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**Every Member Present
Sunday**

January 4

**9:00 a.m.
&
10:00 a.m.**



By Dan Jenkins

Godly Men Make Resolutions

It's that time of year when people make resolutions, only to see them fade away in the days which follow. This does not mean that all resolutions are worthless, but when it comes to our resolve in spiritual matters, we should take this seriously. The wisest man, Solomon, said, "When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; for He has no pleasures in fools. Pay what you have vowed—better not to vow than to vow and not pay" (Eccl. 5:4-5). Look at the resolve of three godly men in the Bible.

Personal resolutions. Who would have ever seen Saul of Tarsus, who became the great apostle Paul, as a prospect for conversion? Who would have ever seen him as the author of half of the New Testament books? Yet, God does not see as man sees, for man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart (1 Sam. 16:7). What was it that God saw that others could not see? Perhaps the answer is found in a resolution Paul made early in his life. He said, "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward man" (Acts 24:16). What a noble resolution the apostle made. Is this one you should make?

Family resolutions. Every godly parent is concerned about the spiritual welfare of every member of the family.

Look at the resolution one godly father made. The Jews had entered the land God promised He would give to them. Joshua had successfully led the nation and the land had been taken. He called Israel together and challenged them to make a life changing decision about the future of the new nation.

Joshua presented two choices before them. They could worship the idols in the land they had taken or they could choose to serve God. He then expressed his resolution about his family. "Fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth. . . choose you this day whom you will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:14-15). Is this resolution one you should make for your family?

When you make a vow to God, do not delay it. Pay what you have vowed.

Broken resolutions. What do you do when you have made promises to God and have failed to live up to them. There was that disciple who expressed his resolve to the Lord when he said, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You" (Matt. 26:35). Yet, he did deny him. His resolution did not become reality. Fortunately, this is not the end of the story. Less than two months after uttering these words and then cursing and swearing that he did not even know Jesus, he stood before the Jewish nation and preached on Pentecost. What a great story!

Think about it. Are there promises you need to make to the Lord. Even if you have failed before, He can still use you!



By David Sproule

It's Not Just a Day!

Making "New Year's Eve Resolutions" is an interesting practice. In no way trying to knock those who make them, but what is it about January 1st that makes that day the day to make changes? It's just a day! Couldn't those changes be made on December 28th just as easily? Why wait?

The same perspective could be taken toward other "holidays." What is it about February 14th that makes that the day to say, "I love you"? What is it about November 11th that makes that the day to express appreciation to our veterans? What is about someone's birthday that makes it a day to celebrate and give gifts? After all, these are just days! They're like any other days! Couldn't any or all of these things be done on other days?

Now, understand that I'm just trying to get you to think. I'm not against any of these special days or the "special commemorations" that are part of them (usually). I'm just trying to lead your thoughts down to this point.

Too many have taken that philosophy—i.e., "A day is just a day. What's so special about a particular day over another day?"—and they have tried to apply that philosophy to Sunday. You know Sunday, right? The first day of the week. The "last day of the weekend." The day before most folks

"have to go back to work." It's just like any other day, right? Does it really matter what I do (or don't do) on Sunday?

The apostle John had an interesting way of describing Sunday in the book of Revelation. He could have called it "the first day of the week," like he did when writing his gospel account (John 20:1, 19), but he didn't. He could have called it "Sunday," which would have made sense to us. But, instead, on the occasion when John "was in the Spirit" and prepared to receive "the revelation of Jesus Christ," the Holy Spirit inspired him to designate Sunday as "the Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10).

You see, Sunday is not just a day! It is not like any other day! It is, set apart by God Himself, **the Lord's Day!** Therefore, we must take the more earnest heed to ensure that (1) what we do on the Lord's Day is what the Lord wants us to do on His day, and (2) we do not move what the Lord wants done on His day to another day.

What is it about Sunday that makes it **the day to worship the Lord?** What is it about Sunday that makes what we do on that day in worship holy and unmovable (in totality) to any other day? The answer: **The Lord!** That's why it is called "**the Lord's Day!**" May God help us to love His day, respect His day, long for His day, seize His day, give ourselves and truly worship Him on His day! The Lord's Day is not just a day!

What is about Sunday that makes what we do on that day in worship holy?



By Josh Blackmer

Some Things to Think About At the Beginning of the Year

Lamentations 3:21-24. This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. The LORD'S loving kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."

2 Corinthians 5:17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Colossians 3:9-10. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.

Ephesians 4:22-24. That, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

1 Peter 1:13. Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:5. And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

Psalms 31:23-24. O love the LORD, all you His godly ones! The LORD preserves the faithful and fully recompenses the proud doer. Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the LORD.

Micah 7:7. But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me.

Romans 8:18. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

1 Corinthians 2:9. But just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those that love Him."

Philippians 3:13-14. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The new year brings thoughts of improvement, hope and renewed dedication. These verses were selected to help us in our plans for this year.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

When harvest is past and summer is ended

Words that sadly depict the end-of-the-line for some can be a wake-up call for others. Such is the case with the realization that finally came upon Judah while in captivity. Here are some of the saddest words in the Bible: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!" (Jer. 8:20). *We are not saved!* Could you imagine saying that? *We are not saved!*

Oh, they certainly had opportunities to repent and make the necessary changes to affect a different outcome, but like so many, they let those opportunities pass them by. And, now, it was too late and hope was lost. If only they had seized those opportunities to change, while they still had opportunity to change!

One day, our harvest will have passed. One day, our summer will have ended. When that day comes, will we be saved? Will we be right with God and prepared for eternity? What are you doing with the time and opportunities that you have right now to affect your eternity? – DS



"To infinity and beyond!"

Stretch your mind for a moment. What is the greatest thing you could ever ask of God? I don't think you're stretching enough. What is the most extreme thing that your imagination could ever fathom asking of God?

Now, read Ephesians 3:20. "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." Think about that verse. Let it soak into your mind and heart. The most authoritative Greek lexicon today tells us that the single Greek word for "exceedingly abundantly" in this verse is the "highest form of comparison imaginable," and they translate its use here as "infinitely more than."

What is it that you want to ask of God? What is it that you need from God? His power (which is working in us!) is able to go to infinity and beyond! Cast all of your cares upon Him today! He is able! Do you believe it? Do you trust Him? Give it all to Him! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	suffering with back & leg pain
Betsy Donahue	recovering from foot surgery
J.J. Hackshaw	Patricia Hackshaw's son, recovering from surgery
Cassie Lavender	recovering from seizures
Don Matter	now home from the hospital
Sallie Moses	diagnosed with stomach cancer & heart problems
Reggie Paul	Regina Paul's son, now at home, doing better
Leigh Puckett	home from the hospital, improving
Joe Quigley	recovering from a recent fall
Linda Studer	continues to undergoing chemo treatments



Bettye King upon the passing of her father, **Perry King**, 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	Daniel Johnson
Vera Day	Jean McMasters
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & 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

Maureen Findley	Mariah Hackshaw's cousin, hospital in New York
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, hospital in Washington, D.C.
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, lymphoma has returned
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, stent inserted, recovering at home

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, 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.

Monday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 11

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday-Wednesday, January 11-14

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by the Third Street congregation** each night at 7:30 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

Sunday-Wednesday, January 11-14 (cont.)

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Third Street.** Gale Nelson will be speaking on *"The Family of God."*

Sunday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 25

- ◆ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work.

Sunday, February 1

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home** at 2:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, February 6-8

- ◆ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$35 per person. Go to www.cf biblecamp.org for more details.

Saturday, February 7

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway** from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Jagi Kenyon will be speaking. See the bulletin board for more details.



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Young Adults

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.

Saturday, February 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



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Youth

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.

Saturday, January 17

- ◆ **Jr. High & Young Adult Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for details.
- ◆ **Sr. High Canoe Trip** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Riverbend Park. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, January 25

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.
- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

Sunday, February 8

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

Friday-Sunday, February 20-22

- ◆ **YES Weekend for Grades 8-12.**



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215 Things in 2015 For Which You Can Be Thankful

109. Hugs
110. Friends
111. Friends that are like family
112. Our brethren in Christ
113. Christian fellowship
114. Fellowship opportunities
115. Bond between Christians
116. Our church family
117. Church friends
118. Christian examples
119. Marital examples
120. Christian families
121. Christian couples
122. Christian husbands
123. Christian wives
124. Christian parents
125. Bible class teachers
126. Bible class assistants
127. Elders
128. Elders' wives
129. Deacons
130. Deacons' wives
131. Preachers
132. Preachers' wives
133. Youth ministers
134. Youth ministers' wives
135. Missionaries
136. Missionaries' wives
137. Church secretaries
138. Co-workers
139. Kind people
140. Kind hearts of strangers
141. Good teachers
142. The love of fellow Christians
143. The encouragement of fellow Christians
144. The support of fellow Christians
145. The correction of fellow Christians
146. The strength of fellow Christians
147. The generosity of fellow Christians
148. Sacrificial men and women of God
149. Never alone with our church family
150. Finding the church everywhere you go
151. Unity of the church
152. Church members who write letters
153. Our place in God's plan
154. Christians in our lives now
155. Christians who have already "gone on"
156. Living influence of Christians we've known
157. Experiencing a life of love
158. People who solve problems they don't face
159. Good health
160. Healthy children
161. Doctors
162. Nurses
163. Hospitals
164. Modern healthcare
165. Modern medicine
166. Longer lifetime to be saved
167. Longer lifetime to serve
168. Police
169. Firefighters
170. EMS
171. Our country, the USA
172. Those who serve our country
173. Freedom
174. Freedom of religion
175. Freedom to worship the one true God
176. Freedom to pray
177. Men who fight for our freedom
178. Prosperity
179. Education
180. Job
181. Books
182. Ability to see
183. Ability to read
184. Ability to listen
185. Ability to learn
186. Ability to think
187. Ability to choose
188. Ability to run
189. Creativity
190. Imagination
191. Healthy food
192. Abundant food
193. Homes to live in
194. Cars to drive
195. Buses to ride
196. Clean water
197. Hot water
198. Cold water
199. Air conditioning
200. Heaters
201. Indoor plumbing
202. Electricity
203. Locks on my door
204. Music
205. Warm bed
206. Pillows
207. Fingernails
208. Technology
209. Computers
210. Internet
211. Puppies
212. Coke
213. Chocolate chip cookies
214. Chocolate covered pretzels
215. Chipotle Mexican Grill

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



Sunday,
December 28

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lisa Arnold; Miss Aliah Bryant; Mr. Jean Charles; Valerie Elliot; Lauren Grimaldi; Pierre Irby; Chris Lopez; Nahum Villard and Mrs. Machele Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Clarence Anthony, Gainesville, FL; Mrs. Joyce Boothe, Burkburnett, TX; Terry & Sherri Cheshier, Duncanville, TX; Lance Collier, Jr., Blackshear, GA; James B. Egner, Louisville, KY; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hensel, Paris, IL; Mr. Pervis M. Henderson, Boynton Beach, FL; Gerry & Joyce Griffin, Madison, AL; Trevor Henry, Upper Sackville, New Brunswick; David & Sheri Jenkins & Jonathan, Lilburn, GA; Jonathan & Julie Jenkins, Katy, TX; William & Kay Jenkins, Milan, TN; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Monique Leblanc, Canada; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Brent, Lindsey, Mason, & Maddie McPherson, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Don Mahoney, Vienna, WV; Mr. Mario Moss & Prescolita Clough; Mrs. Cathy Payne, David II, Rachel & Andrew, Oneida, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Emory Pendley, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Post, Atlanta, GA; Claudette Smith, Port St. Lucie, FL; Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith, Henderson, TN; Mr. Willie Smith, Sr., Valdosta, GA; Scotty, Allison, Shayli, & Hayden Studer, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Julie Watson & Jonah, Bartlesville, OK; Ron Wilkins, Pollock, LA; and Mr. & Mrs. Roger Wood & Kyle, Lawton, OK.



Sunday (January 4th)

Joseph & Anthioda Charles (Ann.)
Gabrielle Newby

Tuesday (January 6th)

Bobby Ingraham
Joe Maloney

Wednesday (January 7th)

Willie & Giselle Smith (Ann.)

Wednesday (January 7th)

Sandy Colage

Friday (January 9th)

Matthew &
Kasandra Jones (Ann.)
Brenda Collier

Saturday (January 10th)

Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona

Thank You Note

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for all the visits, cards, and especially the prayers offered for my recovery during the last three months. I have enjoyed the encouragement and strength they have given me. Nothing is more important in life than one's church family.

Joy Cantrell

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, January 4

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Richard Lerro
Scripture Reading..... Taylor Reeves
Presiding at Table Eugene Williams
Serve at Table:
Shea Brown Gene Puckett
Glen Dawson Ross Stone
Jonathan Jordan Chris Thompson
Jeremy Maloney Austin Williams
Alternates:
Pete Brown Ken Tipton
Closing Prayer Jeff Goodale

Sunday Evening, January 4

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Tim Fry
Scripture Reading..... Kane Campbell
Presiding at Table..... Victor Colage
Nick Pietro
Luther Robinson
Marty Williams
Prayer..... Johnny Davis

Wednesday Evening, January 7

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Invitation..... Marty Williams
Family Prayer Cam Crotts

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Dec. 28</u>	<u>Nov. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	259	238
Sun. A.M. Worship	412	370
Sun. P.M. Worship	190	185
Wed. Bible study	157	190
Contribution	\$15,141	\$13,726

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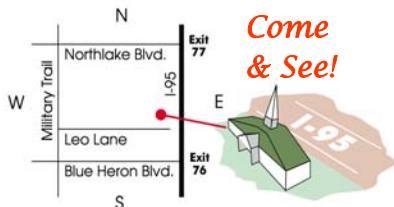
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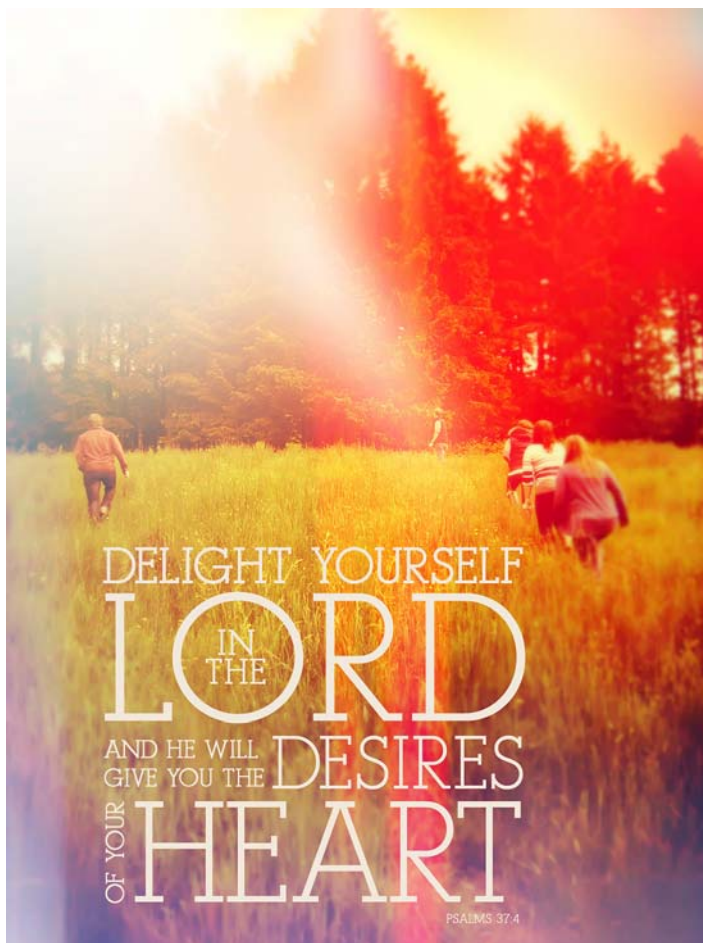
Sunday:

- 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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Upcoming Events

January 25

Mission Sunday

February 8

"Laborers Together with God" Sunday

February 15

PBL Family Groups

February 21

Sweetheart Banquet

March 1-4

Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

April 16

Ladies' Day with Celine Sparks

May 1-2

Evangelism Training for Youth with Lonnie Jones