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AMERICA'S
Only Hope

March 1-4

Gospel Meeting
with Phil Sanders



Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 a.m. ***The Essence of Hope***
- 10:00 a.m. ***Jesus & His Cross***
- 11:45 a.m. Potluck Dinner-on-the-Grounds (All Family Groups have setup & cleanup.)
- 12:45 p.m. ***Jesus & His Word***

Monday, March 2

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: ***“Jesus Meets Zacchaeus”***
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Family Groups 1-2 have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. ***Jesus & His Church***

Tuesday, March 3

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: ***“Jesus Meets the Woman at the Well”***
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Family Groups 3-4 have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. ***Jesus & His Salvation***

Wednesday, March 4

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: ***“Jesus Meets Nicodemus”***
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. All Family Groups have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. ***Jesus & His Promise***



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: **Phil Sanders**

Phil Sanders has been preaching the gospel since 1970. He holds a number of gospel meetings each year, lectures and conducts seminars on a variety of topics. He is currently the host of the nationally televised program, *“In Search of the Lord’s Way,”* which can be watched locally on WGN (out of Chicago) at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Phil and his wife, Jackie, have four daughters and eleven grandchildren.



By Dan Jenkins

He Went a Little Further

Near the entrance of Gethsemane, He left eight of the apostles and then took Peter, James and John closer to the place where He was to pray. He left this “inner circle” and “...went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed” (Matt. 26:39, KJV). *He went further than others*—He always did—

and told us to do the same.

In the Sermon on the Mount, He talked about going beyond where others would go. When compelled by a Roman soldier to carry supplies for a mile, Jesus said we should go a greater distance and carry it two (Matt. 5:41). If someone thinks he needs our tunic, Jesus said we should go the greater distance and give him our outer garment as well. *He went further, and so should we.*

Think of the application this has in every area of our lives. When we see how the world lives with its measure of morality, we should do more. The ungodly do good to those who do good to them, but Christians return blessing for cursing, good for ill treatment and prayers for those who prey on us (Matt. 5:44). *He went further, and so should we!*

Christian husbands and wives need to go further in the way they treat their mates than anyone else on this earth. Agape love does not wait until a spouse treats them with kind-

ness. Christians go further, and they go further *first!* Christian parents go further with how they deal with their children than those in the world. Our children’s friends should see how we treat our children and be jealous! Christian children go further in honoring their parents than their friends at school do to their parents. *Remember that Jesus went further and so should we!*

Christians go further in the workplace than their fellow workers. The Bible uses the term “eyeservice” to describe those who work only when the eyes of their employers see them. Christians do not give eyeservice—they go further (Eph. 6:6). They also work just as diligently for good bosses as they do for unkind ones (1 Pet. 2:18). *Our Lord went further, and so should we.*

Now, take this principle and make it part of your life and part of the life in your family. Going further than others expect will change you and will brighten the light you shine. It will also shock those around you. They likely have never met someone who goes the extra mile. Perhaps they will even see you as part of a church that practices this lifestyle and be led to become part of this great family.

Why not take a moment right now and think of what you did yesterday or today where you could have done more. Do not ever forget. *He went further and so should we!*

The world has likely never met someone who always goes the second mile



By David Sproule

Oh, Forgiveness!

The Lord makes available to Christian an innumerable sum of spiritual blessings—blessings which are beyond our full comprehension, beyond our imagination, beyond anything we can even measure. And, these blessings (which are of a spiritual nature) are only accessed in one place—in

Christ (Eph. 1:3)! If you were to try to make a list of these blessings in Christ, which ones would be on your list? Which ones would you say are most valuable and most precious to you? Which one would you have on the top of your list?

Every spiritual blessing of God is valuable! There are none that are worthless! There are none that we can live without! But, consider one that we may sometimes take for granted. Consider one that we may sometimes think is so basic and elementary that it doesn’t require much thought from us. Consider forgiveness!

Can you imagine what it would have been like to hear the voice of Jesus Himself say directly and compassionately to you, “Your sins are forgiven” (like He did in Luke 5:20; 7:48; etc.)? How sweet those words must have been to proceed from His mouth to your ears and into your heart! While we do not hear with our ears those words today, the power is no less sweet in our hearts, as He forgives us of our sins today!

He continually, continually, continually keeps on, keeps on, forgiving me!

The word “forgiveness” comes from a word that literally means “send away.” So, when the Lord forgives us of our sins, He literally sends them away! He takes what was once separating me from my God (Isa. 59:1-2) and sends them away, so that I can abide in the holy presence of my God (1 John 3:5-6). He takes the blood that Jesus so freely and lovingly shed on the cross and washes my sins away (Rev. 1:5; 1 John 1:7), so that I can be clean from all of that filthy unrighteousness (Eph. 5:26; 1 John 1:9). He purges my sin so completely from me (Heb. 1:3) that He no longer remembers that I committed such an act against Him (Heb. 8:12; 10:17). He calls me to be faithful and knows that I will not be perfect (1 John 1:6-10), so He has devised a way for me to walk with Him, so that He can continually, continually, continually keep on, keep on, keep on forgiving me of my sin (1 John 1:7). Like David, I cannot help but exclaim that all of that knowledge is just “too wonderful for me” (Psa. 139:6).

So, the next time you pray and you “end” your prayer like you always end your prayer, with a quick, “Forgive me of my sins,” right before signing off, think about those words. God has blessed us with innumerable, immeasurable, unimaginable blessings, and His forgiveness of our sins (with all that entails) is second to none. When you ask God to forgive you of your sins, pause and think about Him saying, “Your sins are forgiven.” Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!



By Josh Blackmer

Mighty Servants Whom God Has

A list of names and deeds begins in 2 Samuel 23:8 with these words, “These are the names of the mighty men whom David had...” As I read this list and the exploits of these men, I longed to be named among them. The romanticized ideas of a time long gone, when men defended their faith with sword and shield, with spear and buckler. When one could stand flat-footed on the field of battle confident that the Lord would bring about a great victory by your hand alone, and those that came after you would only be there to strip the slain. God was glorified in battle.

That was another age. The Holy Spirit now tells us, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Eph. 6:12). The face of the enemy has changed, and the battle field has changed (Eph. 4:22,23; Rom. 12:2). This puts things into perspective when Christ said, “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matt. 10:28). Some of the fiercest battles are waged in the mind, and we deal with temptations and issues that come from putting off the old man—issues that can destroy both body and soul.

God is glorified in our righteous warfare, don't give up.

In my youthful desire to be a mighty man of valor, I knew nothing of the wars that people wage in their own minds. I knew nothing of the strength it took to draw a line in the sand with the tip of the sword of the Spirit and shout out to the temptations of sin, addictions and darkness, “This far and no more!” The courage it takes to stand up and say, “I need help, my strength is fading.” In that moment, your fellow brothers and sisters at arms rally around you and pull you from the encroaching darkness. Remember this, “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us” (Rom. 8:31, 37). We all have battles, and we are all warriors. So, arm yourselves as for war and fight (Eph. 6:10-18)! Fight for all you hold dear: for sons, daughters, spouses, friends, family and your own soul.

A list of names and deeds is found in heaven that, perhaps, begins with these words, “These are the names of the mighty servants whom God has...” Keep fighting, “Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called” (1 Tim. 6:12). So when the end comes you can say, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 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” (2 Tim. 4:7-8). God is glorified in your righteous warfare, don't give up.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Your run-walk

Those who compete in foot races all compete at different levels of intensity and for different reasons. In a single “race” or marathon, there may be some who run the whole distance, some who walk the whole distance and others who run-walk the whole distance (running some and walking some). As a Christian, which would you identify as the best depiction of your life?

Interestingly, the Bible uses both running and walking to describe the Christian life. “We also should **walk** in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). “For we **walk** by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7).

“**Walk** in love...**walk** as children of light...**walk** circumspectly” (Eph. 5:2, 8, 15). “**Walk** in the light as He is in the light” (1 John 1:7). “**Run** in such a way that you may obtain [the prize]” (1 Cor. 9:24). “Let us **run** with endurance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1).

As a Christian, there are times when we are running our race, and there are time when we are walking. The key is that we are always moving forward and doing so with the Lord! – DS



What kind of tree are you?

Jesus taught that there are basically two types of trees in this world, or as it is applied, basically two types of persons in the world – the good and the bad. And, each tree bears its own fruit. A good tree will produce and bear good fruit; a bad tree will produce and bear bad fruit.

Consider Jesus’ words carefully: “For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks” (Luke 6:43-45).

Note that “every tree is known by its own fruit.” What kind of tree are you? Your fruit, which is what grows and manifests itself on the outside, will announce to all what kind of tree you are. And, specifically, as your “mouth speaks,” it will reveal your true nature. So, based upon the fruit that you bear and the words that you speak, what kind of tree are you? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Sandy Colage	undergoing chemo and radiation for cancer
Tasha Ellis	scheduled for another eye surgery on Tuesday (3/3)
Adrienne Gadson	hospitalized last week
Margaret Griffo	under on-going Hospice Care
Richard Haines	upcoming knee replacement surgery (3/17)
Margie Hardin	hospitalized with chest pains & high blood pressure
Dave Holaday	scheduled for surgery on Tuesday (3/3)
Jean McMasters	PBG Medical Center (room 102), recovering from fall
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	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

Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, recovering from neck surgery
David Dawson	Glen Dawson's brother, recovering from heart bypass surg
Lyle Fjelsted	Micky Affron's uncle, diagnosed with bone cancer
Joung Hutson	Daniel Swayne's sister-in-law, stage 4 stomach cancer
Freddie King	Matthew, Nadia & Kahla's father, undergoing chemo
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, chemo for lymphoma
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Anne Merrill	Betsy Donahue's mother, undergoing medical testing
Mary Sanders	Betty Sanders' daughter, recovering from surgery
Roger Sanders	Betty Sanders' brother, in the hospital in Stuart
A'Gatha Spradlin	Troy Spradlin's mother, declining after last year's stroke

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, 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."

Monday, March 2

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

Tuesday, March 3

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

Sunday, March 8

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time begins.** Set your clocks forward one hour.
- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** Please have your photo taken *after morning services or before evening services* by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at the home of Joan Holloway. Bring a dish to share and wear green. Don't forget to spring your clocks forward! See Joan Holloway for details.

Sunday, March 8 (cont.)

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

Sunday-Wednesday, March 8-11

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Clewiston** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). David Caskey will be preaching. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, March 15

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Friday, March 20

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

Sunday, March 29

- ◆ **5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby** during evening assembly.

Sunday, April 5

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



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Saturday, March 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jackie Price. Food will be provided. Please carpool; parking is limited. See Shea Brown for details.

Monday, March 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. Bring a topping for the baked potatoes. See Cara for more details.

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.

Saturday, April 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes

Youth

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).

Friday-Sunday, April 9-13

- ◆ **Sr. High Trip to Makin' Music.** See the bulletin board.

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

News & Notes



Sunday,
February 22

PBL Family Photos will be updated for the church directory next Sunday, March 8. If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Jean Charles; Terry & Regina Crews; Andrew & Peggy DeLaney; Mrs. Maxine K. Griggs; Lauren Grimaldi; Scott Lewis; Andres Lopez; Mark & J. Lombardi & Nickolas; Shantel & Ethan Martin; Miss Pat Patterson; Kevin Schenk; Yolando & Christopher Stewart; and Kimberly Traxler.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Gerald Colbert, Savannah, TN; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Ashley DeLaney & Eli, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dempsey, Plymouth, MI; Mrs. Joyce Edmondson, St. Petersburg, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Danny Hunt, Savannah, TN; Bob & Joy Judd, Greer, SC; Miss Jenifer Langosch, St. Louis, MO; Ms. Monique Leblanc, Canada; Deltom & Summer Lequernaque, Stuart, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Andy Lopez, Miami, FL; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Don & Judy Mahaney, Vienna, WV; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Risa Schamel, Pleasant Hill, IA; and Ms. Doris Williams, Valdosta, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



Sunday (March 1st)

Willie Smith

Thursday March 5th

John Hoelzer

Monday (March 2nd)

Jean Dupérat
Andy Griffiths
Angela Walker

Friday (March 6th)

Susie Cox
Linda Studer

Wednesday (March 4th)

Glen Dawson

Saturday (March 7th)

Justin Maloney

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, March 1

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Brad Shelt
Scripture Reading..... Tim Cox
Presiding at Table Novel Brown
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley David Lord
Lance Collier Tommy Pauldo
Gorman Ericksen Mike Trujillo
Richard Lerro Austin Williams
Alternates:
Bill Ingram, Jr. L.H. Richardson
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, March 1

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer David Thorpe
Scripture Reading..... Scott Studer
Presiding at Table..... David Brown
Serve at Table
Tim Fry
Rick Hall
TBD
Prayer.....Jim Rogers

Wednesday Evening, March 4

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Invitation..... Phil Sanders
Family Prayer David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 22	Jan. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	226	256
Sun. A.M. Worship	342	400
Sun. P.M. Worship	183	193
Wed. Bible study	206	205
Contribution	\$14,572	\$14,430
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -714		

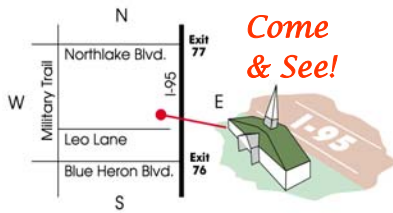
Ushers for the week of **Mar 4:** Head Usher: Freddie Gadson; Gary Jenkins & Dick Kelley



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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: Tyler Williams & Daniel Lord

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

March 29

Fifth Sunday Singing in the Lobby

April 16

Ladies' Day with Celine Sparks

April 19

Troy Spradlin Mission Report

May 1-2

Evangelism Training for Youth with Lonnie Jones

May 17

Bring-a-Friend Day

June 7

Promotion Sunday

June 21-24

Vacation Bible School