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Looking Ahead to 2015 Highlights of the New Year

January 4	Every Member Present Sunday
January 25	Mission Sunday
February 8	Laborers Together with God Sunday
March 1-4	Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders
April 16	Ladies' Day with Celine Sparks
May 1-3	ET for Youth with Lonnie Jones
June 7	Promotion Sunday
June 21-24	Vacation Bible School
July 19-25	Jenkins Week at CFBC
September 11-13	Marriage Enrichment Seminar with Neal Pollard
October 16-18	Spiritual Enrichment Weekend
November 5-8	20 th Annual South Florida Lectureship



By Dan Jenkins

As the End Approaches

When Paul wrote his epistle to the church at Rome, he reminded them of the urgency of being prepared for whatever was in their future. The Romans knew the times that lay before them (13:11), and Paul told them how to prepare. Their approaching trial may be different from one each of us faces—

the end of our lives—but Paul's words seem so applicable to what each of us must do as we see the end approaching.

of our sleep (13:11). Paul said, "It is high time to awake out of sleep for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." There is a grave danger of complacency overtaking us spiritually. We may be like the apostles in Gethsemane who failed to listen

to the Lord's admonition, "Watch and pray." Yet, they slept! As the end comes closer to each of us, let us watch and be sober.

As the end approaches, we must lay aside six fleshly sins (13:14). Paul said, "Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness . . . let us walk properly . . . not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy." Our God created us as eternal souls residing in fleshly bodies, but it is so easy to forget this and live fleshly lives. One of life's greatest sorrows is to see those who were once steadfast in their

devotion now allow the flesh to gain supremacy over their souls. Look at the six sins Paul lists and guard against them. Our salvation is nearer than when we first believed, but so is our condemnation if worldliness destroys our spiritually. Christianity is a life of continual growth which began at our spiritual birth and ends with our physical death. The end is coming!

As the end approaches, we must clothe ourselves in an armor of light (13:12). Paul said, "Let us put on the armor of light." The words "put on" are set in contrast to The end of our that which we must "cast off." The six sins he lists are As the end approaches, we must awake out lives is approach- called the "works of darkness," and our guarantee of victory is found in the armor of light. Paul amplified ing. Therefore let these two verses later when he said, "Put on the Lord us watch, pray Jesus Christ." Becoming like Christ begins when we

> end there. We walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7), and we are transformed every day to be more like Him. As the end approaches, let us put on Christ.

put on Christ in baptism (Gal. 3:27), but it does not

As the end approaches, we cannot make any provision to compromise with sin (13:14). Paul said, "Make no provision for the flesh." There is no room to compromise when it comes to truth. Truth is absolute, and it is always right to do right. That determination we had to stand for truth when we first believed must never leave us.

The end is approaching: watch, pray and be sober!



By David Sproule

A Key Verse That We Need to Know

and be sober

There is nothing

for us than to

"enter the king-

dom of heaven."

Early in His ministry, Jesus made this bold declaration: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Think about each element of this verse and the two verses that follow.

There is nothing more important or essential for us than to "enter the kingdom of heaven." Jesus first tells us who will NOT enter the kingdom of heaven. It is not enough to say to Jesus, "Lord, Lord." What more important did He mean by that? Look at the next verse (v. 22), as Jesus looks ahead to the day of judgment: "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?""

Here are persons who, like Jesus discussed in verse 21, call to Him as Lord, AND they itemize for Jesus some things that they have done for Him in His name.

Think for a moment, how impressive the actions are that are mentioned in verse 22: prophesied, cast out demons, done many wonders. They are very impressive things to be able to do for the Lord in His name. And, notice how sincerely these people thought that what they were doing was right, acceptable, and even commendable by the Lord.

Was there something wrong with what they were doing? It all sounds good and looks good. Jesus' stern rebuke and condemnation in verse 23 is compelling. To these individuals who just claimed to have done all of these great things for the Lord in His name, Jesus pronounces: "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" To a group of sincere believers and followers, who just declared their allegiance to Him and doing

> deeds in His name, Jesus announced: (1) "I never knew you"; (2) "Depart from Me"; (3) "You practice lawlessness!" Their activities for Him were lawless.

> Jesus had warned in verse 21 that, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven." Then, He gave a clear illustration that He is dead-serious about this warning; He will not hesitate to condemn for all eternity even

those who sincerely claim to follow Him.

Let's go back up to verse 21. Jesus also makes it very clear who SHALL enter the kingdom of heaven-it is "he who does the will of My Father in heaven." That is a VERY limited number of people (see verses 13-14). Jesus said that there are only a FEW who would do the will of the Father and enter the narrow gate of heaven. In Matthew 7, Jesus both limits and specifies the ones who will go to heaven. Are you in that number? Are you doing the will of the Father in heaven?

By Josh Blackmer

"I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more."

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Paul said this and Timothy understood the application. In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul is defending his right to be paid for his labor in the kingdom. In this context, he mentions an often misunderstood passage.

"For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may

win more. To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win

Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Paul is doing all Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; to those he can to be able Jewish synagogues or teach Jews if he was not cirwho are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without portunity to prelaw. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the sent the gospel. weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it" (1 Cor. 9:19-23).

Some have used the idea of "becoming all things to all men" with great liberty. Paul clearly mentions being "under the law of Christ." He is not saying that he acted outside the boundaries of the gospel. He is referring to doing the things he could to make his presence and speech more acceptable to these different groups. He did not want to do anything that would hinder the message of the gospel.

Timothy understood this because of what happened in Acts 16:1-3. Here they were introduced to Timothy, and Paul wanted him to come with them on their journey. They know his father is a Greek, so they have Timothy circumcised before they leave. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 7:19, "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is the keeping of the commandments of God." Poor Timothy! What is

> happening in Act 16? He is becoming all things to all men. He would not have been able to enter into the cumcised. To the Greeks, this was a strange mutilation of the body and culturally frowned upon. He did it for the sake of the gospel. So, the ordeal that Timothy endured was a direct application to making yourself a slave to others.

We need to consider our actions in evangelism and personal work in this light. If I could change a few things about how I present myself (WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE LAW OF CHRIST), then I might become more effective in gaining access into a particular group. It would be for the sake of the gospel. Paul is doing all he can to be able to have an opportunity to present the gospel. He has made himself a slave to others in their need for the gospel. What is misunderstood and overlooked is Paul's devotion and humility to serve others.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

for the Day

Never punt!

The story of Kevin Kelley (head football coach at Pulaski Academy in Little Rock, Arkansas) is so compelling. Over the last 11 seasons, Kelley has led his High School team to win 85% of its games, and they just won their fourth State Championship last Saturday. But what is so compelling is the unique strategy that has made him so successful—he never punts. After much statistical research into college football, he concluded that "going for it" on fourth down (and always doing onside kicks, too) gave his team a

much better chance of winning.

There are some fascinating spiritual applications that can be made from this, but consider just one. When you punt on fourth down, you are admitting you "can't make it." When you punt, you are giving control to the opponent and an opportunity to score. Guess what? The devil loves for you to punt. When you punt (spiritually), it is admitting that you "can't make it" and it gives him control. So, here's your strategy for contending with the devil—NEVER

PUNT! Always "go for it"! With God as your Coach and Jesus as your Quarterback, you'll win every time! - DS

Take a walk!

Having a rough day? Most of us have experienced those days when everything seems to go wrong, to the point that we're just waiting for the next thing in our day to fail. When that happens, might I suggest just taking a short walk? (Don't worry, it won't take long, and you can be right back at your desk of doom and despair.)

> Walk outside and just breathe—when you do, remember that it was God who first breathed into man the breath of life (Gen. 2:7). Then, just listen and hear the songful chirping of the birds—when you do, remember that "not one of them is forgotten before God" (Luke 12:6),

and neither are you. Take a moment and look up—when you do, imagine God saying that He will "open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Mal 3:10). Ok, head back and go through the door—when you do, remember Jesus said, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved" (John 10:9).

Now that God has settled your day, let Him handle the rest of it, too! -DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Helen Bashaw suffering with pneumonia

Joy Cantrell recovering from outpatient procedure

Judy Carmack recovering from eye surgery, back & leg pain

Joseph Charles now cancer free

Betsy Donahue recovering from surgery on ligaments in her foot

Cassie Higbee recovering from another seizure, undergoing testing

Trudie Holland continues to deal with pain in her legs

Don Matter recovering at home, severe artery blockage

Gary Seames scheduled for an outpatient procedure (12/15)

Jermaine Smith undergoing rehab after leg surgery

Robin Stone suffering with back pain

Linda Studer cancer free, finishes chemo treatments in a few months

Marie Thorpe suffering with joint pain



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Ornans Pierre (one of our young men in 7th Grade), upon the passing of his father, Garry Pierre, while visiting Haiti last week.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Kyle Bridges Josh Blackmer's cousin, broke both arms in work accident

Kristal Davis Jim Davis' sister, recovering from major surgery

Jerry Goodale Jeff Goodale's father, recovering from hospitalization

Carl Hoeweler Jenny Jordan's uncle, complications from cancer surgery

Carlene Irving Cam Crotts' grandmother, recovering from serious fall

Perry King Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer

Peggy McKeal Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer

Mindy Studer Paul & Kim Hensel's daughter, recovering at home

Clara Summerville Brenda Collier's mother, recovering from hospitalization

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 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 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, December 14

- Class for Jr. High, Sr. High & Parents at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Room. Josh Blackmer will be teaching.
- Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, December 15

 No Monday Night Bible Study. Classes will resume on January 5.

Tuesday, December 16

 No Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Classes will resume on January 6.

Thursday, December 18

 Potluck Brunch for the Tuesday Morning Bible Class at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins. Bring a dish to share.

Tuesday, December 23

 Midweek Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. We will NOT meet on Wednesday, December 24 for Bible Study.

Wednesday, December 31

- Midweek Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Midweek Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Regular Bible classes will meet for children and adults, then New Year's Eve Gathering will follow.
- New Year's Eve Gathering at 9:00 p.m. Bring finger foods and drinks to enjoy together.

Sunday, January 4

- Every Member Present Sunday for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Let's start the new year together!
- Renova/North Lake Nursing Home at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 18

Soup-or-Sunday after evening worship in the Family Room. See Rick Hall or Stephen Beliech for details.



Saturday, January 3

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crotts.

Monday, January 5

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

Saturday, January 17

• **Jr. High & Young Adult Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, January 18

• Young Adult Meeting after evening worship in Adult 1.

Saturday, January 31

Young Adult Area-Wide Devo hosted by PBL at 6:00 p.m. Bring a chair to sit around the bonfire.

Monday, February 2

 Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amber Villard.



Sunday, December 14

- Class for Jr. High, Sr. High & Parents at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Room. Josh Blackmer will be teaching.
- Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, December 20

- Sr. High Holiday Party at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Paul
 & Lisa Metzkes. Bring a \$15 gift for the exchange.
- Young Families' Holiday Party at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crotts. Adults bring a white elephant gift. Children bring a gender neutral gift. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dish. See Melinda Price for details.

Sunday, December 28

Sr. High Luncheon after morning worship. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dish.

Friday, January 2

Sr. High Lock-In. See Paul Metzkes for details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - January, 2015

		January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25	
Morning \	Worship Sen	vice				
Song Lead	der	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly	Ken Tipton	
Opening F	Prayer	Richard Lerro	L.H. Richardson	Mike Ellis	Nate Nelson	
Scripture	Reading	Taylor Reeves	Orlando Lolo	Justin Maloney	Stephen Beliech	
Presiding	at Table	Eugene Williams	Tim Cox	Charles Hayes	David Thorpe	
Serving at	Table:	Shea Brown	Jimmy Banks	Jordan Beasley	Henry Bass	
		Glen Dawson	David Brown	Cam Crotts	Harrison Carter	
		Jon Jordan, Jr.	Mike Erickson	Ted Friesner	Lance Collier	
		Jeremy Maloney	Namdidie Ikon	Paul Hensel	Freddie Gadson	
		Gene Puckett	Jim Rogers	Bobby Ingraham	Austin Metzkes	
		Ross Stone	Vincent Rogers	Gary Jenkins	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	
		Chris Thompson	Scott Studer	Les McQuinn	Gary Seames	
		Austin Williams	Lawrence Williams	Richard Watson	Kevin Weeks	
Closing Pr	rayer	Jeff Goodale	Mike Archer	Chris Thomas	David Holaday	
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Song Lead	Norship Serv	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	Bobbo Lupo	
Opening F		Tim Fry	Gary Friedly	Chuck Clark	Joe Maloney	
Scripture	200 ⁽¹⁷⁾ 200	Kane Campbell	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Brad Shelt	Jerry Hopkins	
Presiding	3-95-00-00-00-0	Victor Colage	Daniel Swayne	Darin Summerlot	Jerry Pittman	
Serving at		Nick Pietro	John Kemp	Gorman Ericksen	Paul Batitsky	
Serving at	Table.	Luther Robinson	Adam Seal	Mike Fox		
				Leonard Williams	Doug Carrick	
Closing Pr	ravor	Marty Williams Johnny Davis	Mike Trujillo Dan Fuller	Joe Holland	Clayton Trujillo Phil Porter	
Closing Fi	ayei	Johnny Davis	Dan Fuller	Joe Holland	Filli Forter	
Alternate	s:					
		Pete Brown	Josh Blackmer	Paul Metzkes	Jeff Leslie	
		Ken Tipton	David Lord	Dirk Summerlot	Ken Long	
Technical	l Assignmen	ts				
Morning:	Computer	TBD	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	
	Audio	TBD	TBD	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	
78.	Audio	TBD	TBD	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	
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		Dick Kelley	T. 10 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Brent Leslie	Bob Higbee	
		Dan McLeod	Rick Price	Tommy Pauldo	Carmen Ruckmen	

- 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)



To my wonderful friends and church family,

Thanks for the cards, gifts, and most of all those prayers. I love each and every single one of you. Thank you again.

Yours in Christ, Trudie Holland * * * * * *

Lynne Jorgensen reports that she is getting better, the procedures on her knees are going well, and thanks everyone for their prayers.

I want all my sisters and brothers to know I thank you for your prayers. I am better. Love you all.

Hattie Daniels



Sunday, December 7

LOCAL VISITORS: Yurose Baudin; Chiane Carilos; Mr. Jean Charles; Dorcas Francois; Ms. Santana Gunsby; Ms. Shawana Habersham; Keith Hatchett; Bob & Joan Hilterman; Ms. Sharon Morrison; Mr. Mario Moss; Rick & Kathy Reitano; Mr. Angel Santiago; Mr. Conroy Shrouder; Miss Kimberly Traxler; and Mrs. Machelle Williams.

<u>OUT OF TOWN VISITORS</u>: Mrs. Lorraine Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Jeane Carriene, Canada; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mrs. Joyce Griffin, Madison, AL; Wes Holland, CA; Monique Leblanc, Canada; and Marcus Moeller, Orlando, FL.



Sunday (December 14th)

Ben & Joycelyn Harriott (Ann.) Tim Fry Patricia Hackshaw Kelly Hall Daisy Lord

Wednesday (December 17th)
Dave & Keila McLeod (Ann.)

Juliette Mauvais

Thursday (December 18th)
Ted & Karen Friesner (Ann.)
Rick & Melinda Price (Ann.)

Friday (December 19th)
Victor & Sandy Colage (Ann.)
Mary Quinn
Angie Seames
Brittany Thompson

Saturday (December 20th) Eugene Williams

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u>
If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, December 14

Lead Singing	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Cam Crotts
Scripture Reading	Lawrence Williams
Presiding at Table	Brad Shelt
Serve at Table:	
Pete Brown	Rick Price
Novel Brown	Ross Stone
Andy Griffiths	Daniel Swayne
Orlando Lolo	Marty Williams
Alternates:	
Henry Bass	Jeff Goodale
Closing Prayer	David Thorpe

Sunday Evenina, December 14

Lead Singing	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	Freddie Gadson
Scripture Reading	Darin Summerlot
Presiding at Table	Dick Kelley
Paul Batitsky	
Warren Porter	
Austin Williams	
Prayer	David Lord
Wednesday Evening,	December 17
Lead Singing	Harrison Carter
Invitation	Gary Jenkins

Family Prayer Brad Shelt

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Dec. 7</u>	Nov. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	239	238
Sun. A.M. Worsh	ip 350	370
Sun. P.M. Worsh	ip 201	185
Wed. Bible study	187	190
Contribution	\$13,894	\$13,726

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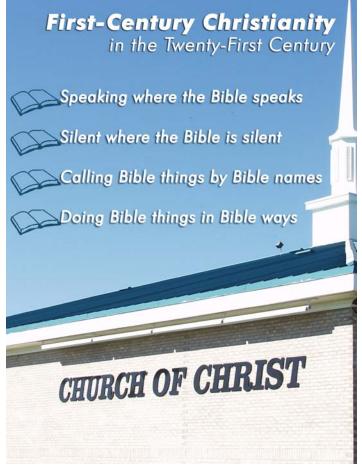
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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes............9:00 a.m.
Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible classes7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Gary & Jacqui Jenkins



What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).