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# “A Balanced Marriage”



## SEPTEMBER 11-13

Friday & Saturday with Neal Pollard

**Friday, September 11      7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Maintaining and Manifesting Respect in Your Marriage  
Balancing Media and Personal Time in Your Marriage**

**Saturday, September 12    10:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

**Balancing Proper Roles in Your Marriage  
Balancing Children and Careers in Your Marriage  
Letting God Balance Your Marriage**

**Sunday, September 13      9:00 & 10:00 a.m.**

**God’s Mr. and Mrs. Right  
Agape Love in Your Marriage**



By Dan Jenkins

## His Lessons About Eagles

The imagery God uses to describe His nature and the way He works on this earth is so remarkable. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus used the imagery of God's careful attention to the lily of the field. His clothing of a lily whose "lifespan" is so brief is God's assurance He will cloth us. In that sermon, He talked of God's care for birds who make no provision like sowing and reaping, yet God is still so involved in their lives. God has placed in His creations imagery that helps us understand Him.

Take as example of this truth His creation of the eagles. Solomon, the wisest man of the Old Testament, mentions four things which far surpass his ability to comprehend. Heading that list is "...the way of an eagle in the air" (Prov. 30:19). For thousands of years, men have watched birds soaring in the air. Yet, it was only about a hundred years ago that mankind began to fly. The majesty of the eagle is so remarkable.

When God brought the Jews from Egyptian bondage He manifested His power. His ten plagues of judgment on the Egyptians brought more devastation on Egypt than we can begin to imagine. The mightiest power of that time was driven to its knees as the holocaust from heaven destroyed their lives. They even lost their precious jewels and gold, yet not a single

battle was fought. When they arrived at Mt. Sinai, God said to them, "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you unto Myself" (Ex. 19:4). The imagery is not of them being plucked by an eagle with its talons and snatching them from bondage but of them soaring out of that land on the wings of a majestic eagle.

In the last month of Moses' life, he taught Israel to sing the song of Moses. In the early verses of that song, they sang of God's concern for His people as shown in their deliverance from the bondage of Egypt. The song describes how the eagles of that land taught the young eagles to fly. The older eagles fluttered over the nest and urged the eaglets to leave the safety of that nest. If and when they wearied in flight, they could find rest on the wings of their parents (Deut. 32:11). This is how those young eagles learn to soar.

This is also how He deals with us.

The application of this imagery is so vivid in our lives. His eyes are over us, and His ears are open to our prayers. He knows our needs before we ask, and He promises to answer our fervent prayers. As the eagle takes its young and places them on its back, so He takes us. He promises that "...those who wait on the Lord shall...mount up with wings like eagles" (Isa. 40:31).

Thank God for the imagery He uses to teach us!

**Eaglets know that when they weary they can rest on wings of their parents**



By David Sproule

## A Key Component Our Society Is Missing

What is missing in our world today? What is it that children lack in their interaction with adults? What is it that adults lack in their interaction with each other? What is it that citizens lack in their interaction with those who are in authority?

What is one root cause of the bitterness in the workplace today? What is one root cause of the murders that are taking place throughout our land? What is one root cause of the vile attacks that are taking place among politicians and elected officials? What is one root cause of the all-out assault that is being waged against Christians today?

When you start asking questions like these, there are a number of answers that could be given. And, as always, "Jesus" and "the gospel" are definitely the key answers. One of the central teachings that comes from Jesus and the gospel in regard to our interaction with others is the fundamental, essential, oft-neglected matter of good old R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

Now that you know the answer, let me ask a few more questions. What is needed in our homes today? What is needed between a husband and wife today? What is needed between children and parents today? What is needed among siblings today? What is needed in the church today? What is

needed between church members and elders today? What is needed toward lost souls today? What is needed for those who are elderly today? What is needed for those of a different race today? What is needed for the snooty customer service representative today? What is needed for school teachers and principals today? What is needed for public servants today? What is needed for police officers and firefighters and first responders today? What is needed for our military men and women today? What is needed for every living soul on the planet? In case you forgot—R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

It should not surprise us one iota that many people today have no respect for God! What would lead them to have respect for a God who they cannot see when most of them have no respect for His living creations who they do see? But, respect for God is where it starts—"Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all" (Ecc. 12:13). Do you respect God?

Then, we must respect our fellow man! Every one of them! Even the ones who are hard to respect! Even the ones that we are being told not to respect! "Honor all people" (1 Pet. 2:17). "Do good unto all men" (Gal. 6:10). "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:39), even "your enemies" (Matt. 5:44). "In everything...treat people the same way you want them to treat you" (Matt. 7:12, NASB).

Heaven will not be home to the disrespectful!

**It should not surprise us one iota that people today have no respect for God!**



By Josh Blackmer

## Narcissism and You

“I was born of the Hebrew persuasion, but I converted to narcissism.” This whimsical quip was said by Woody Allen when asked of his religious persuasion in the movie, *Scoop*. While this may not be his actual position on the matter, it does highlight an interesting thought. Have we converted to narcissism?

According to the Mayo Clinic, narcissism is defined as “a mental disorder in which people have an inflated sense of their own importance, a deep need for admiration and a lack of empathy for others.” This is a very general definition, and we need to be careful about marking people with a big red “N.” It has become increasingly popular to label people as narcissists because of their excessive focus on self and unbecoming character traits. There are a lot of people out there who qualify for what is called “subclinical narcissism.” That is the person who loves talking about themselves and is very self-absorbed but still able to function in society.

The danger is undo focus on self. We are living in a time when it is very easy to get caught up in self and self-promotion. Some have dubbed this the “selfie” generation. To be fair, no one generation is free from this temptation. What would you post on Facebook if you could no longer tell us how

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awesome your life is or share with us a picture of what you had for lunch? While these are not signs of a psychological problem, we need to be aware of where our focus is.

As we contemplate the virtue of selflessness, consider this passage, “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:3-8). We are given the instruction to look at others as more important than self. The example we are given is Christ, who gave the ultimate sacrifice of self for everyone. All these things were done “to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:11). We are to live in such a way that God is glorified and not ourselves (Matt. 5:16).

As we look at social media and our profiles, consider what you are promoting. It is unlikely that you are a narcissist, but we need to be careful that we have not been converted to a devotion to self and convenience instead of devotion to God.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### The God of all comfort

There are few thoughts more comforting than the realization that our God is the “God of all comfort” (2 Cor. 1:3). We may think of Him as an all-wise, all-powerful God (and He is!). But, how often does it cross your mind that we have the blessed privilege to be “comforted by God” with a comfort that “abounds through Christ” (1:4-5)?

The word “comfort” (from the Greek *parakaleo*) means “to call to one’s side to encourage in trying times.” The word is used (in noun or verb form) ten times within five verses in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, and every verb form is in the present (ongoing) tense. God wants us to know that He is standing beside us and has pulled us to His side to care for us and encourage us.

Hear His words, “Come unto me.” “I will be with you.” “I will never leave you nor forsake you!” Place your trust in Him! “The Lord is my shepherd!” “I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able!” He is our comfort! Let Him comfort you today! – DS



### The “one” blessed by God

To be blessed by God is not a matter of guesswork or some mysterious puzzle to be solved. The New Testament makes it very plain, in passages like James 1:25, how a Christian can be blessed. The Lord promises, “This one will be blessed in what he does.” Now, which “one”?

The “one” who will be blessed “looks into the perfect law of liberty.” He intently studies and absorbs the Word into his heart.

The “one” who will be blessed “continues” in the perfect law of liberty. He closely abides in and perseveres in the Word every day.

The “one” who will be blessed is a “doer” of the perfect law of liberty. He attentively and faithfully works to obey the Word.

Question: Based upon these three Biblical criteria, are you “one” blessed by God? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	recovering from procedure in New York
<b>Helen Gardner</b>	Chatsworth Nursing Home, fell & fractured leg
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	Gardens Court Rehab (room 225), fell & fractured arm
<b>Loretta Holaday</b>	scheduled for hip replacement surgery (9/29)
<b>Shirley Hopkins</b>	fractured rib, in a lot of pain
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	recovering at home from double knee replacement
<b>Ruth Lipford</b>	recovering at home, pacemaker put in last week
<b>Leigh Puckett</b>	recovering at home from hospitalization

### Long-Term Health Issues

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

<b>Our Shut-Ins:</b>	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

<b>Lavinia Baker</b>	Amy Rosado's mother, under Hospice Care at PBG Hosp.
<b>Jefferey Byrd</b>	Cheryl Floyd's brother, Renaissance Rehab, surgery
<b>Sharon Challiste</b>	Maria Hackshaw's sister, recovering from surgery in D.C.
<b>Hilary Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's sister, recovering from major surgery
<b>Wayne Hall</b>	Rick Hall's brother, recovering from a stroke
<b>Richard Hill</b>	Shirley Hopkins' brother, recovering from carotid surgery
<b>Brenda Lendsey</b>	Debora Lynch's sister, under Hospice Care

*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, September 13

- ♦ **Marriage Seminar continues on Sunday morning.** Jr. High, Sr. High and Adults will meet in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **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.

## Monday, September 14

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

## Tuesday, September 15

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joan Holloway. RSVP to Joan to be added to the list of guests at the gate.
- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

## Thursday, September 17

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

## Friday, September 18

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

## Saturday, September 19

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. RSVP to Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway

## Sunday, September 20

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Saturday, September 26

- ♦ **Men's Breakfast.** See Richard Watson for details.

## Saturday, October 3

- ♦ **Ladies' Day at Suncoast** at 11:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Mt. Dora Area-Wide Benefit Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. at our building. See Lance or Sarah Collier for tickets.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Young Adults

## 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. The main dish will be provided. Bring salad, guacamole, chips, desserts and drinks.

## Sunday, September 20

- ♦ **Young Adult Evening Worship at Palm Springs church of Christ** in Miami with Mauri & Kayla Yegros. See Shea Brown or Adam Seal for more details.

## Tuesday, September 22

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

## Friday-Sunday, September 25-27

- ♦ **Live Saved at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Taking a Selfie." Cost is \$45 per person.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Youth

## 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

- ♦ **Young Families Potluck, Play & Movie** at 5:15 p.m. at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Goodale. Bring a dish to share. See Melinda Price for more details.
- ♦ **Jr. High Movie Night** at the Collier's at 5:00 p.m. Bring \$5 to help with costs for dinner. See Amber Villard or Sarah Collier for details.

## Friday-Sunday, September 25-27

- ♦ **Live Saved at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Taking a Selfie." Cost is \$45 per person. Register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org).

# 219 Reasons from Psalm 119

## to Read the Bible Every Day

#2

56. To give thanks to Him (62)
57. To hate and abhor lying (163)
58. To hate every false way (104, 128)
59. To have a heritage forever (111)
60. To have a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (105)
61. To have an answer for him who reproaches me (42)
62. To have comfort in affliction (50, 51)
63. To have God turn and be merciful to me (132)
64. To have great peace (165)
65. To have His merciful kindness as my comfort (76)
66. To have His word establish to me (38)
67. To have hope (49, 114)
68. To have hope for His salvation (166)
69. To have hope in His ordinances (43)
70. To have life (93)
71. To have more understanding than all my teachers (99)
72. To have nothing that causes me to stumble (165)
73. To have something better than thousands of coins of gold and silver (72)
74. To have songs (54)
75. To have surety for my good (122)
76. To have the Lord as my portion (57)
77. To have the Lord deal well with me (65)
78. To have the rejoicing of my heart (111)
79. To have victory over the wicked (95)
80. To incline my heart to His testimonies (36)
81. To keep His commandments (60)
82. To keep His law (34, 55, 136)
83. To keep His law continually, forever and ever (44)
84. To keep His precepts (56, 100, 134, 168)
85. To keep His precepts diligently (4)
86. To keep His precepts with my whole heart (69)
87. To keep His righteous judgments (106)
88. To keep His statutes (5, 8, 145)
89. To keep His testimonies (2, 22, 129, 146, 167, 168)
90. To keep His word (67, 101, 158)
91. To keep His words (57)
92. To keep the commandments of my God (115)
93. To keep the testimony of His mouth (88)
94. To keep the way of His statutes to the end (33)
95. To keep the word of truth in my mouth (43)
96. To know His enduring faithfulness (90)
97. To know His law is truth (142)
98. To know His righteousness is an everlasting righteousness (142)
99. To know His testimonies (79, 125)
100. To know how great are His tender mercies (156)
101. To know that all His commandments are righteousness (172)
102. To know that all His commandments are truth (151)
103. To know that all my ways are before Him (168)
104. To know that every one of His righteous judgments endures forever (160)
105. To know that His judgments are right (75)
106. To know that His testimonies are founded forever (152)
107. To know that which is settled in heaven forever (89)
108. To know the entirety of His word is truth (160)

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



Sunday,  
September 6

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa Charles; Carmen Dussard; Antone & Berthe Faria; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Milton Jones; Robyn Landon; Mrs. Carrie Rerko; Jacade & Susan Reynolds; Kevin Schenk; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Ms. Allison Williams; and Ms. Jenē A. Williams.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Vickie Armstrong, Tampa; Wayne Boone, Davenport, FL; Freeman Cooper, Hixson, TN; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Corinn, Linley & Ellie Miller, Hobe Sound, FL; David, Jessica & Ethan Santana; Mr. Paul Speights, Port St. Lucie, FL; Shaun, Emily, Simon & Sully Tyson, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mrs. Linda Wolfe, Fayetteville, NC.



**Billy Chancey** was baptized after evening worship on Sunday, September 6.

**Robyn Landon** was baptized on Thursday evening, September 10.



Monday (September 14<sup>th</sup>)

Josh Blackmer

Tuesday (September 15<sup>th</sup>)

Ruth Milton

Wednesday (September 16<sup>th</sup>)

Justilien & Adelene Honore (Ann.)

Peggy Hall

Thursday (September 17<sup>th</sup>)

Mike Ellis

Robert Lupo

Lisa Metzkes

Friday (September 18<sup>th</sup>)

Marcia Kelley

Saturday (September 19<sup>th</sup>)

Justilien Honore

Sherrick Thomas



Thank you for your kindness and sympathy in sending flowers and cards after the passing of my brother. We are deeply grateful.

Love,

John & Carolyn Kemp

### 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, September 13

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly

Opening Prayer ..... Les McQuinn

Scripture Reading..... Tim Cox

Preside at Table .....Ivan Villard, Jr.

Serve at Table:

Jordan Beasley      Kenneth Long

Cam Crofts          Vincent Rogers

Jeff Goodale        Chris Thompson

Gary Jenkins        Clayton Trujillo

Alternates:

Jeff Leslie          Kevin Weeks

Closing Prayer .....Jim Rogers

#### Sunday Evening, September 13

Lead Singing .....Jerry Pittman

Opening Prayer .....Shea Brown

Scripture Reading..... Eugene Williams

Presiding at Table..... Darin Summerlot

Serve at Table:

Paul Batitsky

Chuck Clark

Lance Collier

Closing Prayer .....David Holaday

#### Wednesday Evening, September 16

Lead Singing ..... Ivan Villard

Invitation.....Mike Ellis

Family Prayer ..... Jerry Hopkins

### Our Record

Attendance	Sept. 6	Aug. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	232	216
Sun. A.M. Worship	325	334
Sun. P.M. Worship	176	191
Wed. Bible study	175	205
Contribution	\$13,402	\$14,695

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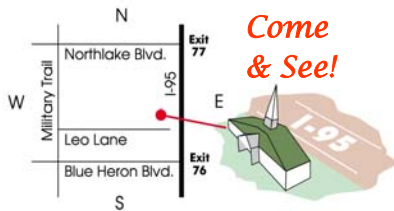
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### Service Schedule

#### 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 26**  
Men's Breakfast

**October 3**  
Mount Dora Children's Home Benefit Dinner

**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"