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Welcome New Members



Grimaldi, Lauren

Group 1

Identified May 3





By Dan Jenkins

The Bottom Line

As we make decisions, we all want to know what is on the bottom line. There may be several paragraphs with details of all matters, but we all want to get to the end because the bottom line clearly states the vital facts. It is so important that we examine the closing paragraphs of truth to see “the bottom line” of Christianity. What are those paragraphs?

There is an Almighty God. If this is not true, then there is no bottom line of Christianity. We are animals who live about seventy years, and then it is all over. If there is no God, there is nothing beyond the grave, for there was nothing before birth.

The Almighty God, the Creator, has revealed Himself. Even if He existed, there is nothing about His existence that impacts our lives unless He has revealed Himself. He might exist, but there is nothing we can do to find Him unless He lets us know that He is.

The Almighty God has revealed Himself in a way we can understand Him. His grandeur surpasses all that we can imagine, but if His revelation is only to a select few, then we have no responsibility toward Him. Unless He has revealed Himself to common people like us, there is no way to respond to Him, for there is no way we can know about Him.

The Almighty God has revealed Himself by becoming

a man, living among us and revealing Himself through this “man.” Here is the central focus of the matter. Before reaching this part of the closing paragraphs, only our intellect has been involved. However, if the claims of the man of Nazareth are true, then this totally changes the matter. Jesus is a man of history. Even if there was no Bible, there is overwhelming proof that He lived. Yet, He did live! One cannot be honest with himself without investigating Jesus. He is a man of history, and the details of His life must honestly be dealt with in the same way we deal with every man of history.

The bottom line of Christianity makes an eternal difference in your life!

The Almighty God has proven that the man of Nazareth is the Son of God. The blind did see, the deaf did hear, the lame did walk, the lepers were cleansed, the tempest was calmed and the dead were raised. One cannot honestly ignore these facts! The final unanswerable truth is the empty tomb. Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead!

The Almighty God has given all authority to Jesus, and He will judge by how we respond to this authority. God is! He has revealed Himself! He has revealed Himself so that we can understand Him! He has come and lived as a man and revealed Himself to us! He has been raised from the dead! He did ascend to heaven’s throne! He will return to judge us someday!

Be sure to read the bottom line of Christianity!



By David Sproule

Harmony Is Beautiful!

Is there anything more beautiful than harmony? In music, “harmony” is defined as “the combination of different musical notes played or sung at the same time to produce a pleasing sound.” In general, “harmony” is defined as “a pleasing combination or arrangement of different things.”

I remember my high school chorus teacher talking to the class about producing harmony. She said something that has stuck with me, which not only applies to creating harmony in singing but to creating harmony in life. She told us that each singer has equal responsibility for the harmony of the group. Of course, the natural thought to have when hearing that is that my focus must be on making sure that I myself am singing the right note, with the right dynamic, in the right tempo, etc. Sure enough, for harmony to be created, I myself must sing my part correctly. But, that was not what my chorus teacher emphasized to us that day.

Being in harmony is not only or even mostly about making sure that I nail my part. My chorus teacher, who was very capable and accomplished in her field, told us that creating harmony is as much about listening as it is about singing. At first, that didn’t make sense. When I’m singing, I’ve got to be concerned about my singing. How can I possibly listen (and

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why would I) to other people singing, when I’ve got to concentrate on my part? But, you see, harmony is not about being in harmony with yourself. Harmony is about being in harmony with others. A chorus is not a soloist but a chorus. For one singer to be in harmony with the others, that singer must learn to listen to the other singers, and not just those singing the same part, but listening to those singing all of the other parts.

The lesson in our chorus class that day has helped me to be a better singer (not in quality of voice but in awareness of all singers). But, even more than that limited application, the lesson in our chorus class that day has helped me to be a better person. In order for harmony to exist in relationships, it is not always about what I’m doing and making sure that I’m nailing my part as perfect as I can. True harmony will only be produced when I learn to listen to the others around me and hear their parts.

In marriage, we need to learn to listen to each other for true harmony to exist. In the church, we need to learn to listen to each other for true harmony to thrive. In our personal relationships, we need to learn to listen to each other for true harmony to grow.

Harmony is so beautiful when you hear it (and see it)! Are you paying attention to the other parts around you? Harmony among brethren truly is “good and pleasant” (Ps. 133:1).



By Josh Blackmer

How To Talk With Kids

Caroll Spinney is not a name that many of you would know. He has been working the same job for 46 years, teaching children the alphabet and moral values. He did it all with a big yellow bird on Sesame Street. He recently did an "Ask Me Anything" session on a popular website. During that session, a person asked him about his most meaningful interaction with a child while filming on or off air. Mr. Spinney responded with a story of a letter from the parents of a 5-year-old boy dying of cancer. They wrote asking him to call their child. Big Bird was his favorite and always seemed to cheer him up. Spinney said that the boy was so ill and knew he was dying. When he called, the boy was very happy and asked, "Is it really you, Big Bird?" Spinney replied, "Yes, it is really me." They spoke for about ten minutes, and the child said, "Thank you for calling me Big Bird. You're my friend. You make me so happy." Spinney received a letter some time later telling him that the boy passed away shortly after talking to his friend Big Bird.

Mr. Spinney's comment after the story was this. "I could see that what I say to children can be very important." I know that the importance of what we say to a child isn't a new revelation, but the story highlights its importance. The ten

minutes he took to make that call made all the difference for the boy and that family. What if we took the time to talk to children? To talk with them as though they mattered, as a friend? They like the attention of older people or the "big kids," as some children that shall not be named called our young adults.

When the apostle John writes 1, 2 and 3 John, he is in his older years. He writes these letters to Christians, and he addresses them as "children" 17 times in the three short messages. He understood his authoritative role as an apostle and also a father figure in the faith. Here is how he spoke to children.

"Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous" (1 John 3:7).

"Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth" (1 John 3:18).

"You are from God, little children, and have overcome them world; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

"I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth" (3 John 1:4).

John's communication was with the purpose of helping the "children" have a closer relation with the Christ.

May our communication with children always have this in mind, to help them draw closer to their Friend and Savior.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Two conditions require two compliances

Jesus met a blind man and did something rather unusual. "He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay" (John 9:6). Then, he told the man what to do: "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (9:7). There are two conditions in that statement: "Go" and "wash." Both conditions had to be met in order to receive the blessing.

Note what the text records: "So he went and washed, and came back seeing" (9:7). The man complied with both conditions and received his sight. Note what the man reported: "Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go...and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight" (9:11). He heard two conditions, so he complied with both conditions.

There are two conditions specified in Mark 16:16 for man's salvation: "Believe and be baptized." If the blind man had skipped one of Jesus' conditions, he would have remained blind. If a lost man skips one of the Jesus' conditions, he will remain condemned. It's pretty simple! – DS



Describe your hope

What kinds of hopes do you have? Do you hope that Elvis is still alive or that the Beatles will tour again? Well, that's a dead hope! Do you hope that you'll walk on the moon or that Donald Trump will write you a big check? Well, that's a wishful hope! Do you hope that zombies will attack or that Superman will fly you to Paris for dinner? Well, that's a fanciful hope! Do you hope that you'll get a raise or that your friend will come to church with you? Well, that's a possible hope. We use the word "hope" with a variety of meanings.

Now, how would you describe your hope of heaven? A dead hope, wishful hope, fanciful hope, possible hope? Look at how God describes it: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Pet. 1:3).

The hope that a faithful Christian has of heaven is a **living hope!** Is it "living" in you? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Pat Brown	recovering from surgery
Hattie Daniels	recovering at home from a fall
Richard Haines	continues to recover from knee surgery
Margie Hardin	recovering from gallbladder surgery
Joe Holland	continues to have pain in back & legs, improving
Godfrey Pratt	recovering at home from a fall
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	recovering from cataract surgery

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:	Millie Ames	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Don & Betty Matter	Leigh Puckett
	Cora Lee Dennis	Margaret Griffo	Shelton Howell	Deidra Miley	Ricky Smedley
	Kay Fish	Margie Hardin	Daniel Johnson	Rosa Nash	Margaret Wade

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Richard Brown	David Brown's brother, recovering from back surgery
Peggy Faison	Annie Faison's daughter, dealing with respiratory issues
Lyle Fjelsted	Micky Affron's uncle, diagnosed with bone cancer
Joung Hutson	Daniel Swayne's sister-in-law, stage 4 stomach cancer
Sally Isom	Chuck Reeves, Sr.'s sister, bleeding on brain, life support
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, successful surgery
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Donald Smith	Traci Sproule's father, complications from diverticulitis

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, May 10

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

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

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

Friday, May 15

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Adrienne Gadson. All ladies are welcome.

Saturday, May 16

- ◆ **Fish Fry Fundraiser at CFBC** from 4:30-6:00 p.m. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, May 17

- ◆ **Friends-and-Family Day.** Invite your friends to come with you to Bible class and worship.

Tuesday, May 19

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

Thursday, May 21

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Chuck & Trish Clark.
- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cherylann Wineinger.

Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. The Media Center will also be available for teachers to work on their lessons.

Sunday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 6

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Sunday, May 17

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.

Monday, May 18

- ◆ **Monday Night Meat for YA Men** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Sproule. Please BYOM.

Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All young adults are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.

Monday, June 1

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

Saturday, June 6

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All young adults are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.
- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.



Palm Beach Lakes

Youth

Sunday, May 10

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

Friday, May 15

- ◆ **Sr. High Spring Formal** at 6:30 p.m. at the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach. Tickets are \$35 per person. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

Saturday, May 16

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Picnic** at 10:30 a.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park. Bring food and games.

Sunday, May 24

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

Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Those participating in the Sr. High Mission Trip are encouraged to help prepare decorations.

Equipping & Edifying Families



7 Ways Marriage Is Like Baseball

Spring has arrived, and so has America's oldest and most endearing pastime, baseball. This is a game built to stand the test of time and in that way mirrors what we all hope for our marriages. The same qualities that make a great baseball player or team are the same qualities it takes to win at marriage. In honor of both, we break down each position in baseball and explain how they can relate to our blessed unions. Take the game of baseball and apply it to your marriage. There are 7 Ways Marriage is Like Baseball. Let's look at how each position in baseball can improve your marriage.

1. First Base.

Like the first baseman, married partners need to be sturdy and reliable. He is always consistent and the rock of the team. It's important to be the type of man that can dig a ball out of the dirt just in the nick of time to beat the runner and get the out. Our wives depend on us in that same way.

2. Second Base.

The second baseman is rarely the star that gets the glory. As with marriage, there are many different ways challenges can turn into errors. It matters that spouses are willing to do the little things even when they become mundane, because that's what sets up the ability to win.

3. Shortstop.

The shortstop is quick and kind of the oddball. Marriage needs spice to keep it interesting, and shortstops do that for baseball. In the field they will astonish while making a spectacular diving stop that seemed destined for the outfield. The shortstop brings fun and excitement to the team.

4. Third Base.

Third base is called the "hot corner." Balls come off the bat screaming his way and he only has time to react. We must be prepared for these moments to react well, or we will get eaten alive. When things get overwhelming, our anger can get riled. That's when we need to have the character of the third baseman. Adapt to the situation quickly and put out the fire.

5. Outfield.

An outfielder is blessed with speed and grace. He will have to cover long distances in a hurry to make the play, and he's often called upon for damage control. A marriage needs partners willing to go to the distance and have the skill to make the right decisions with the ball. When his marriage is in trouble, he can correctly analyze the situation and then make the right adjustments to steady the situation.

6. Pitcher.

He's the person in the spotlight. The pitcher faces great scorn or gains tremendous accolades depending on the performance. The great ones never forget a mistake and always work to correct them. He's striving for personal growth and improvement at all times. This is highly important in marriage, because as our families grow, the dynamics are constantly changing. We should be working to keep up with the evolving challenges.

7. Catcher.

Every marriage needs discipline, leadership, and great communication. The catcher is a fully grown man. His experience and wisdom allow him to make solid decisions, and his endurance and character set the example for his family. Husbands need to see the big picture and communicate that effectively. In doing so, we humbly guide our marriage to the ultimate goal, which is of course, victory.

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



Bethany Leslie is moving to Orlando.



Words can't express enough thanks for all the love and support Vic and I felt from our church family while dealing with my health issues. Surgery, chemo and radiation—it's been a rough journey, and I'm stronger with each passing day. Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, flowers, visits, food and words of encouragement. God blessed each and every act of kindness. We don't know how we could have even gotten through this experience without you. God is so good.

Love, Vic & Sandy Colage



Sunday,
May 3

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lori Armstrong; Mr. Jean Charles; Mrs. Peggy Delaney; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mike Heitman; Milton Jones; Mr. & Mrs. Craig Leonard; Morris McDaniel; Mrs. Marta Ruiz & Giovanni; Kent, Patty, & Travis Sherman; Mrs. Alecia Smith; Michael Smith, Jr.; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Ralph Williams, Sr.; and Graciela Zambrano.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Dr. & Mrs. Bill Davis, Jacksonville, FL; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Mrs. Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Davison, MI; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Alvin Lester, Delray Beach, FL; John Quintero, Miramar, FL; Steve, Nohemi, & Abi Rios, Sunrise, FL; Troy & Andrea Spradlin, Asuncion, Paraguay; Bob Swayne, Paris, TN; Nahum Villard, Daytona Beach, FL; and Mary Sue Young, Flint, MI.



Tuesday (May 12th)

Cathy Seay
Brianna Solis
Hazel Hackshaw

Thursday (May 14th) cont.

Carolyn Cullom
Judy Lerro

Wednesday (May 13th)

June Pack

Friday (May 15th)

Paul Batitsky
Pete Brown

Thursday (May 14th)

Mattie Cox



Invite friends & family to...

Come to **Bible Class** with us
Come to **Worship** with us
Come to **Eat Lunch** with us

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, May 10

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading..... Jeff Goodale
Presiding at Table Tim Fry
Serve at Table:
Jimmie Banks Paul Metzkes
David Brown Vincent Rogers
Glen Dawson Richard Watson
Bobby Ingraham Lawrence Williams
Alternates
Jim Rogers Daniel Swayne
Closing PrayerJeff Leslie

Sunday Evening, May 10

Lead SingingBobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Les McQuinn
Scripture Reading.....Carmen Ruckman
Presiding at Table..... Josh Blackmer
Serve at Table
Paul Batitsky
Mike Erickson
Adam Seal
Closing Prayer Richard Lerro
Wednesday Evening, May 13
Lead Singing Ivan Villard, Jr.
Invitation..... Johnny Davis
Family Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.

Our Record

Attendance	May 3	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	222	216
Sun. A.M. Worship	351	370
Sun. P.M. Worship	192	178
Wed. Bible study	201	212
Contribution	\$16,847	\$14,362
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -878		

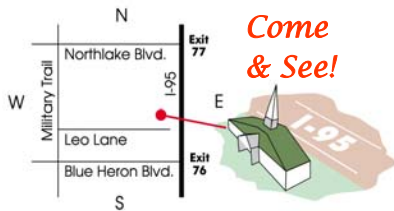
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& See!*

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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: **Stephanie Weeks and her mom, Jan Hamlen**

