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9:00 a.m. **Joys That God Wants All to Enjoy**

10:00 a.m. **The Day I Saw God Run**

An exciting day for the Lord and His church!

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom...The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good



fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” (James 3:13, 17-18)



By Dan Jenkins

He Wants Us to Be a FAMILY!

“Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him. A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation. **God sets the solitary in families**” (Psa. 68:4-6). Such an amazing thought! God’s plan is for those

He loves and protects to find a place within a family.

It has always been His nature and desire. When He created Adam and saw that it was not good for man to be alone, He put the first man and woman in a family. Cain and Abel were part of that family. God knew that mankind needed families.

The words from the psalmist give us such insight into how He fulfills the needs we have. David specifically mentioned the fatherless and widows and became so much more inclusive when he added the solitary. God puts those who have no family into other families.

So it should not surprise us that when His master plan for mankind is revealed in the New Testament that the church is described as a FAMILY. Men in that first testament did not begin their prayers saying, “Our Father,” but we can! If He is our Father, then all those in the FAMILY are brothers and sisters! We are FAMILY!

That disciple whom Jesus loved said, “Behold what

manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called children of God” (1 John 3:1). We are FAMILY! Paul adds that because we are children of God, we are joint heirs with Jesus (Rom. 8:17). He is our brother, and we are FAMILY. Solomon described that there could be in our lives someone closer to us than our physical brother. “There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother” (Prov. 18:24). It is in the church, the body of Jesus, the FAMILY of God, where this concept finds its ultimate fulfillment. We are FAMILY.

His master plan involves us becoming a FAMILY to work together for Him!

The spiritual growth of the body of Christ shows that we should add Christian character to our faith. Peter said that to our faith we should add brotherly kindness (2 Pet. 1:5-7), and Hebrews 13:1 urges, “Let brotherly love continue.” We are to “...Love the brotherhood” (1 Pet. 2:17). We are brothers; we are FAMILY.

Like earthly families sometimes have problems, so does His spiritual FAMILY. But God’s FAMILY is different in that it seeks to work through these differences. Brothers and sisters in Christ long to be at one with every other brother and sister. We try to go beyond expectation of onlooker to become one in the Lord. We do this because we are FAMILY.

God has a plan for each of us to have those in our lives who are closer than our physical family. Let’s work together to be one because we are FAMILY.



By David Sproule

I Cannot Afford to Miss Heaven!

Heaven! The very word itself brings a pleasant calm and joyful spirit when we hear it. Heaven! Where we get to be with the Lord Himself forever and ever! Where we get to rest from our earthly hardships! Where we get to be united with the redeemed of all time! Heaven!

This life is the only “preparation opportunity” that we have for heaven! God has graciously shown us the way (and what a glorious way it is!), but once this life has passed, there are no “do-overs” or “second chances.” And, I cannot afford to miss heaven! Think for a moment what that means to each of us.

If Scripture has anything to do with going to heaven, I cannot afford to be wrong about the authority of Scripture! It is only through God’s Word that we know anything about heaven and anything about how to get to heaven. Of course, “There is a way that seems right to a man” (Prov. 14:12), but it “is the way of death,” not of eternal life. Only Jesus has “the words of eternal life” (John 6:68), therefore, it is has been placed upon us, through the demands of Scripture, to “do all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Col. 3:17). His Word must be our sole authority in religious matters, for only through obedience thereto can we enter and enjoy the blessings of heaven (Matt. 7:21).

Where we get to be with the Lord Himself forever and ever! Where we get to rest!

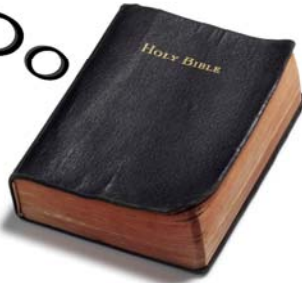
If baptism has anything to do with going to heaven, I cannot afford to be wrong about the purpose of baptism!

Man’s deadliest affliction today is sin, for sin separates man from God now (Isa. 59:1-2) and sin will keep man from going to heaven (1 Cor. 6:9; Gal. 5:21). Man’s greatest need today is the complete removal of every sin he commits, which is only possible through the blood of Jesus (Rev. 1:5). God (not any man) tied the washing away of one’s sins directly to one’s submission to immersion (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4). Therefore, baptism of penitent believers is essential to enter and enjoy the blessings of heaven (John 3:3-7).

If the church has anything to do with going to heaven, I cannot afford to be wrong about the identification of the church!

The church of the New Testament is not of human origin but of Divine origin (Isa. 2:2-4; Matt. 16:18). It is not comprised of varying denominational organizations (Gal. 1:6-12; John 17:20-21) but is singular (as taught in Scripture) in its doctrine and practice (Eph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Pet. 4:11). Human organizations are not essential for eternal life, but only those who are part of Christ’s kingdom will enter and enjoy heaven (1 Cor. 15:24; Heb. 12:23).

To depart from this life and to “be with Christ...is very much better” (Phil. 1:23). I cannot afford to miss heaven; therefore, I cannot afford to be wrong about heavenly things!



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Wrestling is not fake!

The Christian life is depicted as a walk (Eph. 5:2-16), a run (Heb. 12:1-2), a war (2 Tim. 2:3-4), along with a number of other metaphors to help us get a “mental picture.” There is an interesting one found in Ephesians 6:12—Christians are wrestlers.

The English word “wrestle” (and its Greek original) is found only this one time in the New Testament. The wrestling in which Christians are to engage is not against fellow humans but against the devil and his evil forces. The Greek word used for wrestle means, “to throw, to swing; a contest (particularly a close hand-to-hand fight) between two until one hurls the other down and holds him down with his hand upon the neck.”

While much of the wrestling on TV is fake or rehearsed, your wrestling “against” the devil is very real! He is trying to pin you and to keep you from pinning him! However, when you have the Lord’s strength, the power of His might and God’s whole armor (6:10-11), you’re in a tag-team match against Satan with Jesus as your partner! You only lose if you leave the contest! – DS

Self-examinations

Our physical health is of such tremendous importance to us that we constantly monitor certain health issues that come our way. We are wary of certain spots on our skin, growths that appear, pains in certain places, problems with our vision, etc., etc., etc. While we realize it or not, we are doing regular self-examinations to keep ourselves as healthy as possible.

How important is your spiritual health to you? As important as your physical health? How often do you do self-exams on your soul? The Great Physician prescribes, “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves” (2 Cor. 13:5). Are you living in a right relationship with Christ? Are you “in the faith”? Is “Jesus Christ in you” (end of verse 5)? Have the “old things” truly “passed away” (5:17)? Are you living as “a new creation” of Christ?

Self-examinations need to look at our conduct (1 Pet. 4:1-3), speech (Jas. 3:1-12), thoughts (Phil. 4:8), motives (Rom. 14:22-23), faith (Heb. 11:6), beliefs (Rev. 22:18-19), teachings (Gal. 1:11-12), love (1 John 4:7-5:3), eternal destiny (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rom. 2:5-11), etc. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Pearl El suffering with congestive heart failure
Tasha Ellis upcoming eye surgery (5/27)
Patricia Hackshaw recovering from surgery
Shirley Hopkins recovering at home from knee surgery
Valerie Houghtaling vein burst in her right knee
Angie McNicol recovering from foot surgery
Quinntavias Smith, Jr. having complications with his eye
Willie Smith suffering with back pain

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
Patricia Ventress both kidneys removed



Glen Dawson, upon the passing of his cousin, **Eva Brendemuehl**, last week.

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Miriam Burden Bobbo Lupo's grandmother, congestive heart failure
Ed Campbell Tasha Ellis' stepfather, back pain & heart problems
Craig Clark Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
James Cunningham Jackie Price's father, hospitalized for possible stroke
Clint Dean Hollie Crotts' brother-in-law, testing on mass on colon
Hilary Ann Findley Maria Hackshaw's sister, recovering from surgery
Dawn Fish Kay Fish's daughter, congestive heart failure, Hospice Care
Forrest Jerkins Ruth Milton's brother-in-law, hospitalized with pneumonia
Nathaniel King Mary A. Jackson's brother, recovering from stroke
Perry King Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Mason Lerro Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, successful surgery
Melanie Olds Stephanie Weeks' sister, suffering with back pain
Tammy Powell Olivia Ellis' mother, recovering from procedure on foot
Terry West Amy West's father, undergoing cancer treatments
Carol Ann Wineinger Cherylann Wineinger's mom, recovering from kidney surg.

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 18

- ◆ **“Coming Home” Sunday.** All adults will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium for Bible study.

Monday, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

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

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.

Sunday, May 25

- ◆ **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.

Saturday, May 31

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The Media Center will be available for teachers and decorators. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

Sunday, June 1

- ◆ **High School Graduates’ Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4

- ◆ **Kick Start Your Summer Series: “Count Your Blessings.”** Lawrence Gilmore will be speaking on “You Have God’s Promises.”

Saturday, June 7

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The Media Center will be available for teachers and decorators.

Sunday, June 8

- ◆ **Single Ladies’ Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy’s on Northlake Blvd. See Joan Holloway to RSVP or for more details.



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Young Adults

Sunday, May 18

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

Saturday, June 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

Wednesday-Friday, June 11-13

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School Decorating** each night starting at 7:00 p.m. (Begins after Bible study on Wednesday.)

Sunday-Wednesday, June 15-18

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** at 7:00 p.m. each night. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.

Monday, July 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies’ Prayer Night** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Goodale.

Saturday, July 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.



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Youth

Sunday, May 25

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

Friday, May 30

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo & Guys/Girls Night.** Following the devo, guys will be camping and girls will be having a girls’ night. See Paul or Lisa Metzkes for details.

Saturday, May 31

- ◆ **Jr. High Trip to the Miami Zoo.** Cost is \$25 (plus money for meals and snacks). RSVP by May 25 to David Sproule. See David or Traci Sproule for more details.

Sunday, June 1

- ◆ **High School Graduates’ Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. All incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend. Bring desserts and drinks.

June 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ☆ H.S. Graduates' Luncheon ☆ Renova Nursing Home Visit ☆ Sr. High Devo b Cynthia Ingraham b Melinda Price b Austin Williams	2	3 b Jenny Jordan	4 ☆ Kick Start Your Summer with Lawrence Gilmore	5 b Lance Collier b Shirley Hopkins b Brandon Thomas	6 b Sandy DeVall	7 ☆ VBS Work Day ☆ Young Adult Devo a Darin & Jennifer Summerlot b Ted Friesner b Maria Hackshaw
8 ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Youth & Family Singing	9 a Scott & Linda Studer b Stephen & Carolina Beliech b Namdidie Ikon	10 a Rob & Lenelle Crowell a Bill & Gai Ingram b Helen Bashaw b Amberdenise Puckett b Joshua Seames	11 ☆ Kick Start Your Summer with Terry Casey a Alex & Emily Lane b Jennifer Anderson b Betsy Donahue b Richard Watson	12	13 a Tim & Susie Cox b Judie Jenkins	14 ☆ VBS Work Day a Jeff & Diane Leslie b Brian Mayerbach b Nikki Revoli
VBS Decorating Nights (June 11th-14th)						
15 a Gary & Sue Shelt b Rosemarie Joseph b Austin Metzkes	16 b Ally Alberga	17 b Matt Ellis b Helen Gardner b Gladys Jackson b Mary Jackson	18 a Dan & Judie Jenkins b Walter Arthur b Charles Fifield	19 a Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot b Judy Carmack b Gwen Lyons	20 a Cam & Hollie Crotts a Dan & Loni Fuller b Evetta Wilson	21
"God's Creation" Vacation Bible School at PBL (June 15th-18th)						
22 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo b Kahla King	23 a Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon	24	25 ☆ Kick Start Your Summer with James Mayo a Tom & Rose Martens b Rodney Woods	26	27 a Joe & Marian Holland b Iva Ardoin b Mary Thomas	28 ☆ Sr. High Visitation Day b Cam Crotts b Cheryl Milton
29 ☆ Church Family Devo (Josh Blackmer Live from Paraguay) b Dorothy Savage	30 a Edward & Ellen Gager b Adrienne Gadson	1	2 Kick Start Your Summer with Kevin Patterson	3	4	5

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

Congregational Singing

There will be a Congregational Singing Night led by Gary Friedly at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium on Saturday, May 24. Make plans to be here to spend time singing and enjoying time with brethren.



Sunday,
May 11

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 15-18



Each night at 7:00 p.m.
For all ages!
(children and adults)

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LOCAL VISITORS: Paul & Nellie Batitsky; Ty Colavechio; Conner Gardner; Ms. Rashana Green; Mrs. Denise Hamilton; Arik & Jason Ibok; Bre Lapinsky; Ms. Evelyn Nazario; Ms. Lois Newell; Miss Natasha Ortiz; Lynn Parker; Kevin Schenk; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Daniel Swayne; Lana Smith, Sasha, & Alexis; Michael Staley; and Joe Woodfall.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mike Barrios, Collierville, TN; Gary & Carol Gerber, Westwood, NJ; Mrs. Mary Haring, Stuart, FL; Mrs. Julie Jenkins, Katie, TX; Kora Lemmenmen & family, Okeechobee, FL; Mariah Mobley, Ft. Pierce, FL; Miss Monica Morando, Jensen Beach FL; and Rob & April Shelt, Stuart, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (May 18th)
Jerry & Lorena Pittman (Ann.)
Josh & Cara Blackmer (Ann.)
Rick & Peggy Hall (Ann.)
Joan Holloway
Rick Price

Thursday (May 22nd)
Willie & Mattie Cox (Ann.)

Friday (May 23rd)
John & Sue Hoelzer (Ann.)
Natasha Campbell
Tyler Williams

Tuesday (May 20th)
Jimmy & Helen Burney (Ann.)
Walter & Bonnie Arthur (Ann.)
Austin Reeves
Lovetta Harmon

Saturday (May 24th)
Nate & Cindy Nelson (Ann.)
Lisa Holaday

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 18

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Mike Ellis
Scripture Reading..... Chuck Clark
Presiding at Table Novel Brown
Serve at Table:
Jimmy Banks Les McQuinn
David Brown Rick Price
Jeff Goodale Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Bobby Ingraham Richard Watson
Alternates:
Henry Bass Jerry Pittman
Sermon..... Dan Jenkins
Closing PrayerChris Thomas

Sunday Evening, May 18

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Cam Crofts
Scripture Reading..... Kevin Weeks
Presiding at Table.....Dirk Summerlot
Serve at Table:
Pete Brown, John Kemp &
Leonard Williams
Sermon..... Dan Jenkins
Closing Prayer Phil Porter

Wednesday Evening, May 21

Lead Singing Tyrone Toson
Extend Invitation.....Brandon Thomas
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	May 11	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	242	233
Sun. A.M. Worship	391	391
Sun. P.M. Worship	181	177
Wed. Bible study	181	198
Contribution	\$14,254	\$14,388
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +11,171		

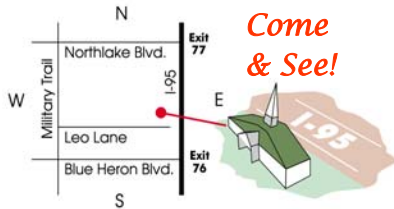
Ushers for the week of **May 18** Head Usher: Dick Kelley, Lance Collier & Paul Hensel



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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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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 24

Saturday Night Singing

June 1

Summer Bible Class Quarter Begins

June 4, 11, 25, July 2

"Kick Start Your Summer" Series on Wednesday Nights
Theme: "Count Your Blessings"

June 15-18

Vacation Bible School

Theme: "God's Creation: Digging for Answers"

July 20-26

Jenkins' Week at Central Florida Bible Camp

August 29-31

Science vs. Evolution Seminar with Dr. Jeff Miller