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By Dan Jenkins

Ebola and Christianity

The introduction of the deadly virus, Ebola, in our nation has captured the attention of most Americans. It has been the featured story on all newscasts. What American is there who has not heard of it, and how many of us have not had a sense of fear about its impact? It would help us if we could learn some spiritual lessons from all that has happened.

Think about how rapidly this disease has spread. When it first arrived in Dallas, it impacted the life of just *one* man, but in the days which followed, we learned more about the disease. That single person touched the lives of *more than one hundred* others even before he entered the hospital. Suppose each of them had become infected and had also spread the disease to one hundred others. Instead of there being one individual, that “second generation” of infected people would number 10,000. If each of those spread the sickness to 100 additional individuals, the third generation would number 1,000,000. It was this kind of geometric progression that created such a stir around this nation.

Apply these numbers to the spread of Christianity, and you can understand why the first-century church spread so rapidly. The church began on Pentecost with just a handful of disciples, but by the end of the century it is estimated that

there were over 6,000,000 Christians. This growth continued into the next century. Unlike Ebola, it did not bring death, but it brought life to a dying world.

While Ebola reduplicates itself in just 21 days, teaching the gospel to others can sometimes take longer. The seed of the gospel lands in various kinds of soil, and the soil, not the seed, determines if it will germinate. However, that seed has always been “living and active” (Heb. 4:12). The redeemed have “. . . been born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever” (1 Pet. 1:23).

Our commission has never been to go into all the world and baptize every creature. It was not the task of the early church. He said, “Preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). It is easy for Christians to become discouraged because they have not led another to the Lord. The issue is not whether they became Christians but whether we taught them! As much as we long to see those we teach being baptized into Christ, we must remember what is involved in the great commission we have received from the Lord. He said, “Go . . . teach.”

The spread of Ebola can teach us. If each of us would win one soul each year and teach them to do the same, what impact would that have? Do the math. In just 34 years every person on earth could be a Christian! He said, “Go...teach!”

Do the math. If each one taught one, how long would it take to save everyone?



By David Sproule

How Do You Put This Thing Together?

It was late in the evening when my family pulled into the campground. We had been driving all day and were exhausted. From the trunk of the car, we pulled the brand new tent, which we had never set up before that night. In addition to the large nylon tent, stakes and pieces of rope, there fell from the bag more than 20 aluminum poles of varying lengths and connection types.

The poles were not all the same length. Some of the poles had one tapered end, some had two tapered ends, some were not tapered at all. Most of the poles were straight, but some of them bent at about a 60-degree angle. Most had rounded connections but a few had squared connections.

Needless to say, this was “back in the day” before pop-up tents and before tent poles that were all tied together at each connecting point. At the campsite that night, we had our task—assemble the poles in the proper way, so that the tent stands properly and looks like the picture on the box. When done right, there was only one way for all of those poles to fit together. With some time and patience (and flashlights), we finally got the tent erected. After we saw how to do it the first time, it was easier (and more obvious) each subsequent time that we assembled it.

When you pick up and read your Bible, it is similar to the assembling of tent poles on that night long ago, especially when you read about the church in the New Testament. The church has many different elements and characteristics that make it the unique church of the Bible. The responsibility we have is to make sure that the church is “put together” today in the same way that its Designer intended it to be, so that it stands properly and looks like it does in the book.

Like those aluminum poles (some tapered, some squared, some angled), there is only one proper way for the church to be “put together.” Thankfully, we have an “instruction manual” that makes it apparent exactly how each piece is to be placed. There is a “salvation configuration” that must be followed and put together according to design. Additionally, there is a “worship configuration,” there is an “organization configuration” and there is a “doctrine configuration.” Each of these must likewise be followed and put together according to design. When all of these “poles” are assembled in the proper way and working together, the church will stand properly and look like the “picture” in the book.

If we had just followed our own wishes with the tent that night, the end result would have been awful. Likewise, if we follow our own wishes with the configuration of the church today, the end result will be manmade rather than God-made!

When done right, there was only one way for all of those poles to fit together!



By Josh Blackmer

“They’re dead! They’re all dead I tell you!”

There is a growing affection for zombies these days. I am not sure how that got started. Some psychologists attribute it to people reacting to their own innate fears and anxieties. Namely, some global apocalyptic event, Ebola maybe? Whatever the reason, it serves as an interesting back drop for the discussion of faith.

How does death apply to faith, you ask? Read this passage from the book of James. “Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. But someone may well say, ‘You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.’ You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless” (2:17-20)? James teaches that faith without works or action is dead and useless—much like the faith of demons. They believe so much that they tremble in fear, but it will not save them. Faith must be coupled with works for it to be biblical faith that can:

- Cleanse hearts (Acts 15:9)
- Sanctify (Acts 26:19)

If you have biblical faith, then it will be seen if it is accompanied by verbs. What are the verbs in your life?

- Justify (Rom. 3:28)
- Not walk by sight (2 Cor. 5:7)
- Receive the promise (Gal. 3:22)
- Understand (Heb. 11:3)
- Conquer (Heb. 11:33)

If you have biblical faith, then it will be seen if it is accompanied by verbs. What are the verbs in your life? When you look at Hebrews chapter 11, you quickly see a pattern in the text—faith + verb. Biblical faith could be seen in the lives of the individuals of this chapter. Some of the people did great and grand things. Others were noted for more simple things. Abel was noted for worshipping God correctly, and Joseph was mentioned for preparing for the future exodus at his death.

Life is busy, and it is easy to lose sight of why we are here. I would like to challenge you to lift up your head and walk by faith—not like the zombies around you. Make room for the simple acts of faith in your life and a few grand ones along the way, so that this could be said of you, “God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them...men of whom the world is not worthy...” (Heb. 11:16b, 38a).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“You’ve got something stuck in your teeth”

After telling someone some vitally important information that he needed to know, the person said to me, “You’ve got something stuck in your teeth.” Embarrassed, I removed the leafy item, and then came this question, “Now, what we’re you saying?” I had already explained everything he needed to hear in detail, but he hadn’t “heard” any of it. All he was doing was looking at the green piece of food stuck in my teeth. Now I had to say it all over again.

Believe it or not, there is a spiritual application here. We have a responsibility to tell people some vitally important information that they really need to know—details about Jesus, life, salvation and eternity. But, it may be possible that we have something else in our lives that is distracting them from what they need to hear—our speech, our conduct, our attitude, etc.

Look in the mirror (of God’s Word). Is there something about you that may be preventing others from hearing the message of Jesus? May God help us to keep ourselves out of the way!
– DS



Who are you following?

When many of Jesus’ disciples turned and “walked with Him no more,” Jesus asked the apostles, “Do you also want to go away?” Peter responded, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:66-68). Great point! Why would I follow anyone other than Jesus? Why would I listen to any other words than “the words of eternal life” in the Bible?

I want to ask a very delicate question: In your church, do you hear (i.e., have revered) the name of Jesus and only His words, or do you often hear (i.e., have revered) the name of a human and his/her words? For example, in your church, do you hear revered and the teachings exalted of men/women like John Calvin, Martin Luther, John Wesley, Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Pope Francis, Mary Baker Eddy, Ellen G. White, Billy Graham, Rick Warren, John Maxwell, etc.?

Admittedly, some humans have done and said great things. But, is your faith in a man and what he taught? Or is your faith in Jesus and what He teaches? “To whom shall we go?” – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Walter Arthur	ICU at St. Mary's, recovering from stroke
Joy Cantrell	recovering at home from infections
Hattie Daniels	recovering from hospitalization
Pearl El	continued health struggles, fluid around heart
Kasandra Jones	suffering with severe back pain
Jean McMasters	recovering at home from hospitalization
Silas Moses	recovering at home from a fall
Leigh Puckett	home from the hospital, 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

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ed Campbell	Tasha Ellis' stepfather, under Hospice Care, preleukemia
Perry King	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer
Mario Moss	Marcia Clough-Moss' husband, recovering from surgery
Mary Sanders	Betty Sanders' daughter, recovering from brain 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

Remember
Our Mission Works

Paraguay
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, 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.

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

- ◆ **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, October 31

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Quinn. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Saturday, November 1

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

Sunday, November 2

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5

- ◆ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. We will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

Thursday-Sunday, November 6-9

- ◆ **19th Annual South Florida Lectureship "Part of the Family."** See the Welcome Desk for a complete schedule of the weekend.

Thursday, Nov. 6	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, Nov. 9	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:25 a.m. Bible Class



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Young Adults

Saturday, November 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Area-Wide Devo** at 6:00 p.m. hosted by the Jupiter-Tequesta congregation. 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 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. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dish, and bring an ornament for the exchange.

Saturday, December 13

- ◆ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier.



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Youth

Sunday, October 26

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

Friday, October 31

- ◆ **Sr. High Costume Party & Lock-In** at 9:00 p.m. Bring \$10 and invite your friends. See Bob or Jennifer Higbee for more details.

Sunday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 15

- ◆ **Sr. High Mini-Golf** from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Meet at the church building. Bring \$20 for dinner and golf. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - November, 2014

November 2 November 9 November 16 November 23 November 30

Morning Worship Service						
Song Leader	David McLeod	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly	David McLeod	
Opening Prayer	Dan McLeod	Tim Cox	Jimmy Banks	Taylor Reeves	Bob Higbee	
Scripture Reading	Henry Bass	Richard Lerro	Jeff Leslie	Eugene Williams	Gary Seames	
Presiding at Table	Orlando Lolo	L.H Richardson	Mike Erickson	Jerry Hopkins	Freddie Gadson	
Serving at Table:	Derrick Banks	Jordan Beasley	Kane Campbell	Stephen Beliech	Jim Davis	
	Chuck Clark	Pete Brown	Tim Fry	Cam Crotts	Paul Hensel	
	Bobby Ingraham	Gorman Ericksen	Brent Leslie	Jeff Goodale	Richard Lerro	
	Dick Kelley	Bob Higbee	Jeremy Maloney	Justin Maloney	Ken Long	
	David Lord	Namdidie Ikon	Tommy Pauldo	Warren Porter	Joe Maloney	
	Les McQuinn	Paul Metzkes	Jerry Pittman	Carmen Ruckman	Austin Metzkes	
	Jim Rogers	Austin Williams	Rick Price	Ross Stone	Adam Seal	
	David Thorpe	Lawrence Williams	Chuck Reeves	Chris Thompson	Chris Thomas	
	Closing Prayer	Bill Ingram, Sr.	David Brown	Mike Archer	Dick Kelley	Kevin Weeks

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Ken Tipton	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Brad Shelt	Dan Fuller	Novel Brown	Jon Jordan, Jr.	Charles Hayes
Scripture Reading	Marty Williams	Freddie Gadson	David McLeod	Glen Dawson	David Lord
Presiding at Table	Jim Davis	Rick Hall	Nate Nelson	Josh Blackmer	Richard Watson
Serving at Table:	Paul Batitsky	Gary Jenkins	Lance Collier	Chuck Clark	Gorman Ericksen
	Austin Metzkes	Vincent Rogers	Mike Ellis	Nick Pietro	John Kemp
	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Clayton Trujillo	Dirk Summerlot	Leonard Williams	Les McQuinn
Closing Prayer	Darin Summerlot	Phil Porter	Daniel Swayne	David Holaday	Harrison Carter

Alternates:					
	Gene Puckett	Adam Seal	Mike Trujillo	Johnny Davis	Novel Brown
	Ken Tipton	Scott Studer	Kevin Weeks	Ted Friesner	Kane Campbell

Technical Assignments						
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Taylor Reeves	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	Nate Nelson
	Audio	TBD	Bobbo Lupo	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	Buzz Nelson
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	Jerry Pittman
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	Nate Nelson
	Audio	TBD	Bobbo Lupo	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	Buzz Nelson
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	Jerry Pittman

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	Nov. 2 & 5	Nov. 9 & 12	Nov. 16 & 19	Nov. 23 & 26	Nov. 30 & Dec. 3
Head Usher	Victor Colage →				
	Tim Fry	Ted Friesner	David Brown	Gary Jenkins	Doug Carrick
	Jon Jordan, Jr.	Richard Watson	Brad Shelt	L.H. Richardson	Gene Puckett

- Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.
- Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.
- Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.
- Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.
- Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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



Sunday,
October 19

To the Ministers, Elders, & my brothers & sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for the many cards, prayers and the beautiful flowers that were sent during the loss of my sister, **Ora White**. Please continue to keep me and the family in your prayers.

In Christian love,
Betty White

Sandy DeVal thanks everyone for their calls and prayers while she was healing.

LOCAL VISITORS: Madeline Angelo; Yurose, David & Josh Baudin; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Bradlie Glassman; Ionel Ionescu; Ina Mitchell; Nilsa Rodriguez; Jessie Simmon, Jr.; Michael Staley; Crystal Williams; and Mabelle Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Armondo E. Flores, Mexico; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Ms. Marcia Farr, Palm City, FL; Nelson Flores, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Griffin, Brenda & Connor, Madison, AL; Stan Meek, Norman, OK; Claudette Smith, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Leon Weeks, Valdosta, GA; Mrs. Leontene Wesley, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Ron Wilkins, Pollock, LA.

News & Notes

Family Photos updated this Sunday. If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if it needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services** or **before evening services** by Mike Erickson.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

<u>Sunday (October 26th)</u> Kane & Fran Campbell (Ann.) Samantha Eutsey Brayden Gilles Ekaette Ikon Sadie Tennant	<u>Wednesday (October 29th)</u> Lawrence H. Richardson
<u>Monday (October 27th)</u> Traci Sproule	<u>Thursday (October 30th)</u> Kailee Stone
<u>Tuesday (October 28th)</u> Dianne Frye	<u>Friday (October 31st)</u> Les McQuinn

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.***

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Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening PrayerIvan Villard, Jr.
Scripture Reading..... Nate Nelson
Presiding at Table Kane Campbell
Serve at Table:
Doug Carrick Jeff Leslie
Mike Erickson Rick Price
Freddie Gadson Kevin Weeks
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Alternates:
Gary Seames Scott Studer
Closing PrayerTom Martens

Sunday Evening, October 26

Lead SingingDan McLeod
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading.....Dan Fuller
Presiding at Table.....Gary Friedly
Serve at Table:
Gorman Ericksen
David McLeod
Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Prayer.....Chris Thompson

Wednesday Evening, October 29

Lead SingingBobbo Lupo
Invitation..... Chris Thomas
Family Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 19	Sept. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	237	209
Sun. A.M. Worship	350	341
Sun. P.M. Worship	186	173
Wed. Bible study	187	199
Contribution	\$13,341	\$13,174
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +19,708		

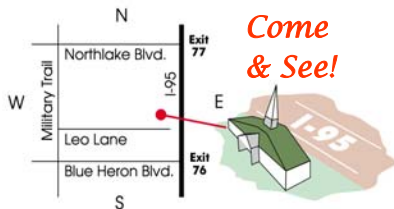
Ushers for the week of **Oct. 26** Head Usher: Lance Collier; Pete Brown & Harrison Carter



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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: Rachel Fuller, Samantha Eutsey, Andrea Leslie & Amber Puckett (watching the zipline at SEW)

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