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Anchor Our Hope in Christ

AMERICA'S
Only Hope

A Series of
Gospel Lessons
with Phil Sanders

March 1-4



By Dan Jenkins

Thank God, I Have Another Opportunity

The title of this article, “Thank God, I Have Another Opportunity,” comes from the heart of a new Christian I knew in New Zealand more than fifty years ago. Like almost every new Christian, she could not wait to tell her friends of the great treasure she had found in Christ. Like almost every joyful Christian, she told her friends over and over again. They seemingly were not interested in what she had to say.

Then, the church planned its gospel meeting, and she now had a new approach to use. Her words to me, “I am so thankful when we have a gospel meeting. It is the best week of the year because it gives me one more chance to invite others to learn about Jesus.” She never saw inviting others as an unpleasant “chore.” Instead, it was a time of joy to do all she could to teach others.

Somehow we have failed to understand the parable of the sower. This kingdom parable shows Christians as a sower who goes out into the world to spread the seed. That seed of the kingdom is the word of God (Luke 8:11). The responsibility of the sower is very simple. As he walks through the field, he simply spreads the seed. He does not go out to find only the good soil and then to spread the seed there. His task is to spread the seed everywhere.

He does not want scouts but sowers. No one can scout, everyone can sow!

The seed when it is sown almost always does NOT produce an abundant harvest. Meditate on this parable. Sowers do not always produce fruit! The seed seems to be “wasted” on three out of the four kinds of soils. Somehow, we have overlooked this and think that our task is to baptize everyone. We were sent to teach, not to baptize (1 Cor. 1:17). It may seem strange, but He will not ask us, “Did you ever lead someone to Christ?” Think about what question He will ask us!

The Lord does not need scouts, He needs sowers. We have misunderstood our work. He never sent us into the world to be His scouts just looking out for receptive people. How can we really know the hearts of others? We can only look at the outward appearance, and only the Lord can know the hearts of those around us. We must forever remove from our vocabulary the phrase, “I cannot find anyone to teach,” which means that we cannot find anyone who we think might respond favorably to our approach. It is far better to see all hearts as soils worthy of the gospel. We can never say, “I cannot find anyone in whose lives I can sow the seed.” They are all around us! Hearts like wayside soil, stony ground and thorny ground are all around us!

Our meeting begins next Sunday. Between now and then, let none of us become scouts! Let all of us become sowers, telling others of Him during “the best week of the year!”



By David Sproule

Raising Kids Is Easier

There are some seriously tough jobs out there! (Mike Rowe, who hosted the television show, “Dirty Jobs,” would likely call that an understatement!) From coal mining to sewer cleaning to prison wardens, there are certain jobs in this world that just take a little more courage, stamina and prayer-power to accomplish.

Add to that list (and just go ahead and put it at the top of the “tough jobs” list) the job of parenting! It is certainly a job that takes courage, stamina and prayer-power! And, as all parents would agree, no two parenting jobs are alike. It is not true about children that “when you’ve seen one, you’ve seen them all”! Each child is unique, which makes each parenting job unique!

But, here’s some good news! I’m going to tell you how to make your parenting job easier! I did not say, “make it easy.” It’s not easy. But, here are some keys to making the challenge of raising kids easier.

Raising kids is easier when done in a Christian home. In a Christian home, there are God-given values, morals and rules that govern the lives and decisions of those in the home. When we live by God’s standards, then we don’t have to make up our own as we go along. When godliness, righteousness,

prayer and Bible reading permeate the daily activities of the home, raising kids is so much easier!

Raising kids is easier when present for every church service. Sometimes it is might not be easy to get the kids ready (and yourself ready) to get to church three times a week, but when our weekly calendars have three permanent commitments and everything else in our lives must be scheduled around those fixtures, raising kids is so much easier!

Raising kids is easier when they’re regularly around other Christians. The influence of the world and our ungodly culture makes it difficult to raise spiritually-minded children, but when we have Christian friends and when we surround our kids with our Christian friends, raising kids is so much easier!

Raising kids is easier when the church family is at the heart of our lives. How can people in the world raise their kids without the church family? Who do they point to as worthy examples to follow? Who do they go to for sound advice? Who do they trust unequivocally with the lives of their children? I shudder at the potential answers to those questions! If the church family is truly an integral part of who we are and what we do, raising kids is so much easier!

Parenting is a challenging job! But, faithful Christians have found a way to make raising kids easier! If you’re missing one of these keys, you’re making it harder on yourself!

Faithful Christians have found a way to make raising kids easier!



By Josh Blackmer

A Tale of Two Gardens

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way." When you read the first line of Charles Dickens' novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, and compare the garden of Eden to the garden of Gethsemane, there is an interesting spiritual correlation.

While humanity's time in the garden was a high point for us, our exit was truly the worst of times. In foolishness, we believed the serpent, and we were incredulous to the commands of God. In darkness and despair, we were cast from the garden. Without the love and grace of God we had nothing before us, and we were going "direct the other way." Romans 5:12 reads, "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned." Thanks be to God that we were not left in that state. In our despair and hopelessness, God loved us. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who-

ever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him" (John 3:16-17).

Gethsemane was the beginning of the sacrifice of the Christ. It was the best of times for us. "For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous" (Rom. 5:17-19).

As we think about the two gardens they represent two very different points in our relationship with God.

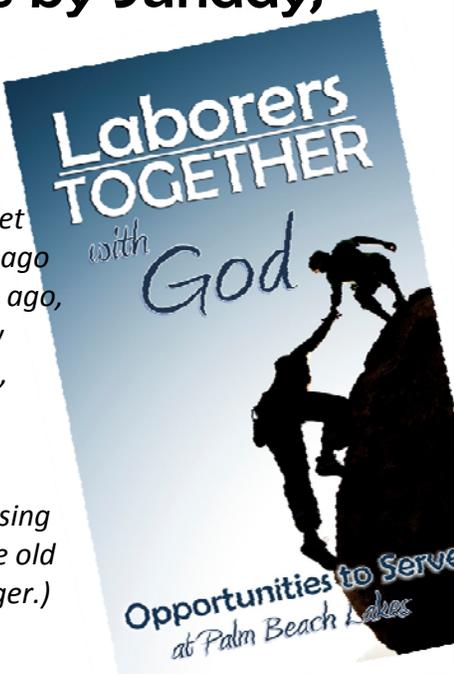
The Christ and all His sacrifice is the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24); He is the basis for our belief (Acts 8:37) and the reason for our hope (1 Tim. 1:1). Those who are in Christ can confidently say, "Our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20).

As we think about the two gardens, they represent two very different points in our relationship with God. The choices made in one marked our condemnation. The choices made in the other, our salvation.

Be sure to turn in your "Opportunities to Serve" Booklets by Sunday, Feb. 22.

Even if you turned in a booklet a couple months ago or a couple years ago, we need this new booklet from you, with all the new opportunities.

(We will not be using the data from the old booklets any longer.)



Phil Sanders, who is preaching in our Gospel Meeting next week, is the host of the nationally televised program, **"In Search of the Lord's Way."**

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

David Brown	suffering with kidney stones
Mary Brown	awaiting results from PET scan
Sandy Colage	undergoing chemo and radiation for cancer
Margaret Griffo	under on-going Hospice Care
Richard Haines	upcoming knee replacement surgery (3/17)
Sallie Moses	recovering at home from surgery, improving

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	dialysis treatments

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, recovering from neck surgery
David Dawson	Glen Dawson's brother, recovering from heart bypass surg
Freddie King	Matthew, Nadia & Kahla's father, undergoing chemo
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, chemo for lymphoma
John Lewis	Jaqua' Lewis' father, eye surgery
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Lilli Scienzo	Amberdenise Puckett's cousin, upcoming surgery on ACL
A'Gatha Spradlin	Troy Spradlin's mother, declining after last year's stroke
Amy Wombough	Micky Affron's daughter, recovering from asthma attack

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, February 22

- ◆ **Laborers Together with God Booklet Return Deadline.** Drop your booklet in one of the boxes in the Lobby by the Welcome Desk.

Sunday-Wednesday, February 22-25

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Okeechobee.** Jim Day will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the Auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Saturday, February 28

- ◆ **PBL Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:00 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.
- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. This is a birthday celebration for all. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange. See Kane or Fran Campbell for

Sunday, March 1

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

Sunday-Wednesday, March 1-4

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting at Palm Beach Lakes.** Phil Sanders will be speaking on "America's Only Hope."

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	<i>The Essence of Hope</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Jesus & His Cross</i>
	12:45 p.m.	<i>Jesus & His Word</i>

<u>Monday</u>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Jesus & His Church</i>
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<u>Tuesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Jesus & His Salvation</i>
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<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00 p.m.	<i>Jesus & His Promise</i>
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Young Adults

Friday, February 27

- ◆ **Young Adult Movie Night & Food Truck Invasion** at 6:00 p.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park. The movie (*How to Train Your Dragon 2*) will begin at 7:30 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, March 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Cynthia Parker.

Monday, March 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer.

Sunday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 21

- ◆ **Young Adult Cookout for Kids** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at TY Park in Miami. See Ivan Villard or Rachel Fuller for details.



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Youth

Sunday, February 22

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

Sunday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 14

- ◆ **Jr. High Bike Riding.** See David or Traci Sproule for details.

Sunday, March 22

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

Saturday, April 4

- ◆ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High youth at 10:30 a.m. Jr. High arrive at the building at 9:45 a.m. Bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs (No chocolate; it will melt).

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - March, 2015

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Brad Shelt	Gene Puckett	Taylor Reeves	Charles Hayes	Justin Maloney
Scripture Reading	Tim Cox	Bobbo Lupo	L.H. Richardson	Jim Davis	Tim Fry
Presiding at Table	Novel Brown	Joe Holland	Dan McLeod	Chris Thompson	Jeff Goodale
Serving at Table:	Jordan Beasley	Pete Brown	Jimmy Banks	Henry Bass	Doug Carrick
	Lance Collier	Harrison Carter	Chuck Clark	Mike Erickson	Ted Friesner
	Gorman Ericksen	Cam Crotts	Paul Hensel	Dick Kelley	Gary Jenkins
	Richard Lerro	Andy Griffiths	Bobby Ingraham	Ken Long	Rick Price
	David Lord	Namddie Ikon	Jeff Leslie	Vincent Rogers	Carmen Ruckmen
	Tommy Pauldo	Wallace Jones	Jeremy Maloney	Chris Thomas	David Thorpe
	Mike Trujillo	Paul Metzkes	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Kevin Weeks	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Austin Williams	Adam Seal	Lawrence Williams	Marty Williams	Richard Watson
Closing Prayer	Mike Archer	Gary Seames	Daniel Swayne	Brent Leslie	Phil Porter

Evening Worship Service **					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Stephen Beliech	Jerry Pittman	Dan McLeod	Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer	David Thorpe	Bob Higbee	Bill Ingram, Sr.	Dirk Summerlot	David Lord
Scripture Reading	Scott Studer	Shea Brown	Victor Colage	Eugene Williams	Les McQuinn
Presiding at Table	David Brown	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Dan Fuller	Kane Campbell	Glen Dawson
Serving at Table:	Tim Fry	Mike Fox	Paul Batitsky	Andy Griffiths	Pete Brown
	Tim Fry	Nick Pietro	Ted Friesner	John Kemp	Lance Collier
	Rick Hall	Clayton Trujillo	Leonard Williams	Warren Porter	Austin Metzkes
Closing Prayer	Jim Rogers	David Holaday	Darin Summerlot	Tom Martens	Joe Maloney

Alternates:					
	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Johnny Davis	Orlando Lolo	Richard Lerro	Novel Brown
	L.H. Richardson	Richard Watson	Nate Nelson	Jerry Pittman	Rick Hall

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

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	Mar. 1 & 54	Mar. 8 & 11	Mar. 15 & 18	Mar. 22 & 25	Mar. 29 & Apr. 1
Head Usher	Freddie Gadson →				
	Gary Jenkins	Rick Price	Doug Carrick	Gene Puckett	Namddie Ikon
	Dick Kelley	Chris Thompson	Brad Shelt	Adam Seal	Daniel Swayne

- 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.

**** Notice: The evening service will be conducted after lunch at 12:50PM on March 1st. ****

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



Sunday,
February 15

Pierre Irby was baptized Sunday, February 15 following evening services. He is **David & Marie Thorpe's** grandson and is now living with them.

News & Notes

There is a **Congregational Work Day on Saturday, February 28** from 8:00 a.m. until noon to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds. There is something for everyone to do!

LOCAL VISITORS: David, Yurose, and Joshah Baudin; Mr. Jean Charles; Andrew & Peggy DeLaney; Mrs. Denise Fertilen; Sasha LaToya Johnson; Scott Lewis; John Loftis; Mark & J. Lombardi & Nickolas; and Quanda Reynolds.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mike Barrios, Collierville, TN; Brenda Betts, Okeechobee, FL; Squadeina Davis & Aaron Ross, Pembroke Pines, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Lyle & Lydia Gamble, Pompano Beach, FL; Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Ms. Monique Leblanc, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kos, Pittsburgh, PA; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Don & Judy Mahaney, Vienna, WV; Mary Margaret Meess, Jacksonville, FL; Joan Palmer & Ann Carter, Searcy, AR; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Potts, Dallas, TX; John & Bobbie Seay, Amory, MS; Ron and Pam Wildman, Warren, OH; and Alejandro Yegros, Asuncion, Paraguay.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (February 22nd)
Lester Galloway

Wednesday (February 25th) cont.
Lisa Eutsey

Monday (February 23rd)
Sabrina Lolo
Ricky Smedley

Friday (February 27th)
Chuck Milton

Wednesday (February 25th)
Kaitlyn Donahue

Saturday (February 28th)
Shelton Howell
Juanita Huser

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, February 22

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Henry Bass
Scripture Reading..... Bob Higbee
Presiding at Table Kevin Weeks
Serve at Table:
 Freddie Gadson Gene Puckett
 Charles Hayes Carman Ruckman
 Brent Leslie Scott Studer
 Austin Metzkes
Alternates:
 Les McQuinn Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Closing Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Sunday Evening, February 22

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading..... Nate Nelson
Presiding at Table..... Phil Porter
Serve at Table
 Novel Brown
 Rick Price
 Adam Seal
Prayer..... Tom Martens

Wednesday Evening, February 25

Lead Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation..... Jim Davis
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 15	Jan. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	217	256
Sun. A.M. Worship	337	400
Sun. P.M. Worship	191	193
Wed. Bible study	208	205
Contribution	\$13,613	\$14,430
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -786		

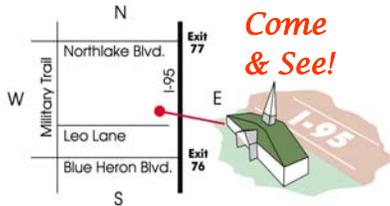
Ushers for the week of **Feb. 22**: Head Usher: Glen Dawson; Jimmy Banks & Jim Rogers



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Come & See!

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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: **Maurine Reed & Cassie Lavender**

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).



"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).