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Welcome New Members



Livergood, Steven

Group 4

Baptized May 14

Laborers TOGETHER

with
God



ASSIGNMENT Sunday

May 24



By Dan Jenkins

Growing From Infancy to Manhood

When Pharaoh's daughter found that baby in the basket floating in the river, she knew she had a problem. Not wanting to see that baby die, she immediately accepted the offer from Miriam, Moses' sister, to find someone to care for the child. It is obvious that any baby left unattended will die. Think of the spiritual application of this principle.

A baby needs nourishment to grow. He needs more than nourishment but must always have food. The same is true of Christians. As a babe in Christ, he must heed the words of Peter. "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word that you may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2).

Paul described Timothy as an adult and said that he knew of no other person who was spiritually-minded like the young preacher. Beginning in infancy, he had those who taught him the Bible (2 Tim. 3:15). The Greek word for infant is used to describe Jesus in the manger. Later, as a babe in Christ, Timothy was nurtured by Paul.

The point is this—God wants each of us to grow and become those who reach maturity, completion and perfection in Christ. It will never happen in our lives without feasting on the word throughout all of our days.

A child needs nourishment to mature. If a baby nev-

er gets beyond his nourishment coming from milk, he will be malnourished and perhaps deformed. The same is true of each of us who have become Christians.

The life of Samuel shows the spiritual progression one must make. When Hannah brought the child to Eli, the Bible described what happened. "Meanwhile the child Samuel grew before the Lord" (1:21). Five verses later, we find these words, "And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the Lord and with men." The next chapter adds, "So Samuel grew and the Lord was with him" (2:18).

Samuel became a great influence and leader in Israel, but this was because he continued to mature and become complete. The same is true of all of us. We are "babes" in Christ, then "children" in Him.

An adult needs nourishment to live.

Throughout our lives, we continue to need nourishment. The same is true of us spiritually.

How long ago did you become a Christian? Have you stagnated in Biblical growth? Are you growing "... in the grace and knowledge of the Lord" (2 Pet. 3:18)? If you have stopped feeding yourself, *you are dying*. Tragically, you may not realize it. Is private Bible study, prayer and meditation part of your life? It was part of the life of David, who had a heart like God. Do you want to become a mature, complete and perfect Christian? Wherever you are spiritually, you must be nourished!

If you have stopped feeding yourself you are dying, and may not realize it!



By David Sproule

Here a Soul, There a Soul, Everywhere a Soul!

Everywhere we go, we see people! We see old people and really old people. We see young people and really young people. We see people who are just average age. We see red and yellow, black and white people. We see fun people, boring people, smart people, dumb people, big people, little people, fast people, slow people, nice people, mean people. Everywhere we go, we see all kinds of people!

As diverse as people are today (and they seem to be growing more and more diverse with the passing of time), there is something that every one of them still has in common. It is something that man has had in common since the beginning of time, and will have in common until the end of time. Every human being has a soul—the eternal part of him that will live beyond this world after the body dies. Let me ask you a question: Do you seriously believe that? Do you seriously believe that EVERY person you meet has a soul?

When you leave your house in the morning, the neighbor walking her dog has a soul. As you drive to work, the guy texting and driving has a soul. The lady lipsticking and driving has a soul. The bus driver has a soul. The guy pumping gas on the other side of the fuel dispenser has a soul.

When you get to work or school, the guy who took up

two parking spots has a soul. The man who held the door for you has a soul. The lady who came in and emptied the trash overnight has a soul. The woman with that annoying loud laugh while yacking on her cell phone has a soul. The person who got the wrong number and called you by mistake has a soul. The mean kid in all of your classes has a soul.

When you are out around town, the guy in front of you in line has a soul. The lady having trouble scanning an item at the register has a soul. The person taking your order and trying to be polite has a soul. The inattentive worker who got your order wrong has a soul. The boy stocking the shelves has a soul.

When you need their services, your car mechanic has a soul. Your barber has a soul. Your insurance agent has a soul. Your accountant has a soul. Your taxi driver has a soul. Your flight attendant has a soul. Your garbage man has a soul. Your mailman has a soul. Your computer tech has a soul. Your refrigerator repairman has a soul. Your HOA "commando" has a soul.

Every friend on Facebook has a soul. Every online gamer has a soul. Every contact in your cell phone has a soul. Every eye with which you will make contact today has a soul.

Everywhere we go, we see people! More importantly, everywhere we go, we need to see souls! Do we take that seriously? Do we truly believe that EVERY person has a soul?

Do you seriously believe that EVERY person you meet has a soul?



By Josh Blackmer

Raising Children that Understand Marriage

He saw her admiring her new white dress in the mirror. “Look Daddy! See how it spins!” she said as she twirled. He smiled in response, knowing one day that it would be a wedding dress and on that day he would have to give his little girl away. “Who will it be?” he thought. “Will he take care of her and make her happy?” More importantly, “Will he be a spiritual leader in the home?” Then, the thought occurred to him, “Will she be strong if he is not? What does she need to know, besides firearm training and hand-to-hand combat? Am I raising her to be ready for that day?”

He raised a good question. Are we raising our children to be ready for marriage? We are all doing our best to raise children that are ready and prepared to leave the nest. We make sure they get an education, that they choose a career that will sustain them. We also do our best to teach them the Bible, to educate them on God’s will for their lives and to exemplify that life before them. But, what are we purposely doing to raise them for being married, boys and girls alike?

The first place that children learn about marriage is in the home. Both good and bad behaviors are typically copied or transferred into their marriages, unless some purposeful effort is made. For example, how the son views his role as a father is seen in the role his father played, or didn’t play, in his life. How

the son saw his father treat his mother will also be a factor in how he treats his wife. The same is true for the daughter. Her idea as to what a mother should do and how she should be treated as a wife are programmed into her by her parents.

What are we as parents to do? We need to model a healthy relationship before our children. I am not talking about a June and Ward Cleaver relationship. We do a disservice to our children by not resolving conflict in front of them. Now hear me—there are conflicts that could do harm if talked about in front of children. However, they need to see that conflict is normal and can be worked through.

Are they ready for marriage?

Another aspect is that roles need to be clearly defined (Eph. 5:21-31; Col 3:17-21). God created marriage so it is only fair that we return to His word as an authority on the subject.

Parents also need to be respected. Men, do not let your children speak with disrespect to your betrothed. Wives, do not let your children speak with disdain concerning your husband (Eph. 6:1). These are just a few points of many that could be addressed. In general, if the attributes of Christ were modeled in the home towards every member, then most of the work would be done (Col. 3:1-16). Will they be ready for marriage? That is up to you. Are you modeling a healthy relationship with your spouse? Do your children know what marriage is about? It is never too early to start good habits.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

How reasonable are you?

Most of us are likely familiar with Paul’s challenge in Philippians 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord always.” And, most of us are probably very familiar with Paul’s challenge in Philippians 4:6, “Be anxious for nothing.” Both of those can be quite challenging to live, and yet even more rewarding! But, how familiar are we with the challenge sandwiched between those two?

The old King James Version says in Philippians 4:5, “Let your moderation be known unto all men.” What does that mean to you? The NKJV has, “Let your gentleness be known to all men.” The ASV says, “Let your forbearance be known unto all men.” The NASB has, “Let your gentle spirit be known to all men.” The ESV translates, “Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.” The emphasis of this word is on a humble influence that foregoes one’s personal rights for the good of others. Added to that challenge is to let this be known to everyone!

So, would others describe you as gentle, reasonable or forbearing? Quite a challenge! – DS



Be a following leader

Are you a following leader? That’s not the same as a leading follower. Of course, you may look at both concepts as oxymorons (like jumbo shrimp, pretty ugly, virtual reality, definite maybe, etc.). But, being a following leader does not have to be a contradiction.

First of all, as a Christian, you are a follower. You are a follower of Christ (Mark 8:34; 1 Pet. 2:21). You are a follower of the words of the Bible (Jas. 1:25). You are a follower of the apostles’ examples (1 Cor. 11:1). You are a follower of faithful leaders (Heb. 13:7). However, you should not be a blind follower (Matt. 15:14) or a follower of evil (3 John 11; 1 Tim. 5:15).

Second of all, as a Christian, you are a leader. You are a leader of people to God (Matt. 5:16). You are a leader of people to the truth (2 Tim. 2:25). You are a leader of people to good works (Tit. 2:7). You are a leader of people to godly living (1 Tim. 4:12).

Now, as a Christian, you are to be a following leader! How’s it going? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jennifer Carver	recovering from recent surgery
Richard Haines	continues to recover from knee surgery
Margie Hardin	recovering from gallbladder surgery
Dave Holaday	scheduled for hip replacement surgery (5/26)
Joe Holland	Gardens Medical Center, no visitors
Lynne Jorgensen	scheduled for knee surgery (6/16)
June Pack	scheduled for surgery on her finger (5/26)
Godfrey Pratt	recovering at home from a fall

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

Elaine Black	Jenny Jordan's mother, now at home, heart problems
Peggy Faison	Annie Faison's daughter, dealing with respiratory issues
Richard Hill	Shirley Hopkins' brother, recovering from car accident
Sally Isom	Chuck Reeves, Sr.'s sister, brain tumor, possible chemo
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Julia Marks	Jennifer Goodale's sister, recovering at home from fever
Shelby Slone	Betty Sanders' sis-in-law, fell & has several broken bones

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 24

- ◆ **Laborers Together with God Assignment Sunday.** All members are encouraged to be here.

Monday, May 25

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

Tuesday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 30

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

Sunday, May 31

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

Thursday, June 4

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Regina Mayne.

Saturday, June 6

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.
- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

Sunday, June 7

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod.

Saturday, June 13

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



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Young Adults

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

Saturday, June 13

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Saturday, June 17-19

- ◆ **VBS Decorating** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.



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Youth

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.
- ◆ **Young Families' Picnic** at 10:30 a.m. at Ocean Cay Park in Jupiter. Bring lawn chairs, outdoor games and a dish or drinks to share. See Rick or Melinda Price for more details.

Saturday, June 6

- ◆ **Jr. High Transition Event** at 2:00 p.m. in the Family Room for students and families of those currently in Grades 5-8. Bring nickels, dimes and quarters. See David Sproule for details.
- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Sunday, June 7

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.

June 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Cynthia Ingraham b Melinda Price b Austin Williams	2 a Ken & Connie Tipton	3 b Jenny Jordan b Daniel Swayne	4 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting	5 b Lance Collier b Shirley Hopkins b Brandon Thomas	6 ☆ VBS Work Day ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon ☆ Jr. High Transition Event ☆ Young Adult Devo b Sandy DeVall
7 ☆ Promotion Sunday ☆ High School Graduates' Luncheon ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit ☆ Sr. High Family Devo a David & Daisy Lord b Ted Friesner b Maria Hackshaw	8	9 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting a Stephen & Carolina Beliech a Scott & Linda Studer b Namdidie Ikon	10 a Rob & Lenelle Crowell a Bill & Gai Ingram b Helen Bashaw b Phyiona Patterson b Amberdenise Puckett b Joshua Seames	11 b Betsy Donahue b Richard Watson	12	13 a Tim & Susie Cox b Judie Jenkins ☆ VBS Work Day
Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women (June 10th-13th)						
14 ☆ LTC Lessons Presented by the Young Men & Women ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Jeff & Diane Leslie	15 a Gary & Sue Shelt b Rosemarie Joseph b Austin Metzkes	16 ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting b Ally Alberga b Michael Fox	17 b Helen Gardner b Nyla Hackshaw b Mary Jackson	18 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting a Dan & Judie Jenkins b Charles Fifield	19 a Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot b Judy Carmack b Gwen Lyons	20 a Cam & Hollie Crotts a Dan & Loni Fuller b Evetta Wilson ☆ VBS Work Day (if needed)
VBS Decorating (17th-19th)						
21 a Ivan & Amber Villard	22 b Kahla King	23 a Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon b Les Sawyer	24 b Morris McDaniel	25 a Tom & Rose Martens b Rodney Woods	26	27 a Joe & Marian Holland b Iva Ardoin b Mary Thomas
"Building for God" Vacation Bible School at PBL (June 21st-24th)						
28 ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Jr. High Family Devo b Cam Crotts b Cheryl Milton	29 b Steven Livergood b Dorothy Savage	30 a Ed & Ellen Gager b Adrienne Gadson				

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



Sunday,
May 17

Sunday (May 24th)

Nate & Cindy Nelson (Ann.)
Lisa Holaday
Anthony Reed

Thursday (May 28th)

Don & Tracy Jamison (Ann.)
Margie Hardin
Peggy Simpkins

Tuesday (May 26th)

Lawrence & Julie Williams (Ann.)
Gloria Boyd
Helen Chapman
Trevor Cheshier
Bob Higbee

Friday (May 29th)

Grace Hackshaw

Saturday (May 30th)

Dianna Halenda

LOCAL VISITORS: Phyllis Alvin; Ms. Theresa Anderson; Delores Bussie; Mr. Lennis Chaney; Miss Dazmine Capre; Ms. Hazel Carson; Johnell Coe; Jeffery Davis; Mrs. Sarah Dixon; John Exantus; Barbara Finley; Ms. Beulah Dorcas Francois; Tom Garrison; Cynthia Gamble; Ms. Rashana Green; Mike & Melanie Heitman; Ada Hogan; Milton Jones; Ms. Jennifer King; Miss Pamella King; Morris McDaniel; Rudolph March; Miss Alicia Mateo; Indra Miller; Ms. Renee Ojo; Mr. & Mrs. Nick Pace; Mrs. Sandra Kaye Perez; Kenneth Primmer; Mrs. Lavinia Ricketts & Jonathan; Travis & Patty Sherman; Mrs. Alecia Smith; Quandra Tolbert; Destiny Turner; Ralph Williams, Sr.; and Graciela Zambrano.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss Bettina Almeida, Jensen Beach, FL; Mr. Terrell Cain, Delray Beach; J.C. Daily, Henderson, TN; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Squadenia Davis, Pembroke Pines, FL; Andrew Delaney, Port St. Lucie, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mrs. Nancy Feret & Joseph, Mountain City, TN; Mr. Pervis Henderson, Boynton Beach; Miss Kenva Higgs, Freeport, Bahamas; Mr. Ismael Joachim, Boynton Beach; Deltom Lequernaque, Stuart, FL; Willie Sanon, Boynton Beach; Miss Sydney McLeod, Stuart, FL; and Shaun, Emily, Simon & Sully Tyson, Port St. Lucie, FL.



Thank you for your prayers, concern, and all acts of kindness, the cards, visits, & gifts. The outpouring of love shown us during the passing of our brother, Bobbie, is greatly appreciated. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

In Christian love,
The Jacksons

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 24

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reading.....Richard Lerro
Presiding at Table Freddie Gadson
Serve at Table:
 Doug Carrick Jeremy Maloney
 Chuck Clark Rick Price
 Namdidie Ikon Gene Puckett
 David Lord Austin Williams
Alternates
 Jordan Beasley Jerry Hopkins
Closing PrayerTom Martens

Sunday Evening, May 24

Lead SingingDan McLeod
Opening PrayerMike Ellis
Scripture Reading.....Joe Maloney
Presiding at Table..... Gary Seames
Serve at Table
 Pete Brown
 John Kemp
 Nick Pietro
Closing Prayer Ted Friesner

Wednesday Evening, May 27

Lead SingingBobbo Lupo
Invitation..... Tim Fry
Family Prayer Gary Jenkins

Our Record

Attendance	May 17	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	253	216
Sun. A.M. Worship	400	370
Sun. P.M. Worship	190	178
Wed. Bible study	211	212
Contribution	\$15,465	\$14,362
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -620		

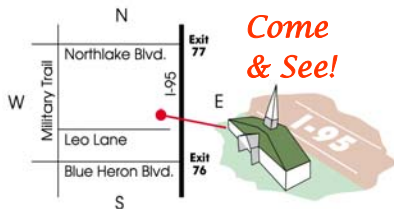
Ushers for the week of **May 24**: Head Usher: Kane Campbell; Austin Metzkes & Tom Pauldo



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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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"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).

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).