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Promises

"I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5



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By Dan Jenkins

God Deals With Sin in His Own Time

The cry of injustice can never be ignored in heaven. Cain may have thought that the killing of his brother was nothing, but the reality is that the blood of Abel was crying out to heaven for justice! What a lesson every person on earth must know. There is no such thing as injustice that God does not punish in His own time.

God and the injustice of the Amalekites. When the Jews left Egypt, even before they got to Mt. Sinai, they were attacked by the Amalekites (Ex. 17). This was the occasion when the Jews were delivered because of the uplifted hands of Moses appealing to God for His help. At that time, God told Moses to write this in a book so that men would know that God remembered what they had done and that God would utterly destroy them for what they had done. It is likely that most forgot this event, but God's nature would never let injustice remain unanswered. It was more than 400 years before Saul fulfilled God's words. God rewards in His own time.

God and the injustice of the Jewish nation. Jesus' parable in Matthew 21 should be studied and fully understood by students of the Bible. It concerns the vineyard and those husbandmen who refused to give the fruit of the vineyard to the owner of the vineyard. He finally sent his son, thinking that

they would not mock, beat or kill him, like they had done to those who first came. The Jews, at first, did not comprehend the parable and that the application concerned God, the prophets and His Son. They unknowingly pronounced their own destiny when they said that the owner of the vineyard would miserably destroy those wicked men. God had been patient with the Jews for 1,500 years as they killed the prophets and even waited forty years after they killed the Son. He then brought the worst tribulation there will ever be, but He did it in His own time.

The obvious fact that He does not immediately deal with sin means nothing!

God and the injustice of America. One cannot read history without seeing the truth that God will turn into hell every nation which forgets Him (Psa. 9:17). We once proclaimed we wanted to be one nation *under* God, but our sins cry out against us announcing we want to be a nation *out from under* God! We must remember that He is not mocked and whatever we sow we shall reap (Gal. 6:7). If the sins of Sodom had to be dealt with by God, how much greater our sins of immorality! If the blood of Abel cried out to God for justice, how much more the nearly 50,000,000 aborted American children!

God and the injustice of all mankind. Justice is His nature. Every transgression and disobedience will receive just recompense (Heb. 2:3). The fact that it does not happen immediately means nothing. God deals with it in His own time!



By David Sproule

Before Some People Will Hear It, They Want to See it!

In an address delivered on May 28, 1893, to the Y.M.C.A. of the University of Missouri, J.W. McGarvey (a tremendous Bible scholar, author and preacher of the 19th century), related the following story about "Gen. A.W. Doniphan, a conspicuous officer in the Mexican War, an eminent lawyer, and for many years the leader of the Whig party in [Missouri].

"Until he was about sixty years of age [Doniphan] was indifferent to all creeds, and he had never become a believer in Jesus Christ; but while in attendance on the circuit court away from home, he dropped into a church on the Lord's day to hear a sermon. As he stated afterward, in telling the story, there was nothing in the sermon to especially interest him, but he found his attention drawn to the manifest earnestness of the speaker, an earnestness and an air of sincerity which proved him to be a profound believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"As he reflected on this, the question came into his mind, if this plain man, with moderate intellectual powers, has found evidence to so thoroughly convince him of the claims of Jesus, may not the same evidence be within my reach also, and may I not be guilty of a serious neglect in not paying attention to it? The thought took possession of him, and he resolved,

that on returning home he would take the New Testament in hand and examine it carefully, to see if it sets forth a case in favor of Jesus of Nazareth, which he as a lawyer, desiring to keep up his reputation as such, would undertake to defend in a court of justice.

"He did so; and he said that before he had gone through the Gospel of Matthew he was forced to exclaim, 'The case is a good one.' Within a few weeks afterward he was baptized, and the remnant of his life was devoted to the service of God."

What caught his attention was "the manifest earnestness" and "air of sincerity"

Think about this account for a moment. Initially, it was not the message (or content of the message) that caught this man's attention. It would be later, when he took the New Testament in hand and examined the evidence for himself (and the evidence is what ultimately convicted him), but the message of Jesus was not the initial draw. What caught his attention was "the manifest earnestness" and "air of sincerity" in the preacher that "proved him to be a profound believer."

Do you have a "manifest earnestness" and "air of sincerity" regarding your faith? When others look at you, is it obvious to them that you are a "profound believer in the Lord Jesus Christ"? Before the message of Jesus touches a person's heart, many need to see that message genuinely reflected in the lives of Christians around them. What do they see in you?



By Josh Blackmer

Are You Doing Your “Metered Part”?

When I have a job to do, it usually helps if I break it down into measurable parts. Looking at the task or undertaking as a whole can be daunting. Many of us feel the same way when it comes to the work of the church. “There is so much to do!” “How will I ever do that?” We looked at a passage last Wednesday night that will help us put things in perspective.

Ephesians 4:11-16 begins by listing those who are laboring in the church. Of those mentioned, we have pastors (elders, shepherds), evangelists (preachers) and teachers with us today. The text tells us that their job is for the “equipping of the saints.” The end result of this equipping is the “work of service” or ministry. We are all to serve and minister to one another, to the “building up of the body” (v. 12), that is, by definition, edification. The goal of that edification is stated in verse 13 as “unity of the faith,” “knowledge of the son of God,” and growth into a “mature man.” That “mature man” is measured by “the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”

Verse 14 tells us that this kind of maturity keeps us from being spiritual children that are “tossed here and there by every wind of doctrine.” There are a lot of immature people

that have not grown to the point that they can stand on their own two feet spiritually. The work of the body is to help supply that growth. We do not criticize, marginalize or demoralize the weak. Rather, “speaking the truth in love,” we are to help them “grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head.”

Here is where we can do our part. With Christ as the head, origin and anchor, the “whole body” is “fitted and held together by what every joint supplies” (v. 16). The joint in this context infers the individual member of the body, because the text goes on to say, “according to the proper working of each individual part.” The word “proper” in verse 16 is where we get the words “metered” or “measured.” The literal idea is “according to the measured working of each individual part.”

So, now you may be asking, “Where are you going with this?” What the text tells us is that when we look at the overall task and work of the church we do not need to be discouraged by the enormity of the task. We are to do our metered and measured part. When all are doing their part for the work, God tells us that it “causes growth of the body for the building of itself up in love” (v. 16). So, when you do what you know is right to do right now you are helping work towards the growth and edification of the body of Christ.

When all are doing their part for the work, God tells us that it “causes growth of the body for the building of itself up in love”

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

You’re missed when you’re not here!

This message is for every Christian! When you’re not at worship, we miss you! When you’re not at Bible study, we miss you! When you’re not at your home congregation, we miss you!

Now, sometimes you’re traveling and hundreds of miles away when we meet for services. We wish you safe travels, and we miss you! Sometimes you’re way-too-ill to leave your house when we meet for services. We wish you well very soon, and we miss you! We don’t say, “We miss you,” as if we’re preaching a sermon about you not being here! We truly miss you!

Sometimes a Christian misses worship or a church assembly by choice. He/She is in town (not traveling) and is healthy (not sick) and has none of those common physical barriers that prevent his/her attendance. But, by choice (for a variety of possible reasons), he/she does not come. Guess what? You’re missed when you’re not here! We mean that! Truly and genuinely! It may be difficult to sense, when you’re here, how much we miss you when you’re not here! – DS



What would you like to be holding in your hand?

The day is coming on which “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” (2 Cor. 5:10). On that day, what would you like to be holding in your hand, as you stand before your Savior and your Judge? Would you like to be holding a cocktail, a beer or alcoholic beverage of some kind? Would you like to be holding a cigarette and a lighter? Would you like to be holding a laptop computer with pornographic materials on it? Would you like to be holding a cellphone, on which you just sexted an image of yourself or on which you just cursed at someone or said “OMG”? OR, would you like to be holding your Bible, which you had worn out in reading? Would you like to be holding your cell-phone, on which you just called a widow or shut-in to offer encouragement? Would you like to be holding the hand of a person you helped lead to Christ? Would you like to be holding the liberal, sacrificial donation you made to the church?

On the day of judgment, each will “receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done.” What you hold in your hand now is what you’ll hold in your hand on that day!

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Hattie Daniels	recovering from hospitalization
Sandy DeVall	recovering from outpatient procedure
Pearl El	continued health struggles, fluid around heart
Tasha Ellis	recovering from surgery on eye
Charles Fifield	recovering from surgery on eye
Joan Holloway	suffering with the shingles
Loretta James	recovering from gallbladder surgery
Kasandra Jones	suffering with severe back pain
Lennie Langley	Good Samaritan Hospital (room 509), Hospice Care
Betty McQuinn	recovering at home from surgery
Silas Moses	hospitalized last week after a fall
Godfrey Pratt	suffering with gout in both legs
Leigh Puckett	home from the hospital, infection in her face
Linda Studer	undergoing chemo treatments



Betty White, upon the passing of her **sister, Ora White**, last week.

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 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 These Relatives of PBL Members

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, Gardens Med Center (rm 369)
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 ankle surgery in December
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer
Dorothy Macon	Cherylann Wineinger's grandma, Consulate Health Care
Mario Moss	Marcia Clough-Moss' husband, recovering from surgery
Eddie James Smith	Mary A. Jackson's cousin, pancreatic cancer
A'Gatha Spradlin	Troy Spradlin's mother, recovering from stroke, not well
Charles Thomas	Giselle Smith's father, CCU at West Palm Hospital

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 12

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

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

- ◆ **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.

Saturday, October 18

- ◆ **PBL Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:00 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do! See Tim Fry or Novel Brown for details.

Sunday, October 19

- ◆ **College Care Package Item Return Deadline.** See a list of suggested items on the Welcome Desk in the Lobby. Please only bring gift cards and small candy. See Skye Brown or Loni Fuller for more details.
- ◆ **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

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.

Saturday, November 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Area-Wide Devo** at 6:00 p.m. hosted by the Jupiter-Tequesta congregation.

Monday, November 3

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

Sunday, November 16

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

Thursday, December 4

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule.



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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.

25 Things I Owe My Parents



1. **My Parents taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.**
"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside...I just finished cleaning!"
2. **My Parents taught me RELIGION.**
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet!"
3. **My Parents taught me about TIME TRAVEL.**
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. **My Parents taught me LOGIC.**
"Because I said so, that's why!"
5. **My Parents taught me MORE LOGIC .**
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me!"
6. **My Parents taught me FORESIGHT.**
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. **My Parents taught me IRONY.**
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about!"
8. **My Parents taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.**
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"
9. **My Parents taught me about CONTORTIONIST.**
"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. **My Parents taught me about STAMINA.**
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone!"
11. **My Parents taught me about WEATHER.**
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it!"
12. **My Parents taught me about HYPOCRISY.**
"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, 'Don't exaggerate!'"
13. **My Parents taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.**
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out!"
14. **My Parents taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.**
"Stop acting like your father!"
15. **My Parents taught me about ENVY.**
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"
16. **My Parents taught me about ANTICIPATION.**
"Just wait until we get home!"
17. **My Parents taught me about RECEIVING.**
"You are going to get it when you get home!"
18. **My Parents taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.**
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way!"
19. **My Parents taught me ESP.**
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. **My Parents taught me HUMOR.**
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me!"
21. **My Parents taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.**
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up!"
22. **My Parents taught me GENETICS.**
"You're just like your father!"
23. **My Parents taught me about my ROOTS.**
"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
24. **My Parents taught me WISDOM.**
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand!"
25. **My Parents taught me about JUSTICE.**
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

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



Sunday,
October 5

It's such a blessing to be a member of God's family at Palm Beach Lakes. Thank you for all the "get-well" cards and telephone calls. Then, I received so many birthday cards. I feel so humble and blessed. Please keep me in your prayers.

In Christian love,
Ruth Milton

God has blessed us with a wonderful church family. Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and food while **Betty** was ill. Also, for all the prayers during our daughter-in-law's illness and death. God bless you all.

Les & Betty McQuinn

Ellen Gager thanks everyone for their prayers, cards & phone calls during her recent surgery & recovery.

Congregational WORK DAY

October 18 8:00 a.m. until noon

LOCAL VISITORS: Hazel & Tonya Carson; Mr. Jean Charles; Bob & Joan Hilterman; Michelet Jean; Andres E. Lopez; Ms. Sharon Morrison; Nilsa Rodriguez; Ms. Cecilia Tipton; Kimberly Traxler; and Crystal Lee Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mike Barrios, Collierville, TN; Jay Caldwell, Dasher, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Terry Cheshier, Duncanville, TX; Mrs. Valerie Clark, Betsy Layne, KY; Frank and Loretta Daniels, Lodi, CA; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Joe Dolan, Brooklyn, NY; Mrs. Joyce Griffin, Brenda & Connor, Madison, AL; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mrs. Heather James & Emily, Lakeland, TN; Steve & Lisa Ledbetter, Hermitage, TN; Ms. Jaqua Lewis, Boynton Beach, FL; Mrs. Michelle Morris, Cordova, TN; and Gordon & Corinne Porter, Crestview, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (October 13th)

Fran Campbell

Wednesday (October 15th) cont.

Meagan Metzkes

Tuesday (October 14th)

Amy Rosado

Thursday (October 17th)

Adelene Honore
Kevin Weeks

Wednesday (October 15th)

Stahia Banks
Joe Holland

Saturday (October 18th)

Josue Charles

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 12

Lead Singing Dave McLeod
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading..... L.H. Richardson
Presiding at TableDavid Brown
Serve at Table:
 Jimmie Banks Ross Stone
 Harrison Carter Daniel Swayne
 Gary Jenkins Clayton Trujillo
 Orlando Lolo Eugene Williams
Alternates:
 Johnny Davis Brad Shelt
Closing Prayer Brent Leslie

Sunday Evening, October 12

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening PrayerDirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading..... Tim Fry
Presiding at Table..... Ted Friesner
Serve at Table:
 Pete Brown
 Nick Pietro
 Leonard Williams
Prayer..... Chuck Clark

Wednesday Evening, October 15

Lead Singing Harrison Carter
Invitation.....Mike Ellis
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 5	Sept. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	235	209
Sun. A.M. Worship	353	341
Sun. P.M. Worship	192	173
Wed. Bible study	229	199
Contribution	\$15,520	\$13,174
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +19,898		

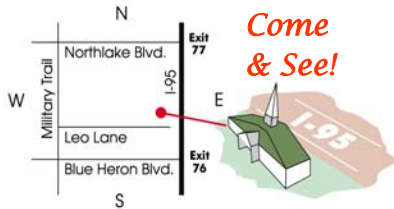
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Come & See!

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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: **Kelly Sproule & Nyla Hackshaw** (at Miami Zoo)

But I say unto you,
LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,
BLESS
them that CURSE you,
do good to them that hate you,
and pray for them which
despitefully use you, and
persecute you. Matthew 5:44