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



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Welcome New Members

Chancey, Billy

Group 2

Baptized September 6

Gooden, Eddie

Group 3

Baptized September 22

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Restore His Church



By Dan Jenkins

Whatever Happened to Compassion?

The very thought of having Jesus as our mediator is overwhelming. The amazing distance between Jehovah God and a human seems like a chasm which cannot be crossed. Yet, Jesus did this very thing! He emptied Himself and took on the form of feeble, helpless mortals. He lived among us and having returned to heaven, He received the glory He once had. The end of all of this is that we have one who understands our frailties and can sympathize with us in our troubles. One word seems to sum up so much of the way He lived among us. That word is compassion.

Compassion is almost unknown among many in our society. The heartless slaughter of the unborn, the ruthless killings in schools and workplaces and the beheading of "unbelievers" are all evidence of the absence of the godly nature of compassion. However, the problem is far greater than the extreme aspects of the heartless cruelties listed above. Study the life of Jesus and look at how often Jesus manifested compassion to those ordinary people around Him. Then, take time to look at yourself to find areas where you can be more compassionate like Him.

Jesus had compassion on the poor. In Matthew chapter 14, we read of the feeding of the 5,000. The very next day, Jesus rebuked the multitude because they only followed Him

because they loved the loaves and fish He gave to them (John 6:22, 26). Yet, He fed 4,000 of them again. What is remarkable are the words found in Matthew 15:32. "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have...nothing to eat." So few of us would understand such compassion that He had on those whose motives were so wrong.

Jesus had compassion on scattered sheep. Mark records the feeding of the 5,000 and adds another thought to the compassion of Jesus. "Jesus when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). The Good Shepherd's heart was moved toward those who had no spiritual direction in their lives. Think about this and those "shepherd-less" people around you.

Jesus had compassion on widows. He was in village of Nain when He saw a widow ready to bury her only son. "He had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep'" (Luke 7:13). There were those other religious leaders who saw helpless widows as a source of financial gain, even taking their houses from them (Matt. 23:14). Jesus' heart was so different from theirs.

So, take time to look at yourself. How compassionate are you to others? What changes do we need to make to have the compassion of Jesus?

Look at the great compassion He showed to the people around Him



By David Sproule

What Is Your Vision for the Church?

All faithful Christians want the very best for the Lord's church. When Jesus commands us to "seek first the kingdom of God" (Matt. 6:33), we ought to find great joy in seeking to fulfill that charge on both a personal and collective level. With excitement and heartfelt devotion we can sing, "I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode; The church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood; I love Thy church, O God!"

For some Christians, the church is not all that important. (If that's you, I urge you to reevaluate.) But, for many Christians, the church is the center of their lives. They love it. They live it. They want the very best for it. If that is you, let me ask you a question: What is your vision for the church? Where do you see the church in five years, ten years, twenty years? What would you like to see the church doing in the coming years? What sorts of things come to mind?

You might say, "**I'd like to see the church grow more.**" I think all of us have that vision for the church. In some places, it is concern for the very continued existence of the church. In other places, it is concern for the dwindling numbers. Question: If that is your vision for the church, what are YOU doing to help the church to grow?

You might say, "**I'd like to see the church be more friendly.**" Who could argue with that? Have you visited a congregation, where you walked in and walked out and no one spoke to you? There is definitely a need for more friendliness. Question: If that is your vision for the church, what are YOU doing to be more friendly, especially to visitors?

You might say, "**I'd like to see the church even more devoted to Bible knowledge.**" This should definitely be a high priority today. With all that is happening in the religious world, political world, legislative world and entertainment world, the church needs more than ever to know the Bible. Question: If that is your vision for the church, what are YOU doing to be more Bible-centered and increase in knowledge yourself?

You might say, "**I'd like to see the church be more concerned about each other.**" Sometimes such emphasis can be placed on world missions or helping the poor or attending services (which are all good and necessary activities for the Christian) that some local members may be neglected. We need each other. We need love and encouragement from each other. Question: If that is your vision for the church, what are YOU doing to show love for fellow Christians?

A stronger, healthier, loving, growing church starts with you. It doesn't start with better programs. It starts with you. Remember—what is it that a little leaven does?

What would you like to see the church doing in the coming years?



By Josh Blackmer

“Who told you that you were naked?”

They believed a lie and they ate—Eve then Adam. With that act came the responsibility to discern between good and evil. They immediately were ashamed and sought to hide themselves, even from each other. When God came to the garden, they were hiding. He asked them, “Who told you were naked?” The sin was a burden that cost them the close garden relationship with God and ultimately their lives.

We are still dealing with Satan’s lies that cause a great burden. The Jubilee Project has a video out called “Comfortable: 50 People 1 Question.” In this video, they asked adults, “What one thing would you change about your body?” Some began by saying, “Just one?” and then a parade of people each named a specific thing they would change. Most of them mentioned that they were told that they were “too this” or “too that.” The last part of the video showed children, ages 4 to 11, being asked the same question. You know what they wanted? Mermaid tails, shark teeth and wings to fly were among the things mentioned. Some shrugged as though they had never thought about it and others said, “There is nothing I would change.”

So my question to you would be, “Who told you that you were too tall, short, fat or skinny?” Satan uses our self-

image as a tool to keep us focused on what society would say we should look like. This is a fickle, subjective and unrealistic beauty. Health concerns aside, it doesn’t matter. No amount of anxiety or worry will change those things that you were born with. “And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?” (Matt. 6:27). Satan would have us trapped in the prison of our own self-loathing and abasement, not feeling worthy of love and overpowered by a distorted self-image and self-worth.

Do not be burdened with Satan’s lies. It is God that has formed us and God that says who we are.

Listen to what God says you are. “Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (1 Cor. 3:16). “Now you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it” (1 Cor. 12:27). “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:26). “But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:9). “You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

We were given this earthly home for just a short time. Do not be burdened with Satan’s lies. It is God that has formed us and God that says who we are. It is God that paid a price so high for us that no one should ever feel worthless.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What keeps you going?

If the devil had his way, you would have stopped following the Lord a long time ago. *What keeps you going?* If the wicked world had its way, you would have stopped following the Lord a long time ago. *What keeps you going?* If the anti-God American government, media and entertainment industry had its way, you would have stopped following the Lord a long time ago. *What keeps you going?*

If you're searching for a response to this question, try one of these. God so loved ME that He sent His only Son for ME (John 3:16)--that's what keeps me going! Jesus loved ME and gave Himself for ME (Gal. 2:20)--that's what keeps me going! God promised that He will never leave ME nor forsake ME (Heb. 13:5)--that's what keeps me going! Jesus has prepared a place for ME and is coming to take ME home with Him (John 14:3)--that's what keeps me going!

God has given me plenty to keep me going! How about you? – DS



You and your enemies

The identification of “your enemies” surely varies from person to person, but the Bible has much to say about how we should treat them. And, everything that God tells us to do toward our enemies is 180 degrees from how we might normally think, requiring our absolute diligence.

Jesus tells us to “agape love” our enemies, wanting what is very best for them and putting their needs above our own (Matt. 5:44). That will require our fixed attention. Jesus tells us to “bless” them, “do good” to them and “pray” for them (5:44). Have you done that? In quoting from the Old Testament, Paul tells us “feed” our enemy when he’s hungry and “give him a drink” when he’s thirsty (Rom. 12:20). The wise man Solomon tells us, “Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; lest the Lord see it, and it displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him” (Prov. 24:17-18).

We were once “enemies” of Christ and He died for us (Rom. 5:10). What will we do for our enemies? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Turkessa Fernander	recovering from surgery
Janet Hickerson	recovering from shoulder surgery
Loretta Holaday	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Shirley Hopkins	recovering from a fractured rib
Judie Jenkins	recovering from back procedure, slowly improving
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from infection in one of her knees
Ruth Lipford	recovering at home, pacemaker surgery
Silas Moses	VA Hospital (room 214, 6th floor), light heart attack
Chuck Reeves, Jr.	having eye pain after accident at work

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:	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

Willie Alvarenga	Douglas Alvarenga's brother, heart stent, tumor removed
Jefferey Byrd	Cheryl Floyd's brother, Renaissance Rehab, surgery
Richard Hill	Shirley Hopkins' brother, another carotid artery surgery
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, recovering from knee replacement
Emitt Miller	Cheryl Floyd's brother, Good Samaritan Hospital
Conrad Mills	Tasha Ellis' brother, complicated health issues
Robert Mitchell	Kay Richardson's brother, motorcycle accident, broken leg
Betty Story	Glen Dawson's sister, suffering with lung cancer

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, 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.

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

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

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.** This year's theme is "Without Faith..." Sign up on the bus and fill out a registration form. Cost is \$65 per person.

Tuesday, October 20

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Novel & Mary Brown.

Thursday, October 22

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.
- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot.

Saturday, October 24

- ◆ **PBL Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:00 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do. See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.



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Young Adults

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.

Friday-Sunday, October 16-18

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Without Faith..." Sign up on the bus and fill out a registration form. Cost is \$65 per person. See Jeff Leslie for more information.

Saturday, October 31

- ◆ **Young Adult Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Shea Brown.

Monday, November 2

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



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Youth

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.

Sunday, October 25

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

Saturday, October 31

- ◆ **Sr. High Fall Fest.** See Bob or Jennifer Higbee for details.

Equipping & Edifying Families



Dangerous Lies That Lead to Infidelity

There was an old, stocky, raspy-voiced man named Rock, who used to work in a lock shop. He was a hardworking man, who did whatever his supervisor asked him to do. One of his most memorable tasks was the day he was asked to collect screws in the warehouse.

Apparently, the company was trying to save money and time for an in-house building project requiring screws. Rock's manager brought him into the warehouse and pointed to the high steel shelves. Then he asked Rock to remove all of the screws fastening the shelves to the walls. Rock diligently got out a ladder and went to work, moving right to left. With each screw removed, the shelves stood in place. Finally, he ascended the ladder and removed the final screw on the last shelf. As he looked at the final screw in his hand, the last shelf leaned and crashed into the one next to it. The rest went down like thundering dominoes discarding all of the contents in an enormously mangled mess. The manager came running in to find a pile of destruction. Behind the debris was Rock standing sheepishly on a ladder holding one screw in his hand. They stared at each other until Rock broke the silence, "This is your fault."

Marital affairs rarely happen randomly. They result from believing and justifying lies. In marriage, believing lies is like removing the fastening screws. It is dangerous, causes bad decisions and leads to broken marriages. Exposing lies for what they are keeps us from falling into their traps and knowing the warning signs of infidelity can keep the dominoes from falling. Here are some dangerous lies that lead to infidelity.

Lie: "I deserve to be happy." Marriage is actually not about happiness. It may be a part of it at times. The problem is that this attitude is selfishness, plain and simple. When this attitude is nurtured, spouse blaming becomes routine; bitterness is right around the corner. The list of negative qualities in the spouse gets longer and longer. All it does is attempt to justify the selfish attitude so the person is free to chase happiness or the greener grass. Marriage is about dying to self, and then giving and loving in good times and bad. That's why it's so difficult, but also so rewarding.

Lie: "There's nothing wrong with a little flirting." It's exciting. When someone finds you sexually attractive, it feels good, particularly when you feel the same way about them. No one wants to lose that feeling, they want it to continue. So they justify it by telling this to themselves accompanied by: *It doesn't mean anything.* It does. It's hurtful to the spouse because it trains the heart to wander. It's natural to have those feelings, but playing with them gives the wrong person an improper place in the heart. Flirting is like entering a river with a powerful current that ends at a large drop off.

Lie: "What she doesn't know won't hurt her." This attitude can take root in the person doing something they know would make their spouse upset. They recognize it's wrong and probably feel guilty, but don't want to stop. In an attempt to make themselves feel better, they simply tell themselves: *It's not like I'm hurting anyone.* It does hurt. Secrets cause disconnection. Spouses can intuitively sense when there is distance, no matter the degree. They may not address it, but they sense it. Believing a lie like this is just the beginning of allowing disconnection to enter the relationship. The distance just gets wider and wider until this person connects to someone else.

Lie: "I have sexual needs." Food is a need. Sex is not a need, it's a desire. An attitude such as this one gives sexual urges too much power. It is also a subtle way to justify pursuing sex outside of marriage. Once it's justified in the person's heart and mind, acting on it becomes easier.

Lie: "Our marriage problems are HIS fault." Marriage relationships consist of two people. One person might be more responsible, but not completely to blame. This is a convenient way to avoid responsibility. Anytime a person avoids responsibility, blames others, or justifies themselves, they become colder. Walls of defense get fortified and the separation begins. Note: There are occasions where one person is completely to blame, but those are rare.

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



Sunday,
September 27

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Denise Barnes; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa D. Charles; Carmen Dussard; Jecory Ellis; Jon Erickson; Antone & Berthe Faria; Ms. Rachel Francois; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Ron Jenkins; Milton Jones; Ina Mitchell; Jacade & Susan Reynolds; Christopher & Yolando Stewart; and Wendell Wilson, Justin & Jacob.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss Kristin Broner, Deerfield Beach, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mrs. Iris Massey, Decatur, AL; Mario Moss, Freeport, Bahamas; and Mrs. Linda Wolfe, Fayetteville, NC.



Thank you, church of Christ, for the flowers, the prayers, hugs and love after the passing of my brother.

Eva Fulton

PBL Family,

Thank you so so so much for my package! It was such a great surprise. You should have seen me struggling to carry it back to my room! I really appreciate you guys thinking of me. See you for Thanksgiving.

Love,
Kelly Hall



"O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." (Jeremiah 10:23)

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (October 5th)

Rosa Nash

Tuesday (October 6th)

David McLeod

Wednesday October 7th

Joe & Bonnie Quigley (Ann.)
Troy & Andrea Spradlin (Ann.)
Harold Armstrong
Hollie Crotts
Patricia Ventress

Thursday (October 8th)

Donna Erickson
Bessie Walker
Betty White

Friday (October 9th)

David Jaress
Monica Morando
Lawrence Williams

Saturday (October 10th)

Dirk Summerlot

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, October 4

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Freddie Gadson
Scripture Reading.....David Brown
Presiding at TableJeff Leslie
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Deltom Lequernaqué
Lance Collie Brad Shelt
Kenneth Long Kevin Weeks
Nate Nelson Eugene Williams
Alternates:
Josh Blackmer Orlando Lolo
Closing Prayer Dirk Summerlot

Sunday Evening, October 4

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Scripture Reading..... Chris Thompson
Presiding at Table..... Tim Fry
Serve at Table:
Jeremy Maloney
Nick Pietro
Clayton Trujillo
Closing Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Wednesday Evening, October 7

Lead SingingShea Brown
Invitation.....Victor Colage
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Sept. 27</u>	<u>Aug. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	238	216
Sun. A.M. Worship	362	334
Sun. P.M. Worship	194	191
Wed. Bible study	196	205
Contribution	\$14,382	\$14,695
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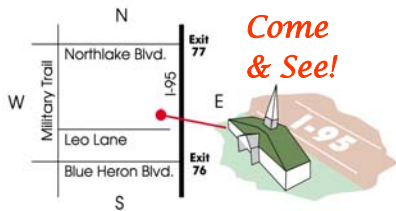
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Service Schedule

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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The LORD your God
is with you,
He is Mighty to Save.
He will take great *delight* in you,
He will *quiet* you with His love,
He will *rejoice*
over you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17