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New 10-Week Bible Class Session Begins August 30

Adults, Sr. High & Jr. High (2nd 10 Weeks)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M. (Aug. 30-Nov. 1)

Auditorium	Exodus & Leviticus (Part 2)	<i>Richard Watson</i>
Adult 1	Lord, Teach Me to Pray	<i>David Sproule</i>
Adult 2	Churches of the New Testament	<i>Richard Lerro, Phil Porter & Gary Seames</i>
Adult 3	Young Adults: Job	<i>Dan McLeod</i>
Sr. High	Sr. High: 1, 2 Timothy & Titus	<i>Dan Jenkins</i>
Jr. High	Jr. High: Joshua, Judges & Ruth	<i>Cam Crotts</i>

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M. (Sept. 2-Oct. 28)

Auditorium	The Influence of Today's Christian	<i>Douglas Alvarenga</i>
Family Room	Teacher Training (for Upper Level Bible Classes)	<i>Dan Jenkins & David Sproule</i>
Adult 2	Ladies: Practical Christian Living in James	<i>Inell Ingram & Judie Jenkins</i>
Sr. High Room	Sr. High & Jr. High: How to Study with a Friend	<i>Josh Blackmer</i>



By Dan Jenkins

What's On Your Bucket List?

Over the last few years, individuals have started making lists of the things they want to be sure they accomplish before they die. The term used for these lists is bucket lists. This phrase likely is used because it contains the goals a person plans to reach before they “kick the bucket.”

I have a niece whose list contains the goal of visiting all fifty states. This came about because years ago her friend challenged her to see which of them would be the first to do this. Another friend's list was to visit all seven continents before he died. Because his father had connection with the airlines, he was able to visit the Antarctica and checked that goal off his list.

David had a “bucket list.” Because of the book of Psalms, we know so much about the heart of this godly man. By reading the psalms, we can change our hearts to be like the heart of the man who had a heart like God. It may seem strange, but David only had one item on his “bucket list.” Take time to meditate on the one thing David wanted to accomplish more than anything else. “One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple” (Psa. 27:4).

Do you have a “bucket list?” Compare it to the lists of David and Paul

Paul had a “bucket list.” Paul wrote half of the books of the New Testament. In one of these, he looked at all which he had done. Compared to what was still on his list they were rather meaningless. He said, “I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead” (Phil. 3:13-14). He wanted one thing above everything and that was to reach the prize awaiting those who respond to the upward call of God.

Do you have a “bucket list”? A bucket list may help you to keep focused and give you goals to drive you to do more in your life. They are sometimes “fun” to make and compare them with others to see what they have on their lists. However, just make sure that you have something on your list which is like that one thing both David and Paul wanted to accomplish and had on their list.

Also, take time to make sure that it heads your list. What things do you want above all others to accomplish in your life? If you make a list, just remember that whether or not you accomplish everything on your list really will not matter as long as you do the first thing on the list. Even if you do not have a formal list, make sure that written on your soul are words of David and Paul.

When we've been there ten thousand years you will be thankful for the first thing you had on your list!



By David Sproule

Life Matters!

We are living in interesting times. News feeds explode when a lion is hunted down and killed or when a dog is beaten to death by teenagers. Cruelty to animals is a hot-button issue in this nation, and the media seems to stoke that fire every time it has the opportunity, but this same media will ignore the killing of innocent babies. Unfortunately, way too many people today allow the media (and social media) to influence their thoughts and beliefs, and so the divide between concern for animal lives and the concern for unborn human lives grows wider.

This same media seems to want to make every interracial activity or incident to be something “racial.” As a result, racial tensions have escalated in many parts of our country, and not based upon reality but usually upon perception or even drummed-up hype. This has led to protests and disputes throughout the nation about which “lives matter,” as if some lives are more important, more valuable or more needed than others. To put things into perspective, two fellow police officers (of two different races) posted a photo in which they had written a message on their hands, “His life matters.” With all of the arguing back and forth, it seems that folks have totally lost sight of a very fundamental truth—“All lives matter!” This includes every race and every gender, outside or inside the womb!

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Even after substantial video proof is released that exposes the vile nature of what happens in abortion clinics, many in politics and the media rush to cover it up, explain it away and even suppress it. “There's nothing to see here,” they want you to believe. And, like dutiful little sheep, so many around us fall in line and defend the despicable practice.

What is a Christian to do? With so many different issues (and major issues, at that) bombarding us, how should a Christian respond? First, remember that “life matters!” Life is a gift from God (Acts 17:25); therefore, life (no matter whose it is) must be respected and cherished. Second, remember that God loves every person (no matter who it is) and Jesus died for every person (no matter who it is) (John 3:16; Heb. 2:9; 1 Tim. 2:4-6); therefore, the soul of every person is equally valuable (Matt. 16:26). Third, remember that the gospel is for all (Mark 16:15) and has the power to change and save any and every person (Rom. 1:16; 1 Tim. 1:12-16); therefore, we must unashamedly share the gospel with every living soul. Fourth, remember that Jesus is the answer to every problem, issue and tragedy of life (John 14:6; Acts 4:12); therefore, we must point every living soul to Him. Fifth, remember that children of God are the only light that exists in this dark world (Matt. 5:16; Eph. 5:8); therefore, we must not be ashamed to let our light shine forth for the glory of God. In God's eyes, your life matters! In His eyes, every life matters!



By Josh Blackmer

School is Back in Session

This is a day that parents look forward to and children dread—the end of summer break. There are those out there that would disagree, but in general, this is true. With the beginning of school, there are a lot of changes as the family sets into a new routine. This is a good time to make some other changes that you may have been putting off or would like to practice this school year. It is also a time of fresh starts and regrouping.

Starting new habits is never easy, but it can be easier if you incorporate them during a time of transition. For instance, right now children are changing sleep patterns and daily routines. Use this time to start some other spiritually healthy habits. Some of those things could be praying before school or reading the Bible for after school reading. There are many things that could be put into practice. Choose the ones that are going to help your family grow closer and closer to God.

A healthy practice during large shifts in the family routine is reaffirming expectations and responsibilities. As a family unit, everyone plays a role in how the family operates. Children should know what is expected of them. Their chores should be mapped out. The “when you get home” list of things that need to be accomplished should be communicated. Also,

conduct expectations should be clearly stated. Using inclusive words like “we” and “us” make it more about how we as the family should act and not just another lecture about their behavior. Parents should include what can be expected of them. Children need to know that they can expect help and guidance through these changes. Making the home a safe place with structure, guidance and clear expectations will help children to be productive in school.

Looking at how God has guided His people, we can see these things in His communication to us. I think specifically of when the Israelites were poised to go into the Promised Land the second time. On the doorstep of that promise, just across the Jordan River, Moses delivered the message of Deuteronomy. The whole letter shows that God is preparing them for what they will face and warning against forgetting Him. Chapter 6 highlights those points very clearly. Read this short chapter and see for yourself.

Verses 1-3: The reason to be obedient. Verses 4-6: Individual responsibility for spiritual maturity. Verses 7-9, 20-25: Teach it to the family. Verses 10-19: Don't forget God.

We live, love, labor and die to go to that promised rest, that better country. Take this time as the school year starts to instill in you, your children and your family habits that will see you all safely to the other side of the Jordan.

Help your family grow closer and closer to God.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What happens when you open your treasure?

Did you ever have a teacher who had a treasure chest in her room, and a reward for some students was to open that treasure chest, search through it and find something they wanted? Or, have you ever seen a movie in which the characters found a treasure and started digging through it to see what they could find? The Bible says that you have a treasure (in your heart).

There are a number of treasures that God has given to us, but few are as deep and as complex and as influential as the treasure of our hearts. What sort of things are found in and come out of the treasure of your heart? It all depends on what kind of treasure you have.

“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 6:45). Is your heart a “good treasure” or an “evil treasure”? You can answer that by looking at what comes out of it. Are others being blessed by your treasure? – DS



A fast-forward world

How often do you actually watch commercials? Probably not as often as you did 15 years ago. Now we just fly right through them. Some folks who “watch” reality TV will fast forward to the end to find out who won. Some football fans will fast forward between plays. Some racing fans will fast forward until they see a wreck. We love the fast forward!

The trouble is that too many of us want to bring our fast forward fixation into real life. We want to fast-forward our growing up, instead of taking our time. We want to fast-forward our relationships, instead of taking our time. We want to fast-forward our lives, instead of taking our time. We want to fast-forward our worship assemblies, instead of taking our time.

Fast-forwarding might be great for TV, but there's a reason God didn't equip our bodies with an FF button. God's desire is that we make “the best use of the time” that we have (Eph. 5:16) and use every moment for Him (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Life is not meant to be fast-forwarded. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Henry Bass recovering from knee surgery
Grace Hackshaw recovering from surgery
Mary A. Jackson Good Sam. Medical Center (room 297), has an infection
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



Jenny Jordan upon the passing of her uncle, **Carl Howeller**, last week.

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, Renaissance Rehab, surgery
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
Lillie Jones Sallie Moses' daughter, hospitalized with an infection
Brenda Lendsey Debora Lynch's sister, under Hospice Care
Flossie Lowry Susan Reynold's grandmother, battling health issues
Thomas Moore Linda Coe's uncle, begins chemo for lung cancer soon
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

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

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

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

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Tuesday, September 15

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joan Holloway.



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Young Adults

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.

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.

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 23

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

Saturday, August 29

- ◆ **Young Families' Back-to-School BBQ** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Rick & Melinda Price. The main dish will be provided. Please bring sides, chips, desserts and drinks. All families with children in 5th grade and under are invited.

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.

Equipping & Edifying Families

The ABC's of a Healthy Home (Part 2)

by Adam Faughn (Haleyville, AL)



L is for Love unconditionally. Agape love is not just a feeling. It is something that is done with the other person's best interest at heart. (Sounds a lot like "in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer...")

M is for Manage your money and media. These two things can easily take over a marriage instead of being under control. Neither is bad in itself, but both must be managed, so they can too easily consume your time and energy.

N is for No negative criticism. There is a way to say negative things in a way that still brings encouragement to your spouse. Find it and use it.

O is for Openness. If it is in your mind or on your heart, it is "fair game" to speak about with your spouse.

P is for Prayer. Pray for your spouse, and pray with your spouse. A lot.

Q is for Quit complaining! If you are complaining about your spouse, you need to look in the mirror and ask, "Why did I marry this person?" You made the decision, so quit complaining!

R is for Respect. In words and actions, show the highest levels of respect you can for your spouse. (Husbands and wives need to read Ephesians 5:33 very carefully together.)

S is for Sacrifice. Jesus is our perfect Example, in that He gave Himself for the church. That is the standard, and it needs to shine forth every day in our homes.

T is for Tend your own garden. If you are feeling emotionally attracted to anyone other than your spouse, you need to take care of your own household. Tend your own garden. Put your mind back at home and put your efforts there first.

U is for Unity. "Whatever God has joined together, let not man separate."

V is for Value. A virtuous wife's value is "far above rubies" and her husband praises her (Proverbs 31:10, 28). Speak in words that show great value to your spouse.

W is for Watch your calendar. Put family things on your calendar first. Worship times, family devotionals, prayer times, dates with your spouse, and family vacations need to be a priority on the calendar before anything else.

X is for X-ray yourself. If your marriage is not what you might want, don't just lob criticism at your spouse. Look at yourself and see where you need to improve.

Y is for Yearn for heaven together. Marriage is a wonderful way to help your spouse get to heaven. Long for that together.

Z is for Zealously love the Lord. He must come first, and He will bless your marriage if you put Him as the head of your house.

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



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
August 9

LOCAL VISITORS: Carmen Dussard; Mrs. Berthe Faria; Eddie Gooden; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Milton Jones; Lynn Parker; James & Ollie Proby; Mrs. Carrie Rerko; Kayla Robinson; Peter Schlegel; and Christopher & Yolanda Stewart.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson, Dubai, UAE; Mrs. Jo Ann Campbell, Clearwater, FL; Squadeina Davis, Pembroke Piines, FL; Miss Danielle Sixon, Tallahassee, FL; Mrs. Nancy Ekwall, West Liberty, IA; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City; Mrs. Lynne Hirsh, Lake City, FL; Marcus Moeller, Orlando, FL; and Ms. Linda Wolfe & Ava Johnson, Fayetteville, NC.



Directory Changes

Pierre Irby moved to Atlanta, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (August 16th)
Tom Martens

Wednesday (August 19th)
David & Mary A. Jackson (Ann)

Monday (August 17th)
Connie Tipton

Friday (August 21st)
Tiffany Cheshier
Josie Dawson
Bettye King

Tuesday (August 18th)
Benny Rodgers
Deboria Walker

Saturday (August 22nd)
Nicole Freseman

News & Notes

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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 16

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading.....Mike Erickson
Preside at Table Kane Campbell
Pete Brown Taylor Reeves
Lance Collier Dirk Summerlot
Jim Davis Chris Thomas
Wallace Jones Eugene Williams
Alternates:
Mike Ellis Brad Shelt
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot

Sunday Evening, August 16

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening PrayerGary Jenkins
Scripture Reading.....Bobbo Lupo
Presiding at Table..... Phil Porter
Serve at Table:
Paul Batitsky
Nick Pietro
Leonard Williams
Closing PrayerVictor Colage

Wednesday Evening, August 19

Lead SingingShea Brown
Invitation.....Dan McLeod
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

	<u>Aug. 9</u>	<u>July Avg.</u>
Attendance		
Sun. Bible study	220	190
Sun. A.M. Worship	340	337
Sun. P.M. Worship	199	185
Wed. Bible study	190	214
Contribution	\$14,849	\$13,079
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -9,484		

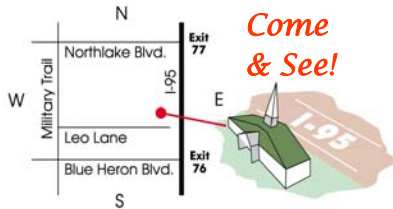
Ushers for the week of **August 16:** Head Usher: Dick Kelley; Jordan Beasley & Rick Price



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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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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

September 11-13

Marriage Enrichment Seminar with Neal Pollard

September 26

Men's Breakfast

October 11

Robert Martin Mission Report

October 16-18

Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

October 25

Scott Shanahan Mission Report

November 5-8

20th Annual South Florida Lectureship

Theme: "Ready At His Coming"