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2015 PBL Theme:

with **GOD** *we can*
 PHILIPPIANS 4:13

January

Evangelize the World

February

Find a Place to Serve

March

Anchor Our Hope in Christ

April

Grow Closer to Each Other

May

See Souls Around Us

June

Equip Our Young People

July

Fortify Our Faith

August

Worship More Meaningfully

September

Strengthen Our Marriages

October

Restore His Church

November

Prepare for His Coming

December

Live Closer to Him



By Dan Jenkins

When People Mistreat You

I could quote the verse long before I really felt the impact God intended for it to have in my life. It was several years ago, when we lived in Birmingham, that one of my children's Bible classes was memorizing short phrases from the Bible. The teacher asked for my help and I readily responded. Decades have passed, but I distinctly remember those six words of Paul and the impact they had on me. What were those words? "Be ye kind one to another" (Eph. 4:32).

The Bible demands kindness. We are told to be kindly affectionate to each other (Rom. 12:21); to be kind and forgiving (Eph. 4:32); to put on kindness (Col. 3:12) and to give all diligence in adding kindness to our faith (2 Pet. 1:5-7).

The Bible illustrates kindness. The lives of those saints of old show what kindness is, and we are amazed as we read about them. Joseph was kind to his brothers who sold him as a slave (Gen. 50:21); Moses was kind to the seven daughters of Reuel who were mistreated by the evil shepherds; David was kind to the crippled grandson of evil King Saul (2 Sam. 9); and the good Samaritan was kind to that stranger, beaten and bleeding, whom he saw beside the road. As we read these stories, we are amazed at how differently these saints reacted from the way we would have reacted!

How should we respond to those rude people who are mistreating us?

It is so easy to be kind to some people. When people show kindness to us we readily respond kindly to them. Jesus described it in these words, "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?" (Matt. 5:46). The measure of our kindness is not determined by how we treat those who are kind to us.

It is so hard to be kind to some people. Those words of Jesus follow His words about how we should deal with our enemies, with those who curse us, with those who hate us and those who despise us, with those who out of spite take advantage of us and persecute us. We are to love them, bless them, do good to them and pray for them. Here is the measure of true kindness. It is manifested in how we treat people who are rude to us in the market place, to co-workers who mistreat us, to family members who aggravate us and to all those whose agenda seems to be to hurt us with words and deeds. Here is the measure of true kindness.

Kindness is not what we do, it is what we are. The reality is that if we wait until the moment of conflict with unkind people to decide what to do, we will likely respond unkindly. Kindness is a trait of heart, not an artificial action. Kind people do not have to decide to act kindly. This is their automatic response! It is who they are.

God help us to be kind one to another!



By David Sproule

With God We Can!

There seemed to be an air of excitement among the congregation last Sunday as we announced the theme for 2015—"With God We Can!" It is not overly profound, and it is obviously not original. Four words. Twelve letters. But, it packs a powerful punch when you think about it.

"With God We Can" fixes our attention where it needs to be! Too often in this life, we spend too much time focused on self and focused on things. Hebrews 12:2 reminds us that success will only be ours by "fixing our eyes on Jesus."

"With God We Can" puts our trust in the power of God and not man! Our mentality is usually, "I can handle this...I've got this!" When, in reality, it should be, "God can handle this...God's got this!" Recognizing our limitations but God's limitlessness ought to remind us that "the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Cor. 4:7).

"With God We Can" reaffirms our faith! When those four words ("With God We Can") become more than a slogan and become indelibly inscribed deep into our hearts, then our faith will not waver at the onslaught of Satan's attacks. Rather, we will be "strengthened in faith...being fully convinced" that God (and God alone) is able (Rom. 4:19-21).

It is true—"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me!"

"With God We Can" gets me busy in the Lord's work! When I realize that it's not about me and when I realize that I'm never alone in working for the Lord, then I should be motivated to get to work. The promise of the Lord as we teach the gospel is, "I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20). As you work out your salvation, "it is God who works in you" (Phil. 2:12-13).

"With God We Can" helps us get through each day! In his final letter before his execution, Paul was still focused on what others needed to hear, rather than on what he needed. He wrote: "I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Tim. 1:12). God helps us through it all!

"With God We Can" empowers us to encourage each other! How often do we ask each other, "How am I going to get through this? What am I going to do?" Let us use the Word of God to reinforce to one another that no matter the trials and circumstances, "With God we can!" "Comfort each other and edify one another" (1 Thess. 5:11).

"With God We Can" gives us hope! It is true—"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). It is true—"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Heb. 6:19). It is true—"If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31). *With God we can!*



By Josh Blackmer

Christianity, A Spectator Sport

In America we like sports. Baseball, once America's favorite pastime, now has fierce competition with the National Basketball Association and the National Football League. A spectator sport is any sport that is usually associated with people watching. The most watched sport on the planet is Soccer (a.k.a. Football), though I would not recommend "following a multitude to do evil" (Ex. 23:2).

No matter what your sport of choice is, have you ever considered your walk as a Christian a spectator sport? Paul did in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27—"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified." In this text he highlights self-control and discipline. Both the athlete and the Christian need these for the longevity and endurance that is required of both. "Let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

Our good works are to be seen by men to glorify God

Who are the spectators? This passage in 1 Corinthians 9 eludes to two. The first is He who gives the crown or wreath. If we are to run in such a way to receive a wreath, who is it that gives us said wreath? The Bible says, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Watching the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done" (2 Cor. 5:10). God sees all and will give the faithful a crown: "in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:8).

The second group of spectators are the "others." Paul said, "after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified." What must be understood is that we should be talking to "others" about Christ. It is obvious that those "others" will be watching us. Our good works are to be seen by men to glorify God: "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Knowing that God is ever vigilant and that people are watching how we live our lives, we should be compelled to do more to glorify God. Not motivated by fear but motivated by love for the spectators.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

One of the very few verses he had marked

The 70-year-old man's "newest" Bible was well-worn, with a tattered cover and discolored pages. It was obviously used often in his final years, but it was hard to find a single pen-mark on any page of the text. After flipping hundreds of pages, I finally found a mark. It was a small circle drawn with black ink around the number "3" in Psalm 141. Of all the verses in this well-read Bible, he had marked this one.

"Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips."

Interesting. The verse that this well-studied, 70-year-old Christian man thought so significant to mark and the verse that he wanted to remember was a petition to God to guard his mouth. If he needed that verse, how much more do I need that verse! Not just marked in my Bible but ingrained on my soul! "God, it's me! I need You to set a guard over my mouth!" – DS



Turned upside down

The early church, and likely the efforts of the apostle Paul in particular, had developed quite a reputation. It does not appear that Paul and Silas were on the continent of Europe very long before the Jews in Thessalonica made this sweeping claim, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too" (Acts 17:6). I don't believe this was an exaggeration. The news of the spreading and impact of the gospel was widespread.

Christians are often urged today to take the gospel to the lost world and "turn the world upside down." Often, that task seems insurmountable and thus we may not even attempt it. But, consider it on a smaller scale. Can the gospel turn our neighborhood upside down? Our street? Our workplace? Our home? Our family members? Our friends? Ourselves?

If we will devote ourselves wholly to the teaching and living of the gospel, the Lord can use us to turn the world upside down...one soul at a time! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	suffering with back & leg pain
Sandy Colage	cancer found during a surgery, undergoing testing
Betsy Donahue	recovering from foot surgery
Jeremiah 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
Leigh Puckett	home from the hospital, improving
Joe Quigley	being treated for a fall and extreme dehydration
Linda Studer	completed 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	Don & Betty Matter	Leigh Puckett
Millie Ames	Kay Fish	Margie Hardin	Daniel Johnson	Deidra Miley	Ricky Smedley
Vera Day	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Jean McMasters	Rosa Nash	Margaret Wade

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

David Dawson	Glen Dawson's brother, ICU in TN, several mini-strokes
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, hospital in Washington, D.C.
Calvin Harriott	Ben Harriott's uncle, brain aneurysm, not doing well
Audrey James	Gloria Boyd's cousin, chemo for breast cancer
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, lymphoma has returned
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer
Darlene Smith	Willie Smith's mother, hospitalized for high blood press.
Eddie James Smith	Mary A. Jackson's cousin, cancer spread to his liver
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, stent inserted, recovering at home

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, 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). Gale Nelson will be speaking on *"The Family of God."*

Monday, January 12

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

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

- ◆ **Deadline for Ordering "With God We Can" T-Shirts.** Payments are due on Wednesday, January 28.

Sunday, January 18

- ◆ **Personal Evangelism Group Meeting** at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to be a part of this time of prayer and encouragement.

Sunday, January 18 (cont.)

- ◆ **Soup-er Sunday Fellowship Dinner** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring your favorite soup, pasta or snacks to share. See Rick Hall or Stephen Beliech for details.

Friday, January 23

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



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Young Adults

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 lawn chair for the bonfire.

Monday, February 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amber Villard. Bring an empty picture frame to use for the craft. See Amber for more details.

Saturday, February 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.

Friday-Monday, February 13-16

- ◆ **Young Adult Camping Trip.** Cost is \$32 per person. Money can be given to Rachel Fuller or the Villards.



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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.**

New Bible Class Semester (for All Ages) Begins Jan. 18

Adults, Sr. High & Jr. High (1st 10 Weeks)



"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M. (Jan. 18-Mar. 22)

Auditorium	Genesis (Part 1)	<i>Dan Jenkins</i>
Adult 1	Christian Evidences	<i>Nate Nelson</i>
Adult 2	Fundamentals of the Faith (Part 1)	<i>David Sproule</i>
Adult 3	Young Adults: How to Study the Bible	<i>Josh Blackmer</i>
Sr. High	Sr. High: World Religions	
Jr. High	Jr. High: Letters to Christians	

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M. (Jan. 21-Mar. 25)

Auditorium	Survey of the New Testament (Part 1)	<i>David Sproule</i>
Adult 1	Premillennialism	<i>Dan Jenkins</i>
Adult 3	Heart Diseases & Their Cure	<i>Dan Fuller</i>
Adult 2	Ladies: Ruth & Esther	<i>Traci Sproule</i>
Sr. High	Sr. High: 1-2 Corinthians	
Jr. High	Jr. High: Bible Geography	

Ages 0-2


Cradle Roll

God Made Me
Angie Seames

Toddlers & Age 2

Three Great Men
Lisa Holaday

Stepping into the Bible for Age 3 thru Grade 5 (Jan. 18-June 3)

	King Solomon	Wisdom Literature	The Divided Kingdom	Elijah: God's Prophet	Elijah: Final Victories
Session 1 <i>Jan. 18-Feb. 11</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Shea Brown</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Julie C, Rachel F</i>	Kindergarten <i>Amber Puckett</i>	Grade 1 <i>Tasha Ellis</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Sue S, Brittany T</i>
Session 2 <i>Feb. 15-Mar. 11</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Sue S, Brittany T</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Shea Brown</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Julie C, Rachel F</i>	Kindergarten <i>Amber Puckett</i>	Grade 1 <i>Tasha Ellis</i>
Session 3 <i>Mar. 15-Apr. 8</i>	Grade 1 <i>Tasha Ellis</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Sue S, Brittany T</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Shea Brown</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Julie C, Rachel F</i>	Kindergarten <i>Amber Puckett</i>
Session 4 <i>Apr. 12-May 6</i>	Kindergarten <i>Amber Villard</i>	Grade 1 <i>Lenelle Crowell</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Mary Porter</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>David Lord</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Robin Davis</i>
Session 5 <i>May 10-June 3</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Robin Davis</i>	Kindergarten <i>Amber Villard</i>	Grade 1 <i>Lenelle Crowell</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Mary Porter</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>David Lord</i>

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



Sunday,
January 4

Dear PBL family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, flowers, and comforting hugs after my mom's passing. But most of all thank you for all your prayers. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful family of brothers and sisters in Christ. God is good.

Peace to all,
Sandy Colage

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lisa Arnold; David & Joshah Baudin; Samuel Belizaire; Terry & Regina Crews; David Dykes; Miss Valerie Elliot; Pierre Irby; Ms. Pamela Meglio; Miss Sandy Roberts & Jon; Miss Cecilia Tipton; Nahum Villard; and Miss Kimberly Traxler.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Manny Benezra & Nathan, Katy, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Blake, Hornbeak, TN; Squadenia Davis & Aaron, Pembroke Pines, FL; James B. Egner, Louisville, KY; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Gerry & Joyce Griffin, Madison, AL; Jonathan & Julie Jenkins & Andrew, Katy, TX; Mrs. Kay Jenkins, Milan, TN; Jack Lang, Eutaw, AL; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Monique Leblanc, Canada; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, 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; Brian, Tammy, Tanner & Gibson Rayfield, Adel, GA; Mrs. Claudette Smith, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith, Henderson, TN; Ms. Jaquanda Smith; Matthew, Julie & Jonah Watson, Bartlesville, OK; Mr. & Mrs. Don Weinhardt, LaGrange, KY; and Ms. Sammie Yarbrough, Columbus, MS.



Sunday (January 11th)

Harrison & Danielle Carter (Ann.)

Monday (January 12th)

Barbara King

Tuesday (January 13th)

Linda Allen

Wednesday (January 14th)

Mary Coombs
Robin Davis
Cindy Nelson

Saturday (January 17th)

Cynthia Parker

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 11

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer L.H. Richardson
Scripture Reading.....Orlando Lolo
Presiding at Table Tim Cox
Serve at Table:
Jimmie Banks Jim Rogers
David Brown Vincent Rogers
Mike Erickson Scott Studer
Namdidie Ikon Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Josh Blackmer David Lord
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, January 11

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Gary Friedly
Scripture Reading..... Ivan Villard, Jr.
Presiding at Table..... Daniel Swayne
John Kemp
Adam Seal
Mike Trujillo
Prayer.....Dan Fuller

Wednesday Evening, January 14

Lead Singing Ivan Villard, Jr.
Invitation..... Harrison Carter
Family Prayer L.H. Richardson

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 4	Dec. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	272	231
Sun. A.M. Worship	412	366
Sun. P.M. Worship	209	189
Wed. Bible study	191	174
Contribution	\$15,596	\$14,802

2015 Weekly Budget: TBA

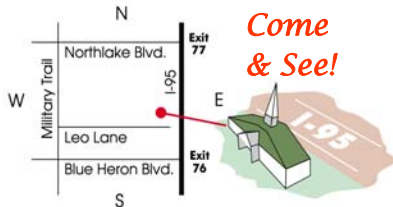
Ushers for the week of Jan. 11 Head Usher: Novel Brown; Jim Davis & Rick Price



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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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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

- Speaking where the Bible speaks
- Silent where the Bible is silent
- Calling Bible things by Bible names
- Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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