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Welcome New Members



Hardman, Carol

Group 3

Baptized September 17



Tipton, Ken & Connie

Group 2

Identified September 26



Each day is a gift from God...

Do U gift them back 2 Him?



By Dan Jenkins

What Can You Say When You Are Guilty?

Joseph's brothers were in dire circumstances when they stood with Benjamin and were questioned by the most powerful man in Egypt (Gen. 41:40-42). This was not the first time they had been there to buy grain. The first time, they left and all their money was given back to them and hidden in their sacks of grain. This time, when they left and opened their sacks, they again found their money but also the royal cup of Joseph had been placed in Benjamin's sack.

They were guilty and stood helpless before Joseph. Judah was the spokesman, but he had no defense. He said, **"What shall we say to my lord? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves?"** (Gen. 44:16)? Their guilt was obvious to the ruler, Joseph, and it was obvious to them. What defense can there be? Hear his words, **"What shall we say?"**

These same words were spoken by Ezra who was part of the restoring of Israel after their seventy years in Babylon. The temple had been rebuilt by Zerubbabel, and with the return of Ezra, the priest, the people focused even more on living according to what God taught. The leaders came to Ezra and spoke of the unlawful marriages the Jews had made with the pagans. They said, "The holy seed is mixed with the people of those lands." When Ezra heard of this he tore his garments and

literally pulled hairs from his head and his beard in despair. At the time of the evening sacrifice, he fell on his knees before God and spread out his hands.

In his prayer he confessed their sins. They were guilty and stood before the holy God as sinful men. Ezra said, "O our God, **what shall we say after this?** For we have forsaken Your commandments" (Ezra 9:10). God knew they were guilty. They knew they were guilty. The words of the priest sum it all up— **what shall we say?**

These are not just two stories for they show the plight all men will face

These are not just two interesting Bible stories, for both illustrate the plight of all mankind who someday shall stand guilty before a holy God. To picture that day as a courtroom scene robs it of reality. In a courtroom, men stand before their *peers*. On that day, they will stand before the *Almighty One*. Those who are lost will know their destiny as they stand there. There will be no legitimate excuses. God knows they are guilty, and they know their guilt. Think about the question which could be asked, **"What can we say?"**

We must not forget that we shall be there. The petty excuses we offer to ourselves today will be meaningless. Faithful Christians will stand in awe with hopeful expectation. Sinful men and lukewarm Christians will cower in fear before the Almighty. If you are lost now, you will be lost on that day. You are guilty. **"What shall we say to our Lord?"**



By David Sproule

Is looking at pornography committing adultery?

What does the Bible say about the right of a wife to divorce her husband for looking at pornography? If he spends time looking at images of women (and thereby lusting for those women), can she, with God's approval, get a divorce and even remarry at some point in the future?

Obviously, in our culture today, this is not a hypothetical question. Wives feel betrayed, disgusted and angry when they learn of their husband's indiscretions with pornographic material. But, does she have a Scriptural right to put him away?

Jesus gave only one acceptable cause for divorce. "Whoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery" (Matt. 19:9, ASV). "Fornication" means "unlawful sexual intercourse" (including adultery, homosexuality, prostitution, etc.). Therefore, by definition, fornication (i.e., Jesus' one cause) is a physical act with another person. A person, alone by himself, cannot commit this sin.

This leads immediately to Jesus' words in Matthew 5:28—"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Does not Jesus say here (some would surmise) that to look upon a woman to lust for her is committing adultery? And, if

adultery is fornication, then wouldn't this be justification for divorce? Jesus is not teaching that here. Let's examine it.

Look at how Jesus phrases this sin—"committed adultery with her in his heart." As a type of fornication, adultery is also a physical act. Specifically, "adultery" means "unlawful intercourse with the spouse of another." Just as fornication is a physical act involving at least two persons in the act, adultery is also a physical/sexual act involving at least two persons. By definition, these acts involve actual physical contact.

Jesus states that lust is a sin that takes place "in the heart." What does that mean? It means that lust is equally as sinful as adultery, but it does not say that it is exactly the same in consequence. Read the same type of comparison between murder and hatred in Matthew 5:21-22. Are those two sins exactly the same? No, but they are equally sinful, and that is Jesus' point. John wrote, "Whoever hates his brother is a murderer" (1 John 3:15). The eternal consequences are equal, but the here-and-now consequences are not.

Lusting for a woman is not the physical, sexual act that is involved in Jesus' one cause for divorce. Lust is a sin that takes place in the heart. As betrayed as a spouse will feel, viewing pornography is not fornication. Men, you must overcome this addiction and throw yourself into rebuilding trust and saving your marriage. Thank God for your wife!

Eternal consequences are equal, but here-and-now consequences are not



By Josh Blackmer

“For He who promised is faithful”

You have been promised a lot of things in your life and not all of them have panned out. We have all been let down by someone, something or some assurance. That is an element of the human condition. There are no guarantees in anything of human origin. With that dim conclusion, let me offer you some heavenly hope.

The church in Thessalonica had been in despair. They were uncertain as to the coming of the Christ. They had received a false letter, “to the effect that the day of the Lord has come” (2 Thess. 2:2). In the first letter, Paul mentions “the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” He continues with this, “**Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass**” (1 Thess. 5:23, 24).

The church there had also endured distress in the absence of Paul. “For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews” (1 Thess. 2:14). Paul reminds them of the affliction from evil men in the second letter by saying, “**But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one**” (2 Thess. 3:3).

Men will disappoint, but God will never let you down.

The writer of the book of Hebrews understood the delusion that the recipients of the letter were under. He wrote them to encourage them not to go back. The message throughout the book is hold fast, hold fast, hold fast (Heb. 3:6, 14; 4:14)! Don’t let go of what God has prepared for you and what so many have longed to see! The eternal plan for the salvation of mankind was something that prophets and angels longed to know (1 Pet. 1:10-12). These things we can read about and live every day. It is so common to us that we would let it slip from our fingers without a thought of its value. As the readers of the Hebrew letter were about to do the same, God yells through the penman of the letter, “Don’t let go! The I Am is faithful.” “**Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful**” (Heb. 10:23).

In your despair, God is faithful. In your distress, God is faithful. In your delusion, God is faithful. Look at your life and examine these things, and you will know it to be so. The Creator of the world has promised and is faithful. Men will disappoint, but God will never let you down. For this reason David writes, “When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can mere man do to me? (Psa. 56:3-4).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“I will build my church”

Oh, how simple! With less than a year to live, Jesus announced, “I will build My church” (Matt. 16:18). It was obviously not a denomination of some sort—it was His church! It was obviously not a man-made organization—it was His church! It was obviously not a tradition-entrenched institution—it was His church! Now, that’s the church I’d like to see!

As one reads the rest of the New Testament, he finds how Jesus did build His church and how Jesus gave detailed instructions regarding every element of His church (its doctrine, its organization, its name, its worship, its membership, its work, etc.). It is so thrilling to go back and read how it all started and see what Jesus’ church looked like when it was first established.

Jesus’ church still exists today (Matt. 16:18 + Dan. 2:44)! But, it is not found in human denominations, founded upon human doctrines and entrenched in human traditions. It is found by simply going back to the Bible and restoring His church today, exactly as He established it and exactly as He intended it! It can be done! It is being done! It must be done! – DS



Peter, along with James and John, was on the mountain with Jesus, when the Savior was transfigured and spoke with Moses and Elijah. Peter, of course, quickly evaluated the situation (through his own eyes) and suggested building three tabernacles, one for each man, making Jesus to be equal with Moses and Elijah. Luke records that Peter said this, “not knowing what he said” (9:33). Mark records that Peter “did not know what to say” (9:6).

Are you ever like Peter? Do you ever say something when you shouldn’t? Do you ever just feel like something needs to be said, so you say something, even when you don’t know what to say? We would do well to remember, “He who has knowledge spares his words” (Prov. 17:27). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Hattie Daniels	recovering from hospitalization
Sandy DeVall	recovering from outpatient procedure
Tasha Ellis	recovering from surgery on eye
Joan Holloway	suffering with the shingles
Loretta James	recovering from gallbladder surgery
Kasandra Jones	suffering with sever back pain
Lennie Langley	Good Samaritan Hospital (room 509), fell & fluid on lung
Betty McQuinn	recovering at home from surgery
Godfrey Pratt	suffering with gout in both legs
Leigh Puckett	Wellington Regional (room 304), infection in her face
Linda Studer	undergoing chemo treatments

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	both kidneys removed

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Jesse Bertram	Gary & Angie Seames' son, hospitalized last week
Ed Campbell	Tasha Ellis' stepfather, preleukemia, undergoing chemo
Dorcas Francois	Jean Archer's sister, recovering from outpatient surgery
Betty Hay	Mary Quinn's mother-in-law, ICU at Gardens Med Ctr.
Perry King	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, chest surgery
Josh Lupo	Bobbo Lupo's brother, having major surgery in December
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer
Dorothy Macon	Cherylann Wineinger's grandma, Consulate Health Care
Eddie James Smith	Mary A. Jackson's cousin, pancreatic cancer
A'Gatha Spradlin	Troy Spradlin's mother, recovering from stroke, not well

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Lennie Langley
Vera Day	Jean McMasters
Cora Lee Dennis	Betty Matter
Kay Fish	Deidra Miley
Helen Gardner	Rosa Nash
Margaret Griffo	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Margaret Wade
Shelton Howell	

Pray for Our Missionaries

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



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 5

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

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

- ◆ **The Family/Youth Ministry and You.** Josh Blackmer will be teaching this series of lessons in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. for the Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes. This is for the entire church family.

Friday-Sunday, October 10-12

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at CFBC.** Sign up on the bulletin board, fill out a registration form and return it to Jeff Leslie. Cost is \$65.

Sunday, October 12

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

Saturday, October 18

- ◆ **PBL Work Day** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. See Tim Fry or Novel Brown for details.

Sunday, October 19

- ◆ **Congregational Singing Class** at 5:00 p.m. (Led by Gary Friedly) in the Auditorium.

Saturday, October 25

- ◆ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Wear your favorite sports apparel. RSVP by October 12 to David Sproule.

Sunday, October 26

- ◆ **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, November 1

- ◆ **Cornerstone Group 4 Get-Together** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot.



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Young Adults

Monday, October 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier. RSVP to Sarah Collier.

Friday-Sunday, October 10-12

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend.** Sign up on the bulletin board, fill out a registration form and return it to Jeff Leslie. Cost is \$65.

Sunday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 25

- ◆ **Young Adult Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the Shelt's. See Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, November 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. See Traci or Cindy for details.

Sunday, November 16

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



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Youth

Sunday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 18

- ◆ **Young Families' Costume Party** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Sign up on the bulletin board. See Melinda Price for more details.
- ◆ **Sr. High Service Project.** See Bob or Jennifer Higbee for details.

Saturday, October 25

- ◆ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Jr. High Youth should arrive at 1:30 p.m. Wear your favorite sports apparel.

Sunday, October 26

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Bob or Jennifer Higbee for details.

Equipping & Edifying Families



10 Ways to Teach Children It's Not All about Them

Our popular culture sets a higher priority on fame than on service to others. Sad. But we can train our children to be different, to derive satisfaction from helping others thrive while being perfectly content to play a background role. To shoo the fleeting nature of fame and embrace the eternal principle of the last being first and the first being last. Here are 10 Ways to Teach Your Children it's Not All about Them:

- 1. Self-absorption eventually saturates everyone around you.** If you have a “me-first” attitude, chances are your children will as well. Instead of immediately going for the easy chair after work, ask your spouse if there is something you can do for him/her before unwinding. When your children see you putting others first, they'll follow suit.
- 2. Honor those who serve you.** Acknowledge your restaurant server with a smile and polite word of encouragement. Tip generously. Treat the cashier at the grocery store with kindness even if he or she has made a mistake and has to re-check a few items. When your children see that you value those who perform less than glamorous tasks, they will begin to respect others regardless of position and place less value on the station one holds in life.
- 3. Discuss the value of hard work.** When your children admire someone in the limelight, take time to talk about how much work goes into developing a talent or skill. It can be as simple as, “You know, it takes years of hard work to be able to sing like that.” Or a question, “Do you think it's more important to be famous than it is to do the best you can with the gifts you've been given?” This will help your children begin to recognize the value of hard work versus cheap fame.
- 4. Follow through with actions.** When your children show compassion toward those less fortunate, do everything possible within the bounds of age-appropriateness to follow through with an action. If your children bring up the idea of helping the homeless, call a local shelter or ministry and set up an opportunity to serve. Again, if you put a premium on people over position, your children will as well.
- 5. Make volunteering a family affair.** It may not be as fun as a trip to the beach or a night out at the movies, but you might be surprised at what a great time you can have serving together. Ask your church, a local charity, or a civic organization for ways you can help. The benefit? You'll draw your children's attention to the idea that there is more to life than limousines and the latest fashions.
- 6. Point out good role models.** Talk with your children about people who are famous for doing great good. Ask your kids at dinner, “Who is more worthy of recognition—Martin Luther King Jr. or Justin Bieber?”
- 7. Take advantage of teachable moments.** The next time a celebrity's mishaps end up plastered all over the web, television, and tabloids, use that opportunity to discuss the disconnect between fame and contentment. Just be sure to do so without being mean-spirited or holier-than-thou. Another great question at dinner, “If fame and money are everything they're cracked up to be, why do you think this happened?” Or, “After hearing about _____, what do you think the difference is between talent and character?”
- 8. Love your children for who they are.** Make sure your children know that you love and value them regardless of whether or not they are talented, popular, or stunningly beautiful. Tell them so repeatedly, especially after a lost ball game, an embarrassing moment at school, or other disappointment that is small in your world but looms large in theirs. Many who pursue fame or undue recognition do so in an effort to fill a void of perceived insignificance, a sense of being unloved, loneliness, or a desire to be acknowledged.
- 9. Praise your children.** Be careful not to honor shortcuts, cheating, or success that comes at the expense of others. While we applaud our children's accomplishments, we shouldn't do so insincerely or indiscriminately. If your child hits a dribbler to the shortstop, praise him for running hard to first base even though he was called out. But don't make him out to be Babe Ruth unless he really does knock it out of the park.
- 10. Live in a way worth emulating.** At an early age, expose your children to role models who have achieved notoriety based on character, hard work, and real achievement. When your children know what is genuinely worthy of recognition, they won't be so quick to go for the counterfeit.

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



Sunday,
September 28

To Our Palm Beach Lakes Family:

Thank you so much for the calls, visits, food and especially the prayers for me for successful knee surgery and following therapy, which I still have. Your love and concern have given me great joy.

Jerry Hopkins

At age six, my niece, **Nimah Stoute**, was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Now at age 11, the doctors are happy to report that she is cancer free and off all medications. Thank you, my church family, for all your prayers and support the past five years. Our God is so good.

In Christian love,
Jean Archer

Thanks for the cards & prayers during my last illness. I truly appreciate it. Helen Bashaw

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Bonnie Beatty; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Lou Alice Davis; Dorcas Francois; Michael Fox; Ms. Audrey Freeman; Michelet Jean; Jenisa Kenty; Ms. Sharon Morrison; Nilsa Rodriguez; Aaron Ross; Michael Staley; Sergey Tishyn; and Jonas Watkins.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Frank & Loretta Daniels, Lodi, CA; Miss Squadeina L. Davis, Pembroke Pines, FL; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Joe Dolan, NY; Tom Duncan, Riverview, FL; Linda Garland, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Joyce Griffin, Madison, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Harrington, Stuart, FL; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Rosser, Cordova, AL; Mrs. Bobbie Seabolt, Rockwell, NC; and Ben, Tresa, Cameron, Allee & Alesha Shirrell, Stuart, FL.



<u>Sunday (October 5th)</u> Lenelle Crowell Rosa Nash	<u>Wednesday (October 8th)</u> Donna Erickson Bessie Walker Betty White
<u>Monday (October 6th)</u> John & Priscilla Hoelzer (Ann.) Dave McLeod	<u>Thursday (October 9th)</u> Monica Morando Lawrence Williams
<u>Tuesday (October 7th)</u> Joe & Bonnie Quigley (Ann.) Troy & Andrea Spradlin (Ann.) Harold Armstrong Hollie Crotts Patricia Ventress	<u>Friday (October 10th)</u> Patricia Humphries Dirk Summerlot
	<u>Saturday (October 11th)</u> Harrison Carter Chuck Reeves, Sr. Scott Studer

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, October 5

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Justin Maloney
Scripture Reading..... Les McQuinn
Presiding at TableRichard Watson
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Gene Puckett
Jonathan Jordan Vincent Rogers
Dick Kelley Carmen Ruckman
Austen Metzkes David Thorpe
Alternates:
Bob Higbee Bobbo Lupo
Closing Prayer Paul Hensel

Sunday Evening, October 5

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Josh Blackmer
Scripture Reading..... Jim Davis
Presiding at Table..... Phil Porter
Serve at Table:
Andy Griffiths
Tommy Pauldo
Jim Rogers
Prayer..... Mike Archer

Wednesday Evening, October 8

Lead Singing Dave McLeod
Invitation.....Mike Trujillo
Family PrayerDan Fuller

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Sept. 28</u>	<u>Sept. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	184	209
Sun. A.M. Worship	318	341
Sun. P.M. Worship	172	173
Wed. Bible study	204	199
Contribution	\$14,235	\$13,174
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +18,048		

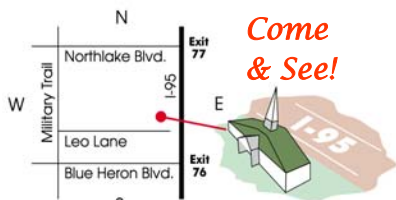
Ushers for the week of **Oct. 5** Head Usher: Lance Collier, Victor Colage & Adam Seal



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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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Speaking where the Bible speaks

Silent where the Bible is silent

Calling Bible things by Bible names

Doing Bible things in Bible ways

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