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**ETERNITY TRAINING FOR YOUTH**

**FRI, MAY 2 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.**

- The Power of Youth

**SAT, MAY 3 9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.**

- Dare to Be Different
- Calling Evil Good

**SUN, MAY 4 9:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.**

- Guard Your Hearts
- Life Is Short





By Dan Jenkins

## There Is None Good, But God

Only two men in the Bible are described as good men, Joseph of Arimathea and Barnabas. However, there is that account of the ruler who came to Jesus and asked Him, “Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life” (Matt. 19:16)? The response of Jesus has troubled many Bible students, for Jesus seemingly rebuked him by saying there is only one who is good and that is God.

Before discussing Jesus’ response, take notice of this remarkable person. Luke described him as a ruler who was very rich (Luke 18:18, 23). He was a morally upright man who had kept the commandments since his youth. He had high regard for Jesus, for he ran to the Master and knelt before Him (Mark 10:17). Jesus saw something very special in this ruler for the Bible says that Jesus loved him (Mark 10:21). His greatest problem was that he loved his riches more than he loved serving God.

Why did Jesus say to this ruler, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God” (Matt. 19:17)? At first look, it seems strange that while the Bible calls other men good, Jesus’ words seem to indicate that Jesus would not let anyone call Him good? Was Jesus not a good man?

Look more carefully at what Jesus said. His words do

not deny that Jesus was good. They were intended to focus the ruler on who Jesus was. He was a “good teacher,” but He was far more than this. Jesus was deity! He was Emmanuel, God with us. The ruler was not talking to a man like other teachers who might have answered some Bible questions. Jesus’ words affirm that He is God! He was asking the rich ruler if he knew that his question had been asked to the Son of God, to the Creator of the world! Jesus was with God in the beginning and

He was God (John 1:1). He was the One through whom all things had been created (John 1:3). The answer given to the ruler was not some theological idea of a mortal, but was an answer from Deity!

We must remember that we are in the same position as this ruler every time we study the Bible. We come to His New Testament to find answers about our lives. We come to Him to find out about the church, and the answer from this Good Teacher is the only answer, for the Teacher is God. We come to Him to find out about moral issues, and the answers He gives are the answers of the only One who is good and that is God. This is true of every religious question which impacts our lives.

Those at the foot of Mt. Sinai heard the voice of God, and they knew that it was Deity who spoke to them. The ruler had to understand that he also was hearing the voice of God. This is true of us, for to hear Jesus is to hear Deity.

**Those at Mt. Sinai heard the voice of God, and so do we as we read the Bible!**



By David Sproule

## 10 Reasons a Christian Doesn't Belong at Prom

One of the most unpopular topics that a preacher can address is the matter of high school proms. However, it is a matter for which all Christians must have an answer. How can a child of God willfully, excitedly and with much preparation put himself or herself (or his/her child) into a situation that violates numerous Christian precepts, principles and virtues, while at the same time lauding how great it is?

Each of the following points could be further developed extensively, but consider these brief points and honestly ask yourself, “As a Christian, why would I go to prom?”

1. God condemns “lasciviousness,” which involves (by definition) “indecent bodily movements, unchaste handling of males and females, tending to excite lustful desires.” Modern dancing at today’s prom cannot escape this behavior, which God says “will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:19-21).

2. God commands that Christians monitor all situations and environments in which they may enter (i.e., “Test all things,” 1 Thes. 5:21), and “abstain” from every situation that may tempt them to sin (1 Thes. 5:22; Jas. 1:13-16; 1 Pet. 2:11).

3. God commands Christians to beware of the influence that they have on others (Rom. 14:21-23) and not lead others to sin (Matt. 18:6) or to call evil good (Isa. 5:20).

4. God’s will for His children is “sanctification”—“to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust” (1 Thes. 4:3-7). We’ve been called to holiness!

5. Christians are to “be imitators of God” (Eph. 5:1), with Christ “living” in us (Gal. 2:20). At the prom, could you see God or Christ “hanging out” and “getting it on”?

6. The Bible says that “when Jesus is revealed” at His second coming that “we shall see Him” (1 Jn. 3:2; 2 Pet. 3:14). Is prom the place you want to be when Jesus returns?

7. Christian men are to make a “covenant with their eyes” (cf. Job 31:1) and not “lust for a woman” (Matt. 5:28). Are they not set up to fail with female bodies all around that are barely clothed and moving, shaking and tantalizing?

8. The Christian is to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). How likely are you to evangelize at the prom and talk to folks about Jesus and salvation? If you wouldn’t feel right doing that, why be there?

9. God gives Christians a list of priorities and at the top is “His righteousness” (Matt. 6:33). What God deems to be right, appropriate and aligned with Christ-like living is to be our number one priority in all that we do. His will, not ours!

10. Your body is not your own (1 Cor. 6:19-20). It belongs to God! Everything you do in it should glorify Him and magnify Him (Phil. 1:20-21)! Not detract from Him!



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### **Immense power so perfectly regulated**

Every time you plug something into a power outlet at home, you fully expect it to work, without giving much thought to the inner-workings of it all. Plug in a small clock and it just starts working. Plug in a blender and it's ready to go. The phone charger may not need as much power as the portable heater, but it all comes from the same power source nonetheless.

This is not an exact parallel, but consider the power source, into which "we plug," every time we pray. Just as you expect that wall outlet to be there and ready to provide power at any given time, we approach God through prayer and expect that He is there and ready to provide at any given time. (Of course, that is what He has promised [Matt. 7:7].) As with electronics, some of our "needs" and requests of God may be small or may be large (in our estimation), but the power "into which we plug" takes care of every need regardless. (God takes care of our "big needs" and our "little needs," as He promised to do [1 John 5:14-15; 3:22].)

We may not know all the "inner-workings" of prayer, but remember that God is in control! – DS

### **How big is your shield?**

"Above all, taking the shield of faith..." (Eph. 6:16). As Christians are to "put on the whole armor of God" (Eph. 6:11), each piece of armor is vital, including the shield of faith. It is intriguing that the Lord chose "the shield" to represent the Christian's faith. In the Roman world, they used a "scutum," which was a rectangular shield (about 4 feet tall and 2.5 feet wide) and also semi-cylindrical. The immense size and curved-back design of the shield was intended to protect the entire body of the soldier from the attacks of the enemy. And, when placed side-by-side, the shields created an impenetrable wall of defense.

God says, "Take your faith." Your faith is to function like a shield, "to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one." The devil is eager to devour you (cf. 1 Pet. 5:8), and the primary defense that you have against him is your faith. How large is your faith? How large is your shield? Is your faith large enough to protect you from every attack of the enemy? Have you lined your faith/shield up, side-by-side, with those of like precious faith? The battle must be won! – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Carter Crotts</b>	recovering from another ear surgery, doing well
<b>Carolyn Cullom</b>	fractured vertebrae from recent fall, in a lot of pain
<b>Pearl El</b>	suffering with congestive heart failure
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	recovering from another back procedure
<b>Joan Holloway</b>	recovering from surgery, improving
<b>Shelton Howell</b>	hospitalized last week, now at home & very weak
<b>Cathy Seay</b>	recovering at home from surgery
<b>Karen Watts</b>	not doing well and is getting weaker

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Millie Ames</b>	receiving specialized care
<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	suffering with back pain
<b>Lennie Langley</b>	Palms Edge, Hospice Care
<b>Deidra Miley</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Gene Puckett</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Les Sawyer</b>	recovering from radiation
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	both kidneys removed



**Freddie Gadson**, upon the passing of his father, **Isadore Gadson**, last week.

<b>Our Shut-Ins:</b>	Vera Day	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Jean McMasters	Ricky Smedley
	Cora Lee Dennis	Margaret Griffo	Shelton Howell	Betty Matter	Margaret Wade
	Margie Fortenberry	Margie Hardin	Gladys Jackson	Leigh Puckett	Karen Watts

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Gail Archer</b>	Mike Archer's daughter, suffering with swelling in hands
<b>Craig Clark</b>	Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
<b>James Cunningham</b>	Jackie Price's father, not doing well
<b>Hilary Ann Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's sister, recovering from surgery
<b>Perry King</b>	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
<b>Mason Lerro</b>	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, successful surgery
<b>Owen Pataluna</b>	Zula Garrett's great-great-grandson, leukemia & chemo
<b>Dan Riesenbeck</b>	Angie McNicol's father, under Hospice Care
<b>Terry West</b>	Amy West's father, undergoing cancer treatments

*Remember*  
**Our Mission Works**

*Our Paraguay Team*  
**Josh & Cara Blackmer**  
**Troy & Andrea Spradlin**

*Pacific Islands*  
**Robert & Mary Martin**  
**Scott & Rebecca Shanahan**  
**Joey & Tammy Treat**

*Africa*  
**Tamuka Arunashe**  
**Nnanna Aforji**

*Montgomery, Alabama*  
**Apologetics Press**

*Coral Springs, Florida*  
**Mauricio Yegros**



# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, May 4

- ◆ **Kyle Butt Will Be Speaking Sunday Morning.** Jr. High, Sr. High & adult classes will meet in Auditorium at 9:00.
- ◆ **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 and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

## Sunday-Wednesday, May 4-7

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Stuart.** Hugh Fulford will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

## Monday, May 5

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

## Tuesday, May 6

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

## Saturday, May 10

- ◆ **PBL Family Cookout** at 1:00 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a side dish, drinks or dessert. All members are encouraged to attend. See Rick Hall or Darin Summerlot for details.

## Wednesday, May 14

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting for "Coming Home" Sunday.** Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

## Friday-Sunday, May 16-18

- ◆ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** See the bulletin board for more details.

## Saturday, May 17

- ◆ **Fish Fry Fundraiser at CFBC** from 4:30-6:00 p.m. See the bulletin board for details.
- ◆ **EDP & Wives Social Gathering** at 5:00 p.m.

## Sunday, May 18

- ◆ **"Coming Home" Sunday.** Please pray for those whom we will be contacting for this effort.

## Saturday, May 24

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The Media Center will be available for teachers and decorators.
- ◆ **Saturday Night Congregational Singing** (Led by Gary Friedly) at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Young Adults

## Monday, May 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cherylann Wineinger. Cherylann will be grilling. Bring sides, salad, drinks and desserts.

## Saturday, May 17

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

## Sunday, May 18

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

## Saturday, June 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

## Sunday-Wednesday, June 15-18

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** at 7:00 p.m. each night.

## Monday, July 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:00 p.m.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Youth

## Sunday, May 11

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

## Saturday, May 17

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

## Friday, May 23

- ◆ **Sr. High Guys/Girls Split Event.** See Paul Metzkes for details.

## Sunday, May 25

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Paul Metzkes for details.
- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

## Saturday, May 31

- ◆ **Jr. High Trip to the Miami Zoo.** See David or Traci Sproule for details.

# Equipping & Edifying Families



## 10 Ways to Earn the Trust of Your Wife

A happy and healthy marriage starts with mutual trust between husband and wife. Both partners need the security of knowing they can believe in the other 100 percent. When that belief is broken, it's very hard to earn back. Here are some tips to help you keep your marital foundation solid as a rock.

- 1. No Secrets.** Secrets create suspicion. Suspicion leads to mistrust. Your marriage should be a sanctuary, a place where you feel safe to divulge anything. This is not to say you have to list every single mistake you've ever made in life. It means that your thoughts and feelings should be an open book to her and never sealed off.
- 2. No Cheating.** This should be a no-brainer, but statistics say otherwise. 25% of men have had extramarital affairs. Marriages have a very hard time recovering from cheating. In cases of adultery, the marriage will end 65% of the time. Infidelity is a factor, but the biggest culprit is that the trust in the relationship has been shattered. Gentlemen, it simply isn't worth it.
- 3. No Lying.** Many of us have been guilty of this one. We exaggerate and we twist things in an effort to create more suitable results for ourselves. There is no room for lying when it comes to your marriage. You tell her you are working late at the office, but you are really at a sports bar. That is a lie. It might seem harmless to you, but a lie nonetheless. Those "little" lies chip away at the foundation of trust. If you want to go to watch the game at the sports bar, simply tell her you want to go. Let an issue stand on its own without hiding it.
- 4. No Condescension.** "I would tell my wife about it, but she would never understand." That is condescending and belittling. Give her credit for intelligence and capability. By sharing everything, it helps her feel important to you. It builds stock in trust.
- 5. No Sudden Changes.** For 10 years you've weighed 195 lbs, wore the same style of clothes and ate the same foods. Suddenly, you drop 25 lbs, start dressing like a man 20 years younger, and become a vegetarian. This is certainly going to raise a whole lot of red flags. Suspicion will be at a high level. If you are going to make major lifestyle alterations, be sure to include her from the start. Make your reasons clear and concise.
- 6. No Suffering In Silence.** Your career is not going as you would have hoped. Your life is not exactly what you thought it would be. You feel you need a change...that your life needs to head in a new direction. These are very normal emotions in men. If you keep them to yourself, these thoughts may manifest in other ways. Moodiness and a short temper would be two likely outcomes. Share your feelings with your wife. She's your partner in life. Trust her to understand.
- 7. No Mixed Messages.** You tell your wife she is beautiful, but your facial expression says otherwise. That is a mixed message. Which is she to believe? How can she trust what you tell her when she is always getting mixed signals? Say what you mean and mean what you say.
- 8. No Backstabbing.** Loyalty is highly valued. Your marriage is a partnership—a team. Problems should be worked on and solved in private. Never air issues with your wife in public. She will feel betrayed and stabbed in the back by her trusted mate. Always give her the respect of airing your issues directly to her, privately. You would want the same.
- 9. No Abuse.** This seems like another no-brainer, yet every day we hear news of men abusing women both physically and mentally. Obviously, trust cannot survive in a situation where a woman lives in fear of you. If you are abusing your wife, you should cease immediately and seek counseling. Typically men who abuse women feel no control over their own lives. This is not her fault and nothing you do to her will make those feelings go away. It is ok to ask for help. Please do so right away.
- 10. Yes To God.** Faith in God provides hope and ability to live for a greater purpose. If your marriage is continually grounded in faith, the trust between you and your wife will be much more stable. Understand God is in control, and your marriage will thrive and blossom.

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



Sunday,  
April 27

Dear PBL family,

Thank you so much for the love and support you have shown me throughout by college career. I also appreciate the care package you have given me full of thoughtful notes and gifts. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful group of Christian brothers and sisters like PBL. I am lucky to receive such great gifts and it is a truly humbling experience. I thank each and every one of you!

Grace and peace,  
Daniel Wagner

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Thanks to my church family at Palm Beach Lakes for your continued prayers, the phone calls, visits, cards, food, and flowers, to mention just a few acts of kindness and love shown to me. I appreciate and love you all.

God bless,  
Lillian Bankston

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Kerriann Badal; Paul & Nellie Batitsky; Mr. Jean Charles; Miss Shaeyla Davis; Arit Ibok & Jason; Ms. Evelyn Nazario; Mike Parker & Melissa Mallett; Ken & Trottie Roetz; Kevin Schenk; Noel Sinclair; Michael Staley; Lana Smith, Sasha, & Alexis; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Daniel Swayne; Mrs. Mabelle Williams; and Joe Woodfall.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Dorcas Francois; Josh Hennen, Little Hocking, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Dick Hufstedler, Vermilion, OH; Craig McPherson, Olathe, KS; Mrs. Anne Merrill, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Monica Morando, Jensen Beach, FL; Ms. Therese Parker, Old Fort, NC; Mrs. Claudette Smith, Port, St. Lucie, FL; Ms. Linda Wolfe, Fayetteville, NC.; and Mr. & Mrs. Mauricio Yegros, Pompano Beach, FL.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Sunday (May 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Dan Johnson

Thursday (May 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Bernadette Dupérat  
Chuck Reeves, Jr.

Monday (May 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Taylor & Natalie Reeves (Ann.)  
Trina Wright

Jackie Stout  
Jacqui Jenkins

Tuesday (May 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Johnnie Green  
Marie Thorpe  
Nickolas Pietro  
Rachel Fuller

Friday (May 9<sup>th</sup>)  
Leigh Puckett  
MonteKia Jones

Saturday (May 10<sup>th</sup>)  
Cathy Payne

**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, May 4**

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Chris Thompson  
Scripture Reading..... Brad Shelt  
Presiding at Table ..... Tim Cox  
Serve at Table:  
Derrick Banks      Kenneth Long  
Doug Carrick      Austin Metzkes  
Charlie Hayes      Adam Seal  
Richard Lerro      Eugene Williams  
Alternates:  
Bill Ingram, Jr.      David McLeod  
Sermon..... Kyle Butt  
Closing Prayer ..... Joe Holland

**Sunday Evening, May 4**

Lead Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes  
Scripture Reading..... Gary Seames  
Presiding at Table..... Glen Dawson  
Serve at Table:  
Lance Collier, Tommy Pauldo &  
Warren Porter  
Sermon..... David Sproule  
Closing Prayer ..... Victor Colage

**Wednesday Evening, May 7**

Lead Singing ..... Bobbo Lupo  
Extend Invitation..... Tim Fry  
Family Prayer ..... Cam Crotts

**Our Record**

Attendance	<u>Apr. 27</u>	<u>Mar. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	234	221
Sun. A.M. Worship	386	355
Sun. P.M. Worship	191	190
Wed. Bible study	200	220
Contribution	\$13,367	\$14,388
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +8,346		

Ushers for the week of **May 4** Head Usher: Dick Kelley, Kane Campbell & Gorman Ericksen

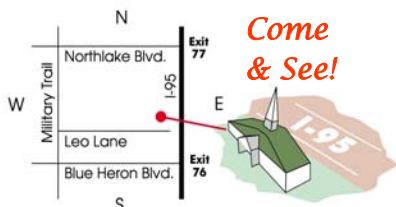




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### Service Schedule

#### 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: **Jon & Cheri Erickson** (last Sunday at PBL before moving to Maine)

## First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

Speaking where the Bible speaks

Silent where the Bible is silent

Calling Bible things by Bible names

Doing Bible things in Bible ways

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Upcoming Events

### May 10

PBL Family Cookout

### May 17

Elders, Deacons, Preachers & Wives Social Gathering

### May 18

"Coming Home" Sunday

### May 24

Saturday Night Singing

### June 4, 11, 25, July 2

"Kick Start Your Summer" Series  
Theme: "Count Your Blessings"

### June 15-18

Vacation Bible School

### July 20-26

Jenkins' Week at Central Florida Bible Camp