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Morrison, Sharon

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Fortify Our Faith



By Dan Jenkins

Preaching the Resurrection

It is remarkable how easy it is to overlook how God has expressed great truths using some of the simplest language. When Paul wrote the Corinthians he used the expression "first of all." We sometimes use this expression when we have a long list of things which are of equal importance. We talk of the first item, not because it has greater importance, but simply because it is the first thing on the list. This is not how Paul used the expression.

Paul said, "For I delivered to you first of all that which I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4). At first reading, it is so easy to overlook that which the Greek text makes so abundantly clear. Both the NASB and the ESV translations reflect this when they say, "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received."

The life of Jesus has many historical events which bring such joy to those who hear them, but there is one of greater importance than all the rest. His death, burial and resurrection surpass all the rest combined. They are the supreme events of all that He did. Without these He is just another prophet sent by God, but with these He is Supreme Prophet!

**"He is not here...
Come see where
the Lord lay...He
is risen...as He
told you"**

His death and burial are indispensable in the story of our redemption, but it is the resurrection which gives meaning to both of these. One cannot honestly look at Christianity and walk away from it without dealing with that empty tomb.

The resurrection was at the heart of the preaching in the early church. It was mentioned four times in the sermon on Pentecost in Acts chapter two. In the next chapter it was mentioned twice in the sermon preached by Peter in the temple at the hour of prayer. Then when Peter and John were arrested they were brought before the Jewish council twice and on each occasion it was proclaimed. It was preached to Cornelius, the first Gentile convert. Paul mentions it five times in the sermon he preached at Antioch. This pattern is found throughout the New Testament, where it is mentioned more than 150 times!

Now imagine that you had been with those women who first came to the tomb. You are faced with a decision—what happened to His body? Did the disciples take it? Did the enemies take it? Did grave robbers take it? The answer is found in the message from heaven given to those women, "He is not here...Come see the place where the Lord lay...He is risen...as He told you." Had you been with them and heard these words, what would you have thought? Our hearts sing, "We serve a risen Savior...He lives, He lives!"



By David Sproule

What God Says About Homosexuality (Part 1 of 5)

The God of heaven is most definitely a God of love. His very nature is repeatedly characterized in Scripture as "love" (read especially 1 John 4:7-5:5). His love prompted Him to send His Son to bear our sins and die in our stead (1 John 3:16; 4:9-10). His love longs for every one of His human creations to "be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). His love takes no pleasure in the thought that any of His creations might "perish" (2 Pet. 3:9).

Therefore, out of His immeasurable love for us, the God of heaven set forth very plainly for us His exact plan by which we can spend eternity with Him in heaven. We certainly do not deserve heaven, but the abundance of His love offers it to us and wonderfully shows us how to reach it. Involved in His plan are certain things that we must believe and practice, and there are certain things that we must not practice. Having rules, guidelines, stipulations, demands, requirements, prohibitions and restrictions is not antithetical to love. In fact, just the opposite. Any parent will understand that when the Father of heaven has such laws, it is an absolute sign of His unfathomable love for us. He wants us in heaven so much that He tells us exactly how to get there and He warns us about every possible obstruction that could stand in our way. Rather than question God's love, let us be grateful for His clarity of instructions.

**It is not up to us
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God has warned His creation to abstain from numerous violations of His divine law. He has clearly specified that certain individuals who practice certain activities will not be permitted into heaven, including "idolaters" (1 Cor. 6:9), "murderers" (Rev. 21:8), "drunkards" (1 Cor. 6:10), "thieves" (1 Cor. 6:10), "revilers" (1 Cor. 6:10), "extortioners" (1 Cor. 6:10), "sorcerers" (Rev. 21:8), "liars" (Rev. 21:8), "covetous" (1 Cor. 6:10), etc. It is not up to us to decide if these are good and reasonable stipulations or not. It is not up to us to decide if God is being fair or not. It is not up to us to decide if we think God is being a "God of love" by excluding those who practice such things from His promised blessings. We are not God! We are not the Savior! We are not the Judge! All that we can (and MUST) do is to speak where the Bible speaks, to stand where God stands, and to not "add to" or "take away from" what God requires (Rev. 22:18-19).

Those who have studied the Bible will know that right alongside those who practice such things as listed above are "homosexuals" and "sodomites" (1 Cor. 6:9). Again, we have no right to decide if that is proper. We have no right to change any part of what God says. All we can (and MUST) do is to "speak the truth" and to make sure that we do it "in love" (Eph. 4:15). "The truth" is not ours, but it is God's! What God says about homosexuality is all that matters. This series of articles will briefly examine the love of God on this subject.



By Josh Blackmer

The Responsibility of the Family to the Church (Part 1)

I want to define something from the very beginning. The church mentioned in the title is more than just your local congregation. When we talk about the church, we need to keep the entire kingdom of God in view also. Understanding our place in relation to the kingdom goes beyond the individual, the family and the local congregation. The individual parts are the kingdom, but our responsibility is to the whole body, not just one part. I want to also clarify that while this title may seem exclusively written for those with families, it is relative to all. Simply replace “the Family” with your name, and the article is all about you.

What responsibility do we have to the church? How can I make sure my family is doing what is best for the kingdom? First, a decision must be made. It is nothing new, and it is fairly basic. It comes from Joshua 24:15, “If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” You have to make a choice that governs all other choices. When you serve something or someone, they come first in everything. “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and

wealth” (Matt. 6:24). This verse specifically mentions wealth, but it is true for anything. We, as a family, must set our priorities in order.

There are a lot of things pulling families and individuals in many different directions. Concerning how we manage our time here is a good rule of thumb. Make worship and Bible study as sacred landmarks in your planner. They should never move. Second should come youth or appropriate church functions. Third and fourth are school and sports, band, choir, etc. As a family, you have to decide what is most important. Parents, what kind of children do you want? They can’t raise themselves. We must prioritize their lives until they are old enough and wise enough to choose. If something other than God takes priority number one, then they will be something other than godly. There are flukes, and there are stories of people turning to God despite their parentage and childhood. Those are statistically very few. The responsibility the family has to the church is summed up in one verse. “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matt. 6:33). Next week, we will talk about how to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. Until then, always make God priority number one for your family and for your life. You will find that many things become much easier.

If something other than God takes priority number one, then you will be something other than godly.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Do not call evil good!

As the tide of opinions shifts around us, Christians may be tempted to “go with the flow.” When people are watering down righteousness, it’s certainly easier sometimes to go along with them than it is to swim against the current. Then, when people go from watering down righteousness to trampling it underfoot and seeking to crush anyone who holds to those godly principles, it’s certainly a struggle for some Christians to rise up in unashamed defense and stand strong.

In a series of woes pronounced by God against Judah, Isaiah spoke very clearly, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness...” (5:20). What practical steps must we learn from this “woe”?

Fellow Christian, don’t be ashamed to call evil (according to God’s standards) what it is—evil. Fellow Christian, don’t be ashamed to call good (according to God’s standards) what it is—good. Don’t be ashamed of truth (2 Tim. 2:15). Let others be ashamed (Tit. 2:8). —DS



Control your vessel!

On the waterways, each operator is responsible for his vessel and everything about his vessel (what’s in it, where it goes, what it does, etc.). On the roadways, each driver is responsible for his vehicle (or vessel) and everything about his vehicle (what’s in it, where it goes, what it does, etc.). On the pathways of life, each person is responsible for his body (or vessel) and everything about his body (what’s in it, where it goes, what it does, etc.).

Note carefully these words: “This is the will of God, your sanctification...that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor” (1 Thess. 4:3-4).

God’s clearly-stated will for Christians is (1) that we be set apart in all things and (2) that we know how to control our own bodies. As each operator must control his boat and each driver must control his car, each Christian must control his body, to keep it holy and set apart in where it goes, what it does, what it intakes, what it says, etc. Brethren, control your vessel! —DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	surgery postponed
Kay Fish	now in Heartland Healthcare
Dave Holaday	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Joe Holland	now at home, slowly improving
Inell Ingram	undergoing eye injections
Godfrey Pratt	recovering at home from a fall

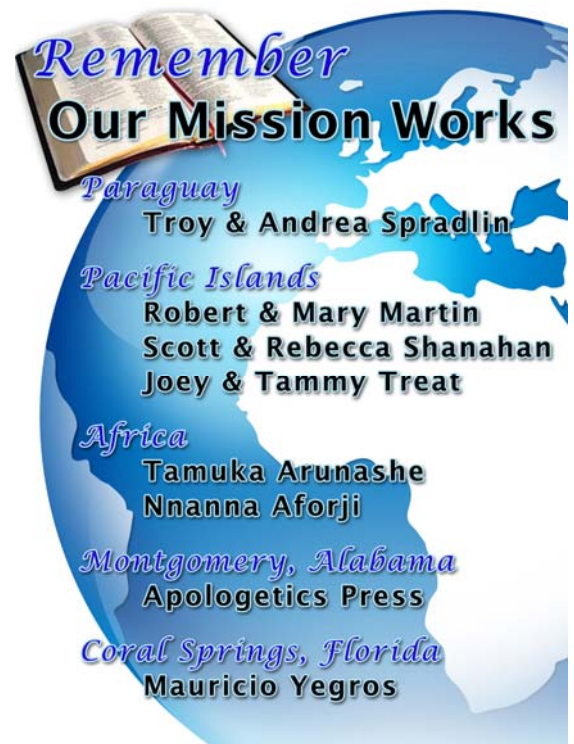
Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Maggie Anderson	Novel Brown's sister, not doing well
Bessie Butler	Bessie Walker's sister, on life support in Miami
Deb Cobb	Robin Stone's sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Victor Colage	Victor Colage's father, recovering from surgery
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
John Lewis	Jaqua' Lewis' father, recovering from eye surgery
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, open heart surgery (7/11)
Donald Smith	Traci Sproule's father, hospitalized with diverticulitis
Debbie Spradlin	Troy Spradlin's sister-in-law, diagnosed with breast cancer





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 5

- ♦ **Paraguay Mission Trip Meeting** after morning worship in Adult 3. See Josh Blackmer for details.
- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Monday-Tuesday, July 6-14

- ♦ **Adult Mission Trip to Paraguay.** Pray for the PBL members who are going and for the work they will be doing.

Monday, July 6

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

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

Thursday, July 9

- ♦ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown.

Sunday, July 12

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

Monday, July 13

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dave Holaday.

Thursday, July 16

- ♦ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. Bring toppings for ice cream.
- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Goodale.

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ♦ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Register online at www.pblcoc.org. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Monday, July 20

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.



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Young Adults

Monday, July 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. Bring toppings for taco salad.

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ♦ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for details.

Saturday, August 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Monday, August 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Goodale.

Sunday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 22

- ♦ **Young Adult Service Project.** See Ivan Villard for details.



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Youth

Sunday, July 12

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

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ♦ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Register online at www.pblcoc.org. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 25-29

- ♦ **Upward Bound at CFBC.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, July 26

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

Saturday, August 1

- ♦ **Jr. High Back-to-School Shopping & Lunch.**

Equipping & Edifying Families

10 Things to Pray For and With Your Child



We all want the best for our children, and prayer can be an important part of helping them to grow up. But how should we pray for them and with them? Well, there's no better guide for prayer than listening to Jesus. When His friends asked him how to pray, He suggested an outline we have come to know as "The Model Prayer."

This "10-Ways" list is based on these words of Jesus: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

1. Pray that your kids make a real connection with God. This is the starting place. The fact of prayer assumes a God who is not distant. This is where we all must begin. Relationships are what make life rich and full. No relationship does this more than our relationship with God. We were made for it.

2. Pray that your children honor the Creator. It's important that kids learn to believe in the One who created them, a God of light and power, who we are called to respect and honor. Prayer becomes more meaningful in the context of respect and reverence.

3. Pray they translate that honor into action. Kids who honor God are more inclined to participate in their Creator's work. It's the way "Thy will be done" turns into "Yes, and we'll do it every day."

4. Pray that they are well-equipped to meet every daily need. Prayer as a vehicle to honoring God is less concerned with "God, give me what I want" or "Me, me, me" as a matter of course. But it is absolutely appropriate to pray that our kids acquire the wisdom and the skills to live in freedom, without going hungry and without fear.

5. Pray that they your children understand the power of forgiveness. Our kids certainly don't need to be saddled with the baggage so many of us carry around. So let's pray that they understand and live in the knowledge that forgiveness and hope are always on the table.

6. Pray that they are well-equipped to deal with and avoid temptation. We already know how difficult it is to live with integrity in a world loaded with stumbling blocks that trip us at every turn. So pray with and for your children that they have the necessary tools (faith, education, family support, good friends, tenacity etc.) to resist.

7. Pray that they will have the resources to defeat everything negative. "Evil" is more than just temptation. Sometimes evil is direct opposition, confusion, disappointment, worry, stress, people who hate, people who always try to break down what is right and oppose goodness. We need to be serious about our commitment to pray about these things: for ourselves as well as for and with our children.

8. Pray that they will develop relationships that serve to strengthen them. The Model Prayer suggests an approach to life that values balanced relationships. We were not created to live alone, without support. So let's pray that our children develop the kind of relationships that will give them strength and, especially, choose well when it comes to a spouse.

9. Pray that love will define them. The reason we pray at all is the belief that our Creator cares. God cares because God is love. So we should pray that our children learn to live with love as their defining value.

10. Pray for the strength of the family. Our children are on the front lines of the new generation. Anything can be lost in one generation of disinterest, including the family. Pray that our children help to turn the tide.

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



Sunday,
June 28

LOCAL VISITORS: Nikita Cameron; Mr. Jean Charles; Justin Demond; Mr. & Mrs. Antone Faria; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Milton Jones; Shantal Martin; and Ralph Williams, Sr.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Daisy Blunt, N Charleston, SC; Brandy & Jean Brandenburg, Zephyrhills, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Billie Bryant, Middleburg, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Caroon, Winterville, NC; Kirk, Mendy, Casey & Clair Crews, McLean, VA; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mrs. Stacy Farrington, Dallas, TX; Mrs. Cherrye Fletcher, Pantego, NC; Mrs. Ethel Godfrey, Delray Beach, FL; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Davison, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Heib & Kathryn, Marietta, GA; Imani Irby, Cincinnati, OH; Don Jamison; David, Jennifer, Taylor & Kaitlyn Jarless, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; Mrs. Jeannie McElhannon, Katie & Cameron, Lexington, GA; Ms. Shoshanna Mickens, Largo, FL; Mark Nigro, Jensen Beach, FL; Tresa, Alee, Cameron & Alesha Shirrell, Palm City, FL; Shaun, Emily, Simon & Sully Tyson, Port St. Lucie, FL; Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Rick Weir, Downey, CA; and Ron Wilkins, Pollock, LA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (July 5th)

Rachel Byerly
Enrique Chow
Debora Lynch
Jim Rogers
Amy West

Monday (July 6th)

Derrick & Stahia Banks (Ann.)
David & Carol Hardman (Ann.)
Jeff Goodale

Tuesday (July 7th)

Jon & Jennifer Jordan (Ann.)

Tuesday (July 7th) cont.

Ted & Laura Schuemann (Ann.)

Wednesday (July 8th)

Paul & Lisa Metzkes (Ann.)

Friday (July 10th)

Jimmy Burney
Mary Reeves
Sarah Smedley

Saturday (July 11th)

Cheryl Floyd
Karen Friesner

Thank You Note

To Our Family,

Words cannot express how grateful we are to be a part of God's family. The love we have been shown these past weeks has been amazing. The memories shared with us have been such a comfort! PBL was such a joy in Daddy's life, he loved each and every one of you. Thank you for your love during this difficult time in our lives. We love you very much.

In Him,

Leigh & Amberdenise Puckett

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, July 5

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading Paul Hensel
Presiding at Table David Brown
Serve at Table:
Victor Colage Les McQuinn
Freddie Gadson Rick Price
David Lord Tommy Pauldo
Morris McDaniel Clayton Trujillo
Alternates:
Richard Lerro Jim Rogers
Closing Prayer Mike Erickson

Sunday Evening, July 5

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Daniel Swayne
Scripture Reading Novel Brown
Presiding at Table Nate Nelson
Serve at Table:

Jim Davis

Michael Fox

Mike Trujillo

Closing Prayer Tom Martens

Wednesday Evening, July 8

Lead Singing Shea Brown
Invitation Cam Crotts
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	<u>June 28</u>	<u>May. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	217	219
Sun. A.M. Worship	348	362
Sun. P.M. Worship	183	179
Wed. Bible study	213	209
Contribution	\$12,884	\$14,704
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -5,016		

Ushers for the week of **July 5**: Head Usher: Tim Cox; Tim Fry & Rick Hall

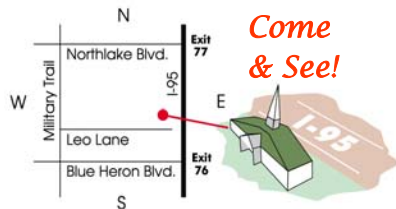


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Service Schedule

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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