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On The Horizon

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars

<i>Sept. 11-12</i>	Marriage Enrichment Weekend with Neal Pollard
<i>Sept. 26</i>	Men's Breakfast
<i>Oct. 11</i>	Robert Martin Mission Report
<i>Oct. 16-18</i>	Spiritual Enrichment Weekend
<i>Oct. 25</i>	Scott Shanahan Mission Report
<i>Nov. 5-8</i>	South Florida Lectureship Theme: "Ready At His Coming"



By Dan Jenkins

Understanding the Kingdom & the Resurrection

It is remarkable how intertwined Biblical truths are. To fully understand one opens the door to better understanding of another truth found in His word. This is true concerning the truth about the resurrection and the nature of the kingdom Jesus promised to establish. There is no way the idea of a future millennial reign of Jesus in Jerusalem where He will establish the kingdom can be possible when one looks at what the Bible says about the resurrection.

The truth about the resurrection. Read the following words of Jesus and consider carefully what is taught. “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation” (John 5:28-29). Look at what Jesus says. First, notice that He speaks of “all who are in the grave” (both those who have done good and who will receive life in the resurrection, and those who have done evil who will face a resurrection of condemnation). The subject under discussion is every dead person.

He then says that all of these will “hear His voice and come forth.” There is no way to misunderstand these words. Now, notice that all of this will happen in the same hour. There

is no room in this verse for there to be a 1,000 years between the resurrection of the righteous and the resurrection of the unrighteous. It will happen for all of them at the same time. They will all hear, will all come forth, and will all be judged.

The truth about the reign of Jesus at the resurrection. Hear the words from God’s Holy Spirit. “Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death” (1 Cor. 15:24-26). Consider the truths taught in these words. Jesus must reign until death, the last enemy, is destroyed. At that point, Jesus will end His reign and give the kingdom to God. The text says that this coming will mark “the end.” When death is destroyed Jesus will cease His reign.

The truth about the resurrection and the kingdom. Now combine these truths. Jesus affirmed that in the same hour everyone will be raised, both the good and the evil. The only conclusion is that at this point death will be destroyed. When the righteous are raised at His coming so will the unrighteous. At this time, Jesus will not begin His reign but will end His reign. These truths clearly show how mistaken men are who believe in the 1,000-year reign in Jerusalem. Read these words and thank God for the consistency of eternal truth!

Understanding the resurrection will help understand the kingdom



By David Sproule

How Do I Keep from Doing a Sin That I Want to Do?

In a Bible class that was discussing the topic of homosexuality, a 13-year-old girl asked, “What about someone who really doesn’t want to have *those feelings* but can’t seem to stop them?” That is such a great question, for there are many who are struggling with homosexual desires but they don’t want to be. How can they stop? What can they do?

First, the first step in stopping sinful desires is to have a desire to stop. The Bible calls that “repentance.” To repent, as defined in the Bible, is to change one’s mind which then leads to a change of conduct. One must truly want to stop sinning, if he is going to overcome the desires and thoughts. Genuine change of life will not follow where genuine change of heart and mind does not first lead.

Second, one must disassociate with friends and acquaintances who do not share the same godly drive. If one truly wants to stop sinful desires but he continues to hang around those who are given to (or approve of) those sinful desires, then those associations will weaken the resolve and eventually quell the determination. Our friends have a tremendous influence on us (1 Cor. 15:33), and some of them will keep us from making meaningful changes in our lives.

Third, deliberately associate with those who do

share the same godly drive. As we disassociate with ungodly influences, we must build relationships with faithful Christians, who will help to “sharpen” us as Christians and help us deepen our resolve to live holy lives for God (Prov. 27:17).

Fourth, abstain from tempting situations and people. We all know that we are especially weak and susceptible when we are in certain situations, around certain stimuli. God’s solution is clear-cut, “Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul” (1 Pet. 2:11). Get away. Stay away.

Fifth, pray about it. The power of prayer is beyond our ability to comprehend. “You do not have because you do not ask” (Jas. 4:2). In detailing the Christian armor, precisely suited to fight the devil and his temptations, the final piece of armor is “praying always” (Eph. 6:18). Ask. Seek. Knock. All the time!

Sixth, write the word of God on your heart. We all need to be able to say, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You!” (Psa. 119:11). When “the law of his God is in his heart, his steps do not slip” (Psa. 37:31). God’s word has amazing power to work in our lives!

Seventh, remember that being tempted is not a sin. Jesus was tempted but never sinned. Fleshly lusts are hard to overcome, but with God’s help we can resist giving in to those sinful urges. Each victory over temptation will help you to win another victory down the road. Trust in God. Lean on Him!

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You!”



By Josh Blackmer

A Parable for Thought

One day, a man was asked to recite a story from the Bible. So, he chose to tell one of the parables, his favorite parable—the story of the Good Samaritan. “Once there was this man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among thorns. And the thorns sprung up and choked him, and as he was going on, he didn’t have any money, so he met the Queen of Sheba. She gave him 1,000 talents of gold and 100 changes of raiment. He then got into a chariot and drove furiously. When he was driving under a big juniper tree, his hair got caught in the limb of that tree, and he hung there many days. The ravens brought him food to eat and water to drink, and he ate 5,000 loaves of bread and two fishes. One night while he was hanging there asleep, his wife, Delilah, came along and cut off his hair. He dropped and fell on the stony ground, but he got up and continued on. Soon it began to rain. It rained for forty days and forty nights, and the water rose so high that a great fish swallowed him, but it threw him up three days later. Being confused by all these events, he hid himself in a cave and lived on locusts and wild honey.

“When the rain stopped, he went on until he met a servant who said, ‘Come, take supper at my house!’ But the man made excuses and said, ‘No, I won’t. I have married a wife

and I can’t go.’ But, the servant went out into the highways and hedges and compelled him to come in. After supper, he went on his way and finally came down into Jericho. When he got there, he looked up and saw that old queen, Jezebel, sitting way up high in a window. She laughed at him! The man became furious and said, ‘Throw her down out of there!’ So, they threw her down. Then he said, ‘Throw her out of there again!’ And they threw her down seventy times seven, and of the pieces that remained, they picked up twelve baskets full, besides the women and children. Then the man said, ‘Blessed are the piecemakers.’ Now, whose wife will she be on the judgment day?”

This is not a real parable, but it does make a good point.

This was NOT a real parable. The events, facts and general details were compiled by Mike Snively to highlight how people can get mixed up on what they think they know. Paul said this to Timothy, “For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion, wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions. But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully” (1 Tim. 1:6-8). May we never be guilty of what Christ said concerning some in His day, “But Jesus answered and said to them, ‘You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God’” (Matt. 22:29).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Putting a face with a name

How important is it to you for people to know your name? When you go to work, to school, to church, to social activities, do you like for people to know who you are? To know your name? How important is it to you to know other people’s names? Have you ever known a person’s name, but you couldn’t put a face with the name? Or, maybe you know someone’s appearance, but you don’t know their name.

In the family of God, we like for our brothers and sisters to know who we are, and hopefully, we want to know the names of our brothers and sisters. This can take a lot of effort sometimes, but it is well worth it to know each other and learn to care for each other as we should.

Even more exciting to consider is the fact that God knows you. He knows your name. He knows how to pronounce it. He knows...you! You, individually, are special to Him! You are not just a name (although He knows your name). As a Christian, you are His own child! – DS



I’ve been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!

Somewhere around 4,000 years ago, the great patriarch Job exclaimed, “I know that my Redeemer lives” (Job 19:25). Is that something that you KNOW? Is that something that pricks your heart on a regular basis? Is that something that resonates within your very being?

There was a time when every Christian was owned by Satan—when Satan called the shots, when Satan was the master of your domain, when Satan had his way with you, when Satan had dominion over your life, when Satan was leading you down the path to destruction. But, when you obeyed the blessed good news of Jesus Christ, He bought you out of Satan’s control, He bought you away from Satan’s realm, He bought you freedom from Satan’s eternal damnation. Using the Bible word, Jesus Christ “redeemed” you with His “precious blood” (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

“Redeemed! How I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!” “Trouble and sorrow have vanished away,” when I’m redeemed! My Redeemer lives! Do you know it? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	hospitalized last week, doing better
Mary Brown	awaiting biopsy results
James Heitman	Mike & Melanie's newborn, now at home
Lynne Jorgensen	Heartland Healthcare, recovering from knee 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
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments



The PBL church family upon the passing of our sister, **Margaret Griffo**, last week. There will be a Memorial Service on Sunday, August 16 at 5:00 p.m. at our building.

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Lorraine Allen	Lisa Metzkes' sister, Wellington Regional, has an infection
Jefferey Byrd	Cheryl Floyd's brother, in Select Specialty Hospital
Barbara Ferland	June Pack's niece, recovering from pituitary gland surgery
Hilary Findley	Maria Hackshaw's sister, recovering from major surgery
Richard Flowers	June Pack's nephew, stage 4 lung cancer
Donald Smith	Traci Sproule's father, recovering from colon surgery
Cody Yates	Brittany Thompson's brother, recovering from knee injury

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, August 9

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

Monday, August 10

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume in September.

Tuesday, August 11

- ◆ **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 Lana Smith.

Thursday, August 13

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin & Stephanie Weeks.
- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Friday, August 21

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

Sunday, August 30

- ◆ **5th Sunday Singing** during evening assembly.

Sunday, September 6

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

Friday-Sunday, September 11-13

- ◆ **Marriage Seminar with Neal Pollard.** The theme is "A Balanced Marriage."
 Friday 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 12

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens** from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Beauty Is Only Skin Deep." Please RSVP by August 15. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, September 13

- ◆ **Baby Shower for Ted & Laura Schuemann** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Buy Buy Baby. It's a girl!



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Young Adults

Sunday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 22

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

Monday, August 31

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

Saturday, September 5

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

Monday, September 14

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



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Youth

Sunday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 23

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

Sunday, September 13

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

Friday-Sunday, September 18-20

- ◆ **RUSH Weekend at FHU.** See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, September 19

- ◆ **Jr. High Movie Night** at the Collier's. See David Sproule or Sarah Collier for details.

Equipping & Edifying Families

The ABC's of a Healthy Home (Part 1)

by Adam Faughn (Haleyville, AL)



There are so many traits that a home needs to have in order to be healthy and godly. While not every trait is going to be perfect all the time, if a couple is growing and maturing in the necessary areas, their home will be better for it. While this is not an exhaustive list, we present to you today the ABC's of a healthy home.

A is for Acceptance. This does not mean you accept sin, since that is never acceptable. It means that you accept personality differences and quirks.

B is for Be careful what you say. Proverbs 15:1 reminds us that a “harsh word stirs up strife.” The children’s song, “O be careful little mouth what you say” is very good marriage advice!

C is for Commitment. Marriage does not need to be viewed as a contract, because contracts can be too easily broken. Marriage is a covenant, meant to be fulfilled with commitment no matter what the external circumstances might be.

D is for Discipline. It takes both self discipline and the discipline of Scripture to be all that we should be in our homes.

E is for Expect rain. While everything may seem like it is roses and unicorns (or Fudge Rounds and M&M's) on the wedding day, there are going to be times when difficulties come. Don't invite them, but expect them. Oh, and prepare for them.

F is for Forgiveness. Christians are commanded to be forgiving people, and that should not just be reserved for “church folk.” Our spouse deserves forgiveness. After all, we have been forgiven in order to forgive others.

G is for God is first. The picture of a triangle is a good one. When husband and wife are individually growing closer to the Lord—at the top of the triangle—they are automatically growing closer to each other.

H is for Hold up your spouse. Lift him or her up in your words, both when they are present and when they are not. Do not berate your spouse, even if he or she is not present.

I is for “I” becomes “we.” When you get married, your pronouns need to change. It is no longer about “I.” It is now about “we” and “us.”

J is for Jump-start your marriage. No matter how good you think your marriage might be, do something to make it better. Read a book. Attend a marriage seminar. Read a marriage blog or article. Listen to a marriage podcast. Go to counseling, just as a “tune-up.” There is always room to grow.

K is for Kick out temptations. If there is something that is tempting you to think things about your spouse that are unhealthy, kick those unhealthy things out. If there are things (or people) who are tempting to be unfaithful, kick them out!

Part 2 in next week's bulletin.

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



Sunday,
August 2

Thank you for your calls, cards, visits, and especially your prayers. I love you all so much.
Bonnie Arthur

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Lee Bogart; Ms. Christine Bray; Mrs. Peggy Delaney; Carmen Dussard; Mrs. Berthe Faria; Eddie Gooden; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Milton Jones; Mrs. Carrie Rerko; Kayla Robinson; Christopher and Yolanda Stewart; and Ralph Williams, Sr.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Brad Alsup, Knoxville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson, Dubai, UAE; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City; David & Stacy Farrington, Plano, TX; Chris & Vickie Fry & children, Dyersburg, TN; Trey & Naomi Ingram & Ike, Jacksonville, FL; Mrs. Dolores Lupo, Sneedville, TN; Leon & Marie Weeks, Valdosta, GA; Jon Wasserman; and Ms. Linda Wolfe & Ava Johnson, Fayetteville, NC.



<u>Monday (August 10th)</u> Phil & Mary Porter (Ann.) Chris & Brittany Thompson (Ann.) Paulette Cole Aren Elizee Loretta Holaday Dan McLeod Paul Metzkes Wesley Williams	<u>Wednesday (August 12th) cont.</u> Margaret Wade
<u>Wednesday (August 12th)</u> Ben Harriott Loretta James	<u>Friday (August 14th)</u> Mike & Donna Erickson (Ann.) Aryanna Duhl Jon Jordan
	<u>Saturday (August 15th)</u> Tim & Beth Fry (Ann.) Buzz Nelson

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, August 9

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Jeff Leslie
Scripture Reading Johnny Davis
Preside at Table Justin Maloney
 Chad Brown Vincent Rogers
 Jeff Goodale David Thorpe
 Bobby Ingraham Daniel Wagner
 Les McQuinn Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
 Ted Friesner Rick Hall
Closing Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.

Sunday Evening, August 9

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Chris Thompson
Scripture Reading Austin Williams
Presiding at Table Josh Blackmer
Serve at Table:
 Michael Fox
 Jeremy Maloney
 Austin Metzkes
Closing Prayer Kevin Weeks

Wednesday Evening, August 12

Lead Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Phil Porter
Family Prayer Chuck Clark

Our Record

	<u>Aug. 2</u>	<u>July Avg.</u>
Attendance		
Sun. Bible study	248	190
Sun. A.M. Worship	367	337
Sun. P.M. Worship	205	185
Wed. Bible study	220	214
Contribution	\$15,456	\$13,079
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -9,833		

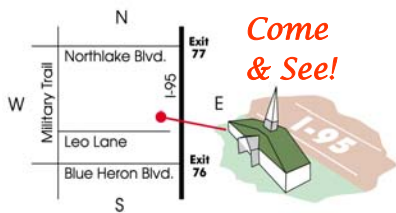
Ushers for the week of **August 9**: Head Usher: Dick Kelley; Shea Brown & Paul Metzkes



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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.

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