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Welcome New Members



Williams, Jené

Group 3

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By Dan Jenkins

1,100 Marathons Last Year, But Only One Matters

It was 490 years before Christ when the Greeks began to overthrow the oppression they suffered from Persia. In a major decisive battle, the Greeks defeated the Persians and one of the victorious soldiers, Pheidippides, ran more than 20 miles from the battle site to Athens. Arriving in the city, he proclaimed, "We have won!" and then fell dead. You may have heard of this battle, for it was fought at Marathon, and this event gave rise to the modern marathons.

Running was part of the lives of those in the first century as it is today. Last year, there were over 1,100 marathons run in the U.S. involving more than 500,000 runners. Consider the spiritual lessons the Holy Spirit draws from this ancient and modern practice of running and the parallels between participation in races and our involvement in the Christian race.

Runners must give their all in order to be successful. In 1 Corinthians chapter 9, Paul talks about how so many begin the race but only the most dedicated ones win it. He then said, "Run so that you may obtain it." There is the prize awaiting the Christian, but to obtain it he must give all that he has and finish the race.

Runners must run lawfully. In every race, there are rules, and they must be followed. The course is specified and

only those who follow the rules have any chance of winning. Paul said, "If anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules" (2 Tim. 2:5). God has given us a race to run, but he has established the rules and we must comply with them.

Runners must not carry unnecessary "baggage."

Those ancient runners trained by wearing weights attached to the legs and ankles. On the day of the race, they removed the weights and their legs seemed extra strong when the race began. The writer of Hebrews applies that to Christians in our race. "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us" (Heb. 12:1). One cannot hold on to Jesus when his hands already grasp worldly things.

Runners need to model themselves after others who have shown their abilities. This is why

God describes our race before many witnesses and then adds, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2). We have a perfect model who has already finished the race. He has shown us how to do it. Our responsibility is to keep our focus on Him. It is as simple as looking at how He did it, then making sure we follow His example every day.

So, let's run the race knowing that the perfect example has shown us how. Let's finish the race, and as we die, proclaim, "We have won!"

As we finish the race and as we die, let us proclaim, "We have won!"



By David Sproule

What's NASCAR Got to Do With It?

I guess you could say that I used to be a NASCAR fan. For several seasons, I watched nearly every race. Initially, I watched them alone, but after a while Traci started watching them with me. It was something we enjoyed doing together. Thanks to some kind and generous friends, we were able to go to several Saturday night races in Daytona. It was a fun part of our lives.

But, as time went on and life began to fill up with other things, NASCAR gradually began to fade. With the advent of the DVR, I started to fast forward through most of the races. Then, it got to where I would just check the website on Monday to see who won. Finally, it just completely faded from my life.

I tried watching a race not too long ago. There was some nostalgia to it, but that one race just didn't have the satisfaction it once did. At one time, I knew the faces and names of NASCAR. I knew much of the organization, activities and strategies of the sport. But when I went back and watched that race a while back, there were lots of new faces, names, leaders, activities, strategies, etc. There was still some of the old, but now there was a lot of new stuff which was unfamiliar to me. Feeling distanced from the sport, I did not watch long and haven't watched another race since then.

I'm not writing this to tell you about me and NASCAR. I'm writing to draw a parallel between this illustration and what happens with many people and their faithfulness in worshipping God. Go back and read this illustration with that parallel in mind. Many people start out as "worship fans" and attend nearly every service, knowing the faces, names, leaders and activities of the church. But, then they allow "other things" to fill up their lives and displace the central priority of worship. They gradually start to find "reasons" not to be at worship (any "reason" will do). Over time, it eventually fades from their lives.

Occasionally, these folks may "pop in" for a worship service, but they have lost touch with the church so much that they don't know the new people, have not kept up with the other folks and activities of the church, and they just feel out of place with the unfamiliarity. Without a strong personal drive, they will often distance themselves even further.

There is a major difference to note between these matters, though. NASCAR (and things like it) is completely insignificant in the grand scheme of salvation and eternity in heaven, while worshipping God is directly tied to one's salvation and eternal dwelling. The place of worship in one's life is a reflection of the place of God in one's life. How much is it a part of your life? Do you need to get back "on track"?

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By Josh Blackmer

For Refugees Have Fled

Syria, most of us know very little about their uncivil civil war or the political policies and reasons for its existence. You may have heard about the millions of people fleeing the country. In 2011, when the conflict started, there were 100,000 refugees. That number has grown exponentially to 3.8 million that have fled the country and 7.2 million that moved to other parts of the country internally. It is estimated that it will reach well over 4 million by the end of the year. They are all running for their lives from the atrocities of war that has claimed an estimated 200,000 lives of both civilians and militants. We see the pictures that are coming out of this country. People are scared, crying, dying and holding lifeless bodies of loved ones. Some Syrians have said that just doing day-to-day things is a matter of life and death in their own neighborhoods. Hope is lost. That is why millions of people are seeking refuge.

We know nothing about what it means to be a refugee. We can imagine and sympathize and hurt for those in that situation, but we pray that we will never know. Some of the early church knew what it meant to seek refuge. Christ foretold of the destruction of Jerusalem, “then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.

Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days” (Matt. 24:16-19)! Peter writes a letter and addressed it to “those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen” (1 Pet. 1:1). James also addressed his letter to the “dispersed abroad” (Jam. 1:1). It was something that the early church and those that taught had to do to survive (Acts 14:4-7).

You and I are resident aliens who seek refuge from the present evil in God and His heavenly city

This element in the life of the early church was used in the Hebrew letter, “... we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us...” (v. 6:18b-20a). Again in chapter 11, “...having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth... they are seeking a country of their own... they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them” (v. 13-16).

You and I are resident aliens who seek refuge from the present evil in God and His heavenly city. Remember that the danger is real, and it is life and death. We have a hope that the fears of this world, or even death, can't take from us.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Do you agape Jesus?

I could ask, “Do you love Jesus”? But, I think that it has a different ring to it to ask, “Do you agape Jesus?” As humans (and especially Americans) we have equated “love” with an emotion that we feel. Of course, we need to have an emotional affection for Jesus, but that is not the question here, nor is it the word that is used most frequently for our response to Jesus.

Do you have an unselfish, unconditional devotion to Jesus that seeks His best, His needs and His desires? That is the exact devotion that Jesus had (and has) for us (Eph. 5:2; Gal. 2:20). But, do we have that for Him? If we do, it will be evident in our lives. If we agape Jesus, we will keep His commandments and will keep His word (John 14:15, 21, 23). It will not be driven by an emotional response (which can wax and wane), but by an action-based response to an unselfish desire to fulfill the ultimate desires of our Lord.

Do you agape Jesus? It is an answer that will not come from your lips but from your life. – DS



When “something” can be “nothing”

Some folks look around at the denominational world today (and often at specific groups) and exclaim, “Wow! It is really something all the ways in which they are doing good and glorifying God.” Let me ask you a question—how do we know that it is “something”?

Jesus placed a great emphasis on “abiding in Him,” especially in John 15. He affirmed that he who does not abide in Him “cannot bear fruit” and actually “can do nothing” (15:4-5). Jesus then explained that to abide in Him is to have His words abiding in you (15:7). John would later write, “He who keeps His commandments abides in Him” (1 John 3:24). Putting this together, if someone does not keep the commandments of Christ, then He is not abiding in Christ and consequently “can do nothing.” At least, he “can do nothing” that would be acceptable to Him.

Only those who abide in the doctrine of Christ have God's approval (2 John 1:9). Only those who do the Father's will can enter heaven (Matt. 7:21). There may be someone who is doing “something,” but if they are not abiding in Him and His word, He says it is “nothing.” – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Billy Chancey	in the VA Hospital
Linda Coe	dealing with ongoing pain in her side
Helen Gardner	recovering at home, fell & fractured leg
Turkessa Fernander	recovering from surgery
Janet Hickerson	Gardens Court Rehab (room 225), fell & fractured arm
Loretta Holaday	scheduled for hip replacement surgery (9/29)
Shirley Hopkins	fractured rib, in a lot of pain
Judie Jenkins	Adventura Hospital, back procedure & in a lot of pain
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from knee replacement, not doing well
Ruth Lipford	recovering at home, pacemaker surgery
June Pack	recovering from cataract surgery
Lana Smith	suffering with an eye infection



Novel Brown upon the passing of **his sister, Maggie Anderson**, in New York last week.

Jackie Price upon the passing of **her father, Jim Cunningham**, last week.

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

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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

Pray for Our Missionaries

Troy & Andrea Spradlin	Paraguay
Robert & Mary Martin	Pacific Islands
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan	Pacific Islands
Joey & Tammy Treat	Pacific Islands
Tamuka Arunashe	Zimbabwe
Nnanna Aforji	Nigeria
Apologetics Press	Montgomery, AL
Mauricio Yegros	Coral Springs, FL



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 20

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

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 26

- ♦ **Men's Breakfast** at 8:30 a.m. in the Family Room. See Richard Watson for details.

Saturday, October 3

- ♦ **Ladies' Day at Suncoast** at 11:00 a.m. Alanna Griffin will be speaking on "Cast Your Net on the Right." See the bulletin board for more details.
- ♦ **Mt. Dora Children's Home Benefit Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. at our building. Admission is free. See Lance or Sarah Collier for tickets.

Sunday, October 4

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

Sunday-Wednesday, October 4-7

- ♦ **Sebring Parkway Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday. This year's theme is "Understanding Unity: How to Be One in the Church." See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, October 11

- ♦ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Tuesday, October 13

- ♦ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Johnny & Betty Davis.

Friday-Sunday, October 16-18

- ♦ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at CFBC.** Sign up on the bus and fill out a registration form. Cost is \$65 per person. See Jeff Leslie for more information.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Sunday, September 20

- ♦ **Young Adult Evening Worship at Palm Springs church of Christ** in Miami with Mauri & Kayla Yegros. Meet at PBL at 3:00 p.m. to carpool, and bring money for dinner. See Shea, Ivan or Adam 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.

Saturday, October 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson. The main dish will be provided. Bring salad, sides and desserts.

Monday, October 12

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



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Youth

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.

Sunday, September 27

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

Sunday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 24

- ♦ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Jr. High Youth should arrive at 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Young Families' Costume Party** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin & Stephanie Weeks. See Melinda Price for more details.

October 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 b Louise Phillips b Robin Stone	2 b Jennifer Jaress	3 ☆ Ladies' Day at Suncoast ☆ Mt. Dora Children's Home Benefit Dinner b Chuck Clark b Kathy Nelson
4 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit	5 b Rosa Nash	6 b Dave McLeod	7 a Joe & Bonnie Quigley a Troy & Andrea Spradlin b Harold Armstrong b Hollie Crofts b Patricia Ventress	8 b Donna Erickson b Bessie Walker b Betty White	9 b David Jaress b Monica Morando b Lawrence Williams	10 ☆ Young Adult Devo b Dirk Summerlot
Sebring Parkway Lectures (October 4th-7th)						
11 ☆ Robert Martin Mission Report ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Harrison Carter b Chuck Reeves, Sr. b Scott Studer	12 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night	13 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting b Fran Campbell	14 b Amy Rosado	15 b Stahia Banks b Joe Holland b Meagan Metzkes	16 b Adelene Honore b Kevin Weeks	17 b Tracy Jamison
					Spiritual Enrichment Weekend (October 16th-18th)	
18 b Josue Charles	19	20 ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting b Sharon Morrison	21 b Sharon Feeney b Valerie Houghtaling b Janice Maloney b Sabrina Pietro b David Sproule b Leslie Williams	22 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting a Richard & Judy Lerro a Owen & Deidra Miley	23 b Millie Ames b Josephine Bass	24 ☆ PBL Work Day ☆ Costume Party for 55+ ☆ Young Families Costume Party
25 ☆ Scott Shanahan Mission Report ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Family Devo a Jermaine & Shantal Martin	26 a Kane & Fran Campbell b Samantha Eutsey b Ekaette Ikon b Sadie Tennant	27 b Traci Sproule	28 b Dianne Frye	29 b Lawrence H. Richardson	30 b Kailee Stone	31 ☆ Sr. High Fall Fest ☆ Young Adult Costume Party b Les McQuinn

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



Sunday,
September 13

Thank you to all who sent cards while I was sick. I appreciate you all so much.

Love, Annie Faison

Thanks to my brothers and sisters in Christ for the cards, calls, and beautiful flowers that you sent during my time of bereavement. Thanks for continually praying for our family. I appreciate it all.

Love, Isolyn Sinclair

LOCAL VISITORS: Osario Aristy; Rachael Bezered; Ms. Donna Bleau; Daniel Bleau; Ms. Janelle Campbell; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa Charles; Carmen Dussard; Antone & Berthe Faria; Eddie Gooden; Milton Jones; Brett & Hayden Lau; Mrs. Claudia Reynolds; Jacade & Susan Reynolds; and Christopher & Yolanda Stewart.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: David Burns, Wilmington, NC; Deb Cox, Ohio; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City; Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Griffin, Madison, AL; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Butch & Jan Manuel, Odessa, FL; Corinn, Linley & Ellie Miller, Hobe Sound, FL; Shaun, Emily, Simon & Sully Tyson, Port St. Lucie, FL; Daniel & Allison Simons, Greenwood, IN; and Mrs. Linda Wolfe, Fayetteville, NC.



Tuesday (September 22nd)
Luann McLeod

Friday (September 25th) cont.
Jean & Bernadette Dupérat (Ann.)
Dan Fuller

Thursday (September 24th)
Johnny & Betty Davis (Ann.)
Cornelius Brown

Saturday (September 26th)
Betty Davis
Gary Jenkins
Ophelia Holmes
Vincent Rogers

Friday (September 25th)
David & Marie Thorpe (Ann.)

**SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT
WEEKEND
OCTOBER 16-18
SIGN UP ON THE BUS!**



Palm Beach Area Benefit Dinner
Saturday, October 3, 2015 • 6:00 PM
Admission is free. See [Lance or Sarah Collier](#) for tickets.

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 20

- Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
- Opening Prayer Tim Fry
- Scripture Reading.....David Thorpe
- Preside at TableRichard Watson
- Serve at Table:
- David Brown Charles Hayes
- Josue Charles Adam Seal
- Jim Davis Daniel Swayne
- Mike Erickson Lawrence Williams
- Alternates:
- L.H. Richardson Bobbo Lupo
- Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, September 20

- Lead SingingDan McLeod
- Opening PrayerMike Ellis
- Scripture Reading.....Kane Campbell
- Presiding at Table.....Victor Colage
- Serve at Table:
- Harrison Carter
- Michael Fox
- Mike Trujillo
- Closing PrayerPhil Porter
- Wednesday Evening, September 23**
- Lead SingingShea Brown
- Invitation.....Chris Thompson
- Family Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Sept. 13</u>	<u>Aug. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	242	216
Sun. A.M. Worship	378	334
Sun. P.M. Worship	200	191
Wed. Bible study	211	205
Contribution	\$13,737	\$14,695
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -11,545		

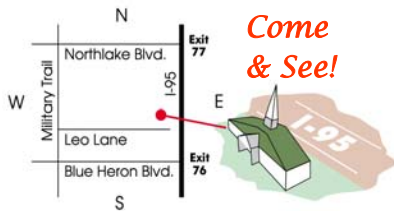
Ushers for the week of **Sept. 20**: Head Usher: Freddie Gadson; Paul Hensel & C. Reeves, Sr.



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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.

Front Cover: Cherylann Wineinger with Troy Alberga & Reggie Paul

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"

With God



all things are possible!

Matthew 19:26