fundamental truth. “He gives to all life, breath and all things . . . For in Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:25, 28). Yet, in spite of such rebellion, good things still happen to evil men!

It is not because they have no need of Him. In the Old Testament the Jews failed miserably to reflect the light of God to the pagan nations around them, yet even then God manifested His existence to evil men. Paul described how God allowed them to ignore Him, yet “. . . He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven

and fruitful seasons” (Acts 14:17). Evil men, then and now, need Him, yet ignore Him. There is not one drop of rain which falls on evil men nor one beacon of light and warmth from the sun which does not show His existence (Matt. 5:45). Evil men deny this, yet still good things happen to bad people.

It is not because evil men have earned good things and therefore deserve them. Had they earned them, then God would be indebted to give blessings as payment to them as rewards. In this sense, they would be even greater than God. Yet we are not the creator of God, but He is our Creator, and His holiness is our objective. In spite of the fact that evil men “deserve” only evil things to come to them, He gives good things to them.

It is because of His nature and not ours. He is the Almighty God and His actions are sovereign. His blessings are proof of His existence, but they are also proof of His love for His us. Consider this. If while the world was filled with wickedness Christ died for it (Rom. 5:8), should we be surprised that our loving God sends physical blessings on His creation? His nature also is not to use “bribery” to get men to serve Him. If good things only happened to good men, then all would serve Him for the wrong reasons.

God is great; He is sovereign; He is good! It is so tragic that evil men ignore the source of the good in their lives.

Consider this. “If there is a God why do good things happen to bad people?”



By David Sproule

“I want to be baptized. What do I need to know?” (Part 2)

When someone says, “I want to be baptized,” there are some critical things to know, to understand and to do, starting with a respect for the all-authoritative nature of Scripture. *Additionally, to be a proper subject for Bible baptism and to properly obey this part of God’s plan, one must understand:*

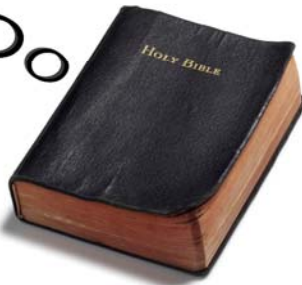
2. Man’s desperate need for salvation. Man’s relationship with God (or more rightly stated, man’s *right* relationship with God) is of utmost importance, for dire consequences await those who are not in a proper relationship with the God of heaven. The Bible vividly depicts that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23) and that “the wages [thereof] is death” (6:23). Those who want to be baptized must grasp the gravity of their condition and the absolute desperation with which they turn to God!

3. God’s full plan of salvation. Too often we shortchange God’s plan of salvation by focusing, almost exclusively, on one piece of His plan to the neglect (sometimes) of the full plan. Having a full appreciation of baptism necessitates having a full appreciation of God’s entire plan. There is not one single act or step alone that saves man. Truly, we are saved by the wonderful grace of our Lord (Eph. 2:5, 8), and we must never turn so inward that we lose sight of His precious gift! Still, God’s

grace teaches us (yes, grace teaches, Titus 2:11-12) that salvation from sin comes through faith (Eph. 2:8; Gal. 3:26), which willingly turns away from sin and toward God (Acts 3:19; 26:18), joyfully confesses its confidence of heart (Rom. 10:9-10) and is immersed in water (1 Pet. 3:21). One’s salvation does not stop there, for it is just beginning! God’s grace requires faithful living according to His Biblical standard (1 John 1:7; Rev. 2:10). Yes, before one is baptized, he not only needs to “know the steps” in order to be able to “recite them,” but he needs to be able to appreciate God’s plan as He alone has ordered it!

Must understand that baptism is “for” (in order to obtain) salvation from sins!

4. The purpose of baptism in God’s plan. It is absolutely essential that one understand the precise purpose which God assigned to baptism. While it is a “good” thing to do and a “right” thing to do and an “important” thing to do (all very true), none of these represent the actual purpose for which God requires one to be baptized. To be a proper subject for baptism and obey this part of God’s plan properly, one must understand that baptism is “for” (meaning, in order to obtain something not yet possessed) salvation from sins (Mark 16:16), forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16), entering a right relationship with God (Matt. 28:19), placing one into Christ (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27), placing one into Christ’s church (Acts 2:41+47; 1 Cor. 12:13; John 3:5), becoming a child of God (Gal. 3:26-27). Without this as its purpose, baptism has no purpose! (More next week)



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Everybody's got a king!

You may not realize this or even believe it. Everyone has a king! Those who live in countries like Saudi Arabia would readily agree with that—they are ruled by an absolute monarch. Those who live in countries like Great Britain might have some understanding and yet some disagreement—they have a Queen, a Prime Minister and a Parliament. But a king? Citizens of the United States might say, “No, we have a President, not a King!” Everybody has their opinion on this, based probably solely on their country of nationality or residency.

However, it doesn't matter WHERE you live on this earth or WHEN you live. Everyone has a king! Who is your king? In the Old Testament, the Jews had God as their King (1 Sam. 12:12), but they chose a different king (1 Sam. 8:5, 7). In the New Testament, Jesus is King (John 18:36-37; 1 Tim. 1:17); in fact, He is King of kings (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 1:5; 17:14; 19:16); but some choose another king (Rom. 6:12; John 12:31). While there are multiple kings to serve, Jesus said you can only serve one (Matt. 6:24)! **Who is your king?** – DS

Whose? Well, mine, of course!

A whiny man (at least, “whiny” in this writer's estimation) stepped out of the crowd and ordered Jesus, “Tell my brother to divide the inheritance **WITH ME**” (Luke 12:13, emp. added). *“I want mine! Gimme mine!”* Jesus took this occasion to tell the parable of a rich fool. Notice the **personal pronouns** used by a rich fool. “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he **thought within himself**, saying, ‘What shall **I** do, since **I** have no room to store **my** crops?’ So he said, ‘**I** will do this: **I** will pull down **my** barns and build greater, and there **I** will store all **my** crops and **my** goods. And **I** will say to **my** soul, “Soul, **you** have many goods laid up for many years; take **your** ease; eat, drink, and be merry”’ (12:16-19, emp. added).

Don't miss what happened! “But God said to him, ‘**Fool!** This night **your soul** will be required of **you**; then **WHOSE** will those things be which **you** have provided?’” (12:20, emp. added). **Indeed, whose will they be?** Only a fool would say at that point, “Well, mine, of course!”

Quick question: Are you laying up treasure **for you**, or are you rich toward **God** (v. 21)? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jean Archer	suffering with dizziness, not feeling well
Pat Brown	back pain & having trouble with her eyes
Kaitlyn Donahue	recovering from having wisdom teeth removed
Tasha Ellis	scheduled for surgery at University of Miami (3/25)
Carolyn Cullom	recovering from a fall, injured her back
Sharon Feeney	recovering from shoulder surgery
Janet Hickerson	recovering from back surgery
Loretta Holaday	undergoing medical testing
Judie Jenkins	recovering from foot surgery, undergoing medical tests
Jeff Leslie	doing well following his surgery
Ruth Lipford	suffering with sciatica, in a lot of pain
Harriet Morris	recovering from fall, hurt her knee
Silas Moses	recovering at home from kidney surgery
Godfrey Pratt	now at home, pneumonia & still very weak
Leigh Puckett	favorable results from biopsy
Jo Ann Rogers	suffering with the shingles
Cathy Seay	PBG Medical Center, issues with eyes, no visitors please

Long-Term Health Issues

Millie Ames	receiving specialized care
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Lennie Langley	Palms Edge, Hospice Care
Deidra Miley	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Les Sawyer	recovering from radiation
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 Griffo	Ricky Smedley
Margie Hardin	Margaret Wade
Loretta Holaday	Karen Watts
Shelton Howell	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Craig Clark	Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
Billie Earhart	Cindy Nelson's grandmother, radiation for lung cancer
Pat Frazier	Brittany Thompson's grandmother, internal bleeding
Perry King	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, NICU, tracheotomy
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, recovering from major surgery
Maxine Maskel	Bonnie Arthur's sister, in the hospital in Stuart
Ronnie Morris	Jeff Goodale's brother, recovering from surgery
Preston Mosley	Novel Brown's cousin, in serious condition
Owen Pataluna	Zula Garrett's great-great-grandson, leukemia & chemo
Steven Reeves	Chuck & Mary Reeves' son, awaiting skin biopsy results
Curtis Spann	Glen Dawson's cousin, stage 4 cancer
Terry West	Amy West's father, undergoing medical testing

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

Monday, March 24

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, March 25

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

Sunday, March 30

- ◆ **5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby** during evening worship.

Sunday, April 6

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

Tuesday, April 8

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room. There will be a potluck luncheon after the Bible study. Bring some potluck dishes to share and enjoy.

Thursday April 17

- ◆ **Ladies' Day at Palm Beach Lakes.** Kathy Pollard of Denver, CO will be speaking on *"The Bride of Christ."*

Thursday, April 17 (cont.)

- ◆ **Ladies' Day Schedule**
 - 5:45 p.m. Registration
 - 6:00 p.m. Opening Comments
 - 6:30 p.m. Dinner Served by PBL Men
 - 7:30 p.m. Lesson: *"The Bride of Christ"*

Saturday, April 19

- ◆ **Golf Tournament at CFBC.** See the bulletin board for more information.

Sunday, April 20

- ◆ **Mount Dora Children's Home Supply Deadline.** A supply list can be found on the Welcome Desk.

Sunday, April 27

- ◆ **Troy Spradlin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, May 4

- ◆ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Ivan Villard & Amber Pittman** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Pottery Barn, Target & Bed, Bath & Beyond.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Saturday, March 29

- ◆ **Young Adult & Sr. High Cookout for Kids** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at TY Park in Miami. Volunteers needed!

Saturday, April 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Area-Wide Devo & Fellowship** at 6:00 p.m. at PBL. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, April 20

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

Monday, April 21

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Bowling Night** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD. See Sarah Collier or Cindy Nelson for more details.

Saturday, May 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

Monday, May 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes

Youth

Sunday, March 23

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee.
- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

Saturday, March 29

- ◆ **Young Adult & Sr. High Cookout for Kids** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at TY Park in Miami. See Brittany Thompson for more details.

Saturday, April 5

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Picnic** at 10:30 a.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons. Bring food and games. See David or Traci Sproule for more details.
- ◆ **Sr. High Service Project.** Meet at the building at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$10. Sign up on the bulletin board so drivers and food can be arranged. See Skye Brown for more details.

Sunday, April 13

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

April 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 b Taylor Reeves	2 b Lorena Pittman	3 b Giselle Smith	4 b Major Roman	5 ☆ Jr. High Family Picnic ☆ Sr. High Service Project b Joycelyn Harriot b Elizabeth Summerlot
6 ☆ Renova Nursing Home Visit	7 b Kristen Fuller b Lauren Fuller	8 b Micky Affron b Jean Archer b Zula Garrett b Nadia King	9 b Regina Mayne	10 a Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna b Anthioda Charles b Jennifer Higbee b Rose Martens b Stephanie Weeks	11 a Ronald & Denise Mills	12 ☆ Young Adult Area-Wide Devo a Bill & Inell Ingram
Sr. High Trip to FHU (10th-13th)						
13 ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Marcia Clough-Moss	14 ☆ Sr. High Trip to FHU	15	16	17 ☆ Ladies' Day with Kathy Pollard b Joseph Charles	18 ☆ Sr. High PDQ Lunch a Jerry & Shirley Hopkins b Loni Fuller	19 ☆ Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under ☆ Golf Tournament at CFBC b Katie Wagner
20 ☆ Young Adult Meeting b Tommy Pauldo	21 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Bowling Night b Kay Richardson	22 a Steward & Rowena Lynch b Jeremy Maloney b Amber Pittman	23	24	25 b Bethany Bertram b Margaret Griffo	26 ☆ Sr. High Cookout & Beach Devo b Helen Burney b Rick Hall b Ivan Villard
27 ☆ Troy Spradlin Mission Report ☆ Jr. High Family Devo a Jordan & Marsha Beasley b Jessica Gibbins	28 b Kane Campbell	29 b Beth Fry	30 b Pearl El	1	2	3

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



Sunday,
March 16

Thank you to the church for all the calls, prayers, and well wishes. Surgery went well.

Love in Christ,
Sharon Feeney

LOCAL VISITORS: Kerriann Badal; Mr. Jean Charles; Terry & Regina Crews; Miss Zarah Cuevas; Ms. Angela Freeman; Lorenzo Garcia; Ophelia Holmes; Ms. Linda J. Hoskins; Ms. Monique LeBlanc; Miss Raven McFadden; Sandy & Jon Roberts & Tommy Magaldi; Bill & Terri Mears; Carolina Medina; Lana Smith, Sasha, & Alexis; and Christopher & Yolanda Stewart.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. H. David Carter, Orlando, FL; Ms. Diamond Cobb, Ft. Pierce, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Miles Davis & E.J., Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Davis, Equality, AL; Nick & Kimberly Dodd, Corinth, MS; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Carson, Caroline, & Kristen Freund, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Hammond, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hammond and Beth, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hammond & family, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Tyrell Hankins, Brandon, FL; Mrs. Mary LaGatta, Winchester, MA; Mrs. Joelle/Jessica McElroy, Brighton, MI; Rusty Mayne, Cut Off, LA; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Montgomery, New Albany, IN; Ms. Monica Morando, Jenson Beach, FL; Emily & Will Nixon, Nashville, TN; Gordon & Corinne Porter, Crestview, FL; Lipin Poulouse, Delray Beach, FL; J. David & Judy Thompson, Marion, IL; Buddy & Linda Williams, Nashville, TN; Derrick Williams, Pembroke Pine, FL; and Ms. Linda Wolfe, Fayetteville, NC.

Supplies

for

**Mount Dora
Children's Home**



The truck will be here the week of April 21.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (Mar. 23rd)

Major & Allison Roman (Ann.)
Betty Sanders

Wednesday (Mar. 26th) cont.

Carmen Ruckman

Thursday (Mar. 27th)

Danielle Carter
Jerry Hopkins
Jerry Pittman

Wednesday (Mar. 26th)

Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham (Ann.)
Matthew 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, Mar. 23

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Henry Bass
Scripture Reading..... Cam Crotts
Presiding at TableKevin Weeks
Serve at Table:
Jesse Bertram Vincent Rogers
Brent Leslie Brandon Thomas
Austen Metzkes Lawrence Williams
Tommy Pauldo Ken Worsham
Alternates:
Johnny Davis Mike Erickson
Sermon..... Dan Jenkins
Closing PrayerAlex Lane

Sunday Evening, Mar. 23

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Dave McLeod
Scripture Reading..... Dave Payne
Presiding at Table.....Dick Kelley
Serve at Table:
Rick Hall, Nick Pietro &
Austin Williams
Sermon..... Dan Jenkins
Closing PrayerJustin Maloney

Wednesday Evening, Mar. 26

Lead Singing Dave McLeod
Extend Invitation.....Jonathan Jordan
Family PrayerLawrence Richardson

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 16	Feb. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	220	225
Sun. A.M. Worship	383	379
Sun. P.M. Worship	199	179
Wed. Bible study	231	192
Contribution	\$13,945	\$14,116
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +5,036		

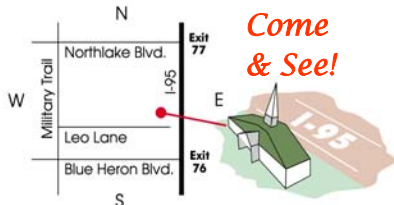
Ushers for the week of **Mar. 23:** Head Usher: Glen Dawson, Grant Fuller & Eugene Williams



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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: **Good Sports (Novel Brown, Austin Williams & Chuck Clark)**
Playing Minute-to-Win-It Game, "Face the Cookie"



"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).

Upcoming Events

March 30

5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby

April 17

Ladies' Day with Kathy Pollard

April 27

Troy Spradlin Mission Report

May 2-4

ET for Youth with Kyle Butt

May 17

Elders, Deacons, Preachers & Wives Social Gathering

May 18

"Coming Home" Sunday

May 24

Saturday Night Singing