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 ...WHOSE LOVE KNOW NO END
 ...WHO'S TOGETHER IN SUNSHINE & RAIN
 ...WHO'S ON ITS WAY HOME



What a Great **LECTURESHIP**





By Dan Jenkins

Check How You Look in the Mirror

It happens to Americans every day of their lives. Few of us like the way we look the first time we see ourselves each day in the mirror, so it is not long before we begin making changes to our appearance. Usually, before we leave the house, we take a final look in the mirror hoping that we look presentable and acceptable to others.

James describes the Bible as a mirror. “For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was” (Jas. 1:23-24). It is remarkable how God uses the simplest aspects of our lives to illustrate truth. To look into His mirror, the Bible, and to see our spiritual needs and do nothing about them just does not make sense. It is even more foolish than that person who looks into a regular mirror, sees something which destroys his appearance and then walks away forgetting what the mirror showed him.

Paul describes the Bible as a mirror with the power to change you. “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Cor. 3:18). These words are much like the words from

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James, but Paul sees that person as spending time looking into the mirror, but not seeing just self. He looks into the mirror and sees Jesus in His radiant glory. The present tense of “being transformed” indicates an ongoing process. He does not just see the Lord once, and then he is immediately and completely changed. He sees the Lord. He spends time gazing at Him. The glory of the Lord becomes his standard, and he is being changed into the very image of the Christ.

David, while not using the imagery of a mirror, describes the same action. “Blessed is the man . . . (who) delights in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night” (Psa. 1:1-2). Have you ever considered what made David’s heart be like the heart of God? He turned to the law of God and meditated on it day and night, and that transformed his heart. Looking into God’s mirror will change the heart of all men.

Consider some “mirror rules” for those seeking to change their appearance. We must come to our mirror, His word, with an open, sincere heart and see His image clearly. We must come with a determination to change the flaws we see in ourselves in that mirror. We must spend time seeing the glory of the One in the mirror, meditate on what we see and then change our lives to become like that One. We need to think often about this, knowing that it takes time to become just like Him.



By David Sproule

“Black Friday Specials” — Get ‘em Early!

Black Friday is just around the corner and specials are being heavily advertised and promoted everywhere you go. On that day, you can get steeply discounted products and find great buys that are not available on any other day of the year. Unfortunately, you have to wait for that day to arrive to enjoy its benefits. Just wait...wait...wait. How blessed we are as Christians that the “specials” which God has to offer us are not blessings for which we have to wait!

You can have forgiveness right now! You don’t have to wait until a special day or a special ceremony! If you’re not a Christian, forgiveness of every sin is available to you right now! Saul was urged, “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). If you are a Christian, forgiveness of every sin remains available to you right now! John reminds us, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). As Christians, let us rejoice that “now is the day of salvation” (2 Cor. 6:2). We don’t have to wait around for it!

You can have fellowship with God right now! Have you ever received an invitation to someone’s house, but you had to wait several days or weeks until the day arrived that

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you could go? Not with God! You don’t have to wait! He has invited you to enjoy an ongoing fellowship with Him in His house right now! Yes, He most certainly has invited you to enjoy an eternal fellowship with Him in heaven for ever and ever, but that is something you will have to wait to enjoy. But, right now, you can have “fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ” and walk with them each and every day (1 John 1:3-7)! We don’t have to wait around for it!

You can friendship with God right now! There are some people, who are unknown to you today, who will become your friends some time in the future. Sometimes on Facebook, I might send a “Friend Request” but not get a response for quite some time. God doesn’t operate that way! You don’t have to wait around for Him to respond to a friend request! You can enjoy a friendship with Him right now! Jesus said, “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you” (John 15:13). So, if I obey the commands of Jesus, I not only can have forgiveness right now, I not only can have fellowship with God right now, I can be His friend right now! When Abraham trusted and obeyed, “he was called the friend of God” (Jas. 2:23). We don’t have to wait around for it!

For retail “specials,” you’ll have to wait around for the day to come. For God’s “specials,” you can have them, enjoy them and share them RIGHT NOW! Are you missing any?



By Josh Blackmer

Sitting Thus by the Well

It was clear that she did not expect to talk with this man “sitting thus by the well” (John 4:6). As the conversation unfolds, this man, the Christ, did three things that we should practice when we are about our Father’s business.

He began by asking for water, but there was more to it. He actually spoke to her. In her mind, it was something that Jews didn’t do with Samaritans, much less a woman (John 4:9). Here is our first challenge—talking with those who nobody else will. By doing so, we show that we are not like everyone else and that we care. These two things go a long way with reaching the lost. The concept that people have about the “religious” is often tainted.

The discussion at the well covered living water, her past and true worshippers. In all of these subjects Jesus demonstrated knowledge and wisdom. He did not flinch at her sins and the life she lived. We must be equipped to do the same (2 Tim. 3:16-17). She was like so many of our friends and co-workers who are confused about what real religion is and are living lives of sin. We must be fountains of information for those around us, and we can’t flinch or shrink away when the down-trodden and outcasts come to the well, for “such were some of you” (1 Cor. 6:11).

Finally, she began putting things together. She understood that this was no mere man with whom she was speaking (John 4:19). At the end of their discussion, she admitted that she understood the nature of the coming Messiah. Jesus then revealed, “I who speak to you am He” (John 4:25). He divulged to her His true self, the Messiah. We must be those who point to the One, the Christ, with our lives and our speech to help people come to know Him. We are not mere people, but rather, we are His servants, His priests and His ambassadors with the message of reconciliation (1 Cor. 4:1; 1 Pet. 2:9; 2 Cor. 5:20). As people who seek to be laborers in the kingdom, these things should be a part of who we are. We care, we demonstrate a knowledge of God, and we point people to the Christ.

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As the woman left the well and went into town with the message, “Come and see,” it was time for the disciples to learn. The work we have to do is more important than the food we eat (John 4:34). There is no time to wait—the harvest is now (John 4:35). We rejoice with those who labored before us as we enter a work that was started long before us. “Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together...others have laborer and you have entered into their labor” (John 4:36-38). Let us rejoice on our work.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

She loved Jesus so much

Jesus was eating in the house of a Pharisee named Simon, when a “woman of the city” came and expressed her deep love for Jesus. How did she do that? Notice Jesus’ words to Simon:

“Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but **she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head**. You gave Me no kiss, but **this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet** since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but **this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil**. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for **she loved much**” (Luke 7:44-47).

Can you imagine a more lowly, more humiliating, more demeaning act than to shed your tears on someone’s unwashed feet, to wipe those muddy feet with your own hair, and then to pour fragrant (and costly) perfume over those feet? Why would anyone stoop to such a level of vulnerability and servitude? Jesus said it! “She loved much!” I wonder...how much do we love Jesus? How do we show it? What are willing to do? – DS



“The world revolves around me”

It absolutely blows my mind how wrapped up in themselves so many people are today. When I was a kid, if we saw a car coming and we were on or near the road, we would get out of the way as quickly as possible. Today, if someone is in the street and sees a car coming, they have no compulsion at all to move. In fact, because the whole world revolves around them, they behave as if the whole world must wait until times and seasons are convenient for them. The same can be seen today when workers at various stores and restaurants don’t have time to take care of customers because they are too busy “playing” on their phones. It all revolves around them.

Isn’t it interesting how Jesus emphasized that the whole world would know who His disciples are by their selfless behavior toward others? “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). Agape love is that unconditional, unselfish, do-what-is-best-for-others approach to living. Those who exercise agape love do not believe the world revolves around them; just the opposite, they let the world revolve around others! Try it sometime—it’ll blow your mind! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Walter Arthur | ICU at Gardens Medical Center, not doing well |
| Joy Cantrell | recovering from hospitalization |
| Judy Carmack | recovering from eye surgery |
| Adrienne Gadson | recovering at home from hospitalization |
| Trudie Holland | suffering with pain in her leg |
| Lynne Jorgensen | undergoing procedures on her knees |
| Silas Moses | having problems with dialysis port |
| Jermaine Smith | undergoing rehab after leg surgery |
| Linda Studer | undergoing chemo treatments |
| Teresa Williams | recovering at home from hospitalization |

Long-Term Health Issues

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 |



Giselle Smith upon the passing of **her father, Charles Thomas**, last week.

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Millie Ames | Daniel Johnson |
| 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

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|--------------------------|--|
| Willie Allen | Jennifer Goodale's uncle, diagnosed with cancer |
| Perry King | Betty King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer |
| Colbie Kinsey | Connye Plouffe's 4-mo-old great-granddaughter, neck surg. |
| Peggy McKeal | Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer |
| Roslyn Phillip | Maria Hackshaw's aunt, knee replacement surgery (11/17) |
| 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 |
| Roger Wineinger | Cheryl Ann Wineinger's uncle, recovering from heart attack |

Pray for Our Missionaries

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 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

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

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

Sunday, November 23

- ♦ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake Blvd. RSVP to Joan Holloway.

Wednesday, November 26

- ♦ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. All classes will meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, November 30

- ♦ **5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby** during evening worship.

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 6

- ♦ **Jr. High Holiday Party hosted by 55+ Members** at 10:30 a.m. under the PBL drive-thru. Donations can be given to Ivan Villard, Elizabeth Summerlot or Marcia Kelley. RSVP to David Sproule.

Sunday, December 7

- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Baby Shower for Mauricio & Kayla Yegros** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Wal-Mart. It's a boy!

Sunday, December 14

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

Tuesday, December 23

- ♦ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24

- ♦ **No Midweek Bible Study.** Rescheduled for Tuesday, December 23.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

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.

Sunday, December 21

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

Saturday, January 3

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

Monday, January 5

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller.



Palm Beach Lakes

Youth

Sunday, November 16

- ♦ **Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for the day and meet in the Family Room after worship. Will return around 4:00 p.m.

Friday, November 21

- ♦ **Sr. High Family Devo & Bonfire** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. Bring \$3 per person for food. RSVP to Cindy Nelson by November 19.

Saturday, December 6

- ♦ **Jr. High Holiday Party hosted by 55+ Members** at 10:30 a.m. under the PBL drive-thru. Donations can be given to Ivan Villard, Elizabeth Summerlot or Marcia Kelley. RSVP to David Sproule.

Sunday, December 14

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

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215 Things in 2015 For Which You Can Be Thankful

1. God
2. Jesus Christ
3. Holy Spirit
4. The Bible, God's Word
5. Owning a copy of the Bible
6. The Bible in electronic formats
7. The power of God's Word
8. The church
9. Grace
10. Mercy
11. Forgiveness
12. Faith
13. Hope
14. Love
15. The inexpressible gift of Jesus
16. The precious blood of Jesus
17. Salvation
18. Redemption
19. Baptism
20. Free will
21. The Shepherd of our souls
22. Fellowship with God
23. Privilege of worshipping God
24. Heaven
25. Possibility to even go to heaven
26. Eternity with our God
27. Eternity with Jesus, who died for us
28. Absolute truth
29. God's unfailing, unending love
30. God's impartiality
31. God's loyalty
32. God's encouragement
33. God's humor
34. God's longsuffering toward us
35. God's providence
36. God's unchanging nature
37. God's trustworthiness in all things
38. God's perfect plan
39. God's desire for all to be saved
40. A High Priest who sympathizes with us
41. A Savior who has walked in our shoes
42. Divine promises that can be trusted
43. The eyes of the Lord see me, even me
44. God watching over us 24/7/365
45. God never takes a break
46. God knows our hearts
47. Strength that comes from God
48. Our adoption into the family of God
49. Being counted faithful in God's eyes
50. Being sanctified by God
51. Knowing that we are saved
52. Amazing design of God's creation
53. Beautiful planet Earth
54. Amazing design of God's church
55. Life itself
56. New life in Christ
57. Second chances
58. Knowledge about God
59. Knowledge about redemption
60. Knowledge of the Bible
61. Wisdom to use the Bible
62. Christian virtues
63. Fruit of the Spirit
64. Growth
65. Discernment
66. Strength
67. Certainty
68. Security
69. Sobriety
70. Steadfastness
71. Standards
72. Morals
73. Ethics
74. Challenges
75. Opportunities
76. Hard times (to appreciate good times)
77. Trials and tribulations that test faith
78. Difficult times (remind us what God does for us)
79. Growing to help others
80. Peace that surpasses understanding
81. Prayer
82. The power of prayer
83. The comfort of prayer
84. Saints who died for their faith
85. Imperfect Bible characters who God loved & used
86. Ability to spread God's Word to others
87. Ability to live God's Word before others
88. Ability to choose to serve Him
89. Ability to go and make disciples
90. Ability to set example for others
91. Freedom to express our faith
92. Freedom to teach others
93. Sharing the gospel
94. Changing lives with the gospel
95. Technology to more easily reach and teach
96. Knowing He is walking with us (through our trials)
97. Memories (good and bad)
98. Sanctity of marriage
99. Christian education
100. Christian colleges
101. Family
102. Time with family
103. Children, a blessing from God
104. Adoption of precious children
105. Adult children
106. Faithful Christian children
107. Grandchildren
108. Godly grandparents

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



Sunday,
November 9

To the Elders, Deacons, Preachers, and our entire Christian family at Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ,

On behalf of the Thomas and Smith Family, we say "Thank You." Your calls, cards and especially your prayers were needed and appreciated. Charles Thomas, transitioned from this life to the next, on Wednesday November 5, 2014 at 9:30 p.m. Thank you again for all you have done for us.

Sincerely,
Willie & Giselle Smith

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Jean Charles; Kelvin Charles; and Kevin Schenk.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Brenda Betts, Okeechobee, FL; Sherry Bulyca & Kailey; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Mrs. Barbara Flatt, Crown Point, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Griffin, Madison, AL; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Jonathan & Julie Jenkins, Katy, TX; Ms. Mona Jenkins, Birmingham, AL; Stephen Johnson, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Ken Lowry, Cary, NC; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; David Payne & Rachel, Oneida, TN; Ms. Dot Watson, Decatur, AL; Helena Yegros, Asuncion, Paraguay; and Mauricio & Kayla Yegros, Coral Springs, FL.



Congratulations to **Jon & Jenny Jordan** upon the birth of their **first grandchild, Ethan Orion Santana**, on November 10. He weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz.

Also, congratulations to **Taylor & Natalie Reeves** upon the birth of their **son, Maddon Cole**, on November 13. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. Proud grandparents are **Bill & Gai Ingram** and great-grandparents, **Bill & Inell Ingram**.

News & Notes

Jaqua' Lewis placed membership with us on Sunday, November 9.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (November 17th)
Esther Saintil
Kelly Sproule

Wednesday (Nov. 19th) cont.
David Thorpe

Tuesday (November 18th)
Silas & Sallie Moses (Ann.)
Diane Leslie
Natalie Reeves
Norman Smedley

Thursday (November 20th)
Freddie Gadson
Matthew Jones
Leonard Williams

Wednesday (November 19th)
Buzz & Kathy Nelson (Ann.)

Saturday (November 22nd)
Elizabeth Carter

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, November 16

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading.....Jeff Leslie
Presiding at TableMike Erickson
Serve at Table:
Kane Campbell Tommy Pauldo
Tim Fry Jerry Pittman
Brent Leslie Rick Price
Jeremy Maloney Chuck Reeves
Alternates:
Mike Trujillo Kevin Weeks
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, November 16

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading..... Dave McLeod
Presiding at Table..... Nate Nelson
Serve at Table:
Lane Collier
Mike Ellis
Dirk Summerlot
Closing Prayer Daniel Swayne

Wednesday Evening, November 19

Lead Singing Harrison Carter
Invitation..... Ken Tipton
Family Prayer Jim Davis

Our Record

| Attendance | Nov. 9 | Oct. Avg. |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Sun. Bible study | 322 | 227 |
| Sun. A.M. Worship | 387 | 342 |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 189 | 190 |
| Wed. Bible study | 203 | 215 |
| Contribution | \$15,255 | \$14,456 |
| 2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670 | | |
| Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +21,512 | | |

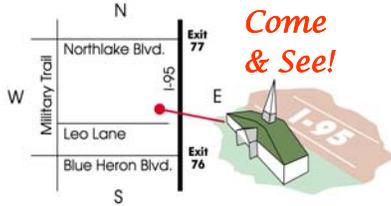
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Service Schedule

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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