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By Dan Jenkins

Reproductive Rights in the Church

The truths found in the Bible never become obsolete. They speak to us just as timely as they did to those who first read them. Truth simply does not change, and each of us has an obligation to ensure that our treasury of eternal truths is shared with others. This truth is so clearly stated in Paul's epistle to Timothy, his son in the faith. "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2).

If God had intended for there to be ongoing revelation for every generation until the return of Jesus, there would have been no need for anyone to teach anything to others. The Divine plan was obvious. Truth would be revealed supernaturally as the church began, but there would be a natural continuation of truth as each generation taught the next.

Paul recognized that the end of his life was near as he wrote this second epistle to Timothy. He had finished his work, and the crown of righteousness awaited him (2 Tim. 4:6-8). Timothy's work was not ended. Having heard the truth, he had to be committed to learning it precisely. It then became his responsibility to find faithful men and give the message to them. These men were to be faithful. They were to be trust-

worthy in their responsibility. Like Timothy, they had no right to add anything to what had been given to them. They had no right to remove or change the message in any way. They were simply to take the message from the first century and begin a chain of unending and unchanging truth to be given to every generation until the end of time. It is worthy to note that the word "man" used by Paul is not the word indicating males. It is the word *anthropos* (from which we get our word "anthropology"), indicating that all mortals, male and female, are to be faithful in transmitting God's truths from one generation to another.

The church is reproducing itself. Older Christians are to teach younger Christians. Older women are to teach younger women. Elders are to insure that younger men are being trained to replace them. The same is true of deacons, Bible class teachers, godly husbands and godly wives. A failure to do this brings chaos and perils to the church. Those younger than us hear us teach and, perhaps equally important, they see how these truths are lived in daily situations.

We hear a lot about reproductive rights in our society. There is no area where this phrase has greater importance. We not only have reproductive rights, we have reproductive obligations. Think about this. What are you doing to reproduce the church in those around you?

We not only have reproductive rights, we have reproductive obligations!



By David Sproule

Measuring Your Priorities

I want to ask a question that is one of those questions that often has the "automatic" or "expected answer" to it. "Well, of course, that's my answer. How could it be any different?" But, could you take a moment and evaluate? Could you take a moment and measure your answer against God's yardstick? In other words, if God were asked the same question about you, how would He answer?

Here's the question: "What is most important in your life?" I know, I know. That is such a recurring and almost stereotypical question for a preacher to ask. But, don't think about it as a preacher's question. Think about God asking you that question. Think about the fact that it's one of those questions to which God already knows the answer before you give it. Will the answer that you give match the "actual" answer? The answer that God is looking for is not the one that would come from your lips and sound good, but the one that comes from your life.

To find the answer to what is most important in your life, God would look at how you spend your time. That would tip Him off right away. We have more control over our time than we might accept or admit. Measure out the 168 hours you have each week. Just by looking at how you use your

time, God would be able to tell right away what is most important to you. Would it be Him? Would it be His cause on this earth? Redeem your time and use it for God (Eph. 5:16)!

To find the answer to what is most important in your life, God would look at how you spend your money. He would know right away. Again, we have more control over our money than we might accept or admit. Look at every dollar you earn, have and spend. By looking at your bank account and your receipts, God would be able to tell right away what is most important to you. Would it be Him? Would it be His cause on this earth? Take control of your money and use it for God (Prov. 3:9).

To find the answer to what is most important in your life, God would look at what you spend your time thinking about. Our thoughts are not unknown to God, but they are fully within our control. By looking at what you think about, what you want and what occupies your heart, God would be able to tell right away what is most important to you. Would it be Him? Would it be His cause on this earth? Take control of your thoughts and focus them on God and His will (Prov. 4:23).

We spend our time on what is most important to us. We spend our money on what is most important to us. We spend our thoughts on what is more important to us. Using God's measuring rod, where are your priorities? Truly?

The answer that God is looking for is not the one that would come from your lips.



By Josh Blackmer

Living Water

You have probably seen this, a pool of shallow water that has no fresh source. This pool does nothing. It seems to be a petri dish of single-cell organisms and an unnamable slimy substance. It is not fit for use or consumption without serious rehabilitation. This is what we call stagnant water.

Growing stagnant spiritually is a relatively easy process. There are no steps, no programs and no support groups. You simply do nothing. I am not assuming that you, the reader, are stagnant. It is so easy to become so and being aware of the possibility may prove to be a preventative measure.

God clearly has the expectation that we should grow. In Hebrews 5:12, "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food." We need to grow in our knowledge. In Hebrews 6:1, "Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God." We need to grow in maturity. We do all of this by our close contact with the Word of God. In Ephesians 4:15, "But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ," and in 1 Peter 2:2, "Like newborn babies,

long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation." The Bible is clear that with the Word of God we are equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

We know what God expects, but how do we do it? If we make regular Bible study a priority, things could change. If we would be at services every time the doors were open, things would change. If we were to actively seek out relationships with members of the church instead of people in the world, the water might become a little less stagnant. If we were to see people as souls needing Christ, our stagnant pool might be all the more clear. If we would strive to be pools of living water, our pool may be useful again.

We have a choice to make, are we going to be living water or stagnant water?

When Christ was with the woman by the well, he told her, "But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life" (John 4:14). We should be a source of living water to those around us. We are not a stagnant dead pool. We are sons and daughters of the Most High. He has given us the source to be an influence on our family, our friends, our co-workers and even each other. When we become stagnant, we do more than just damage ourselves. We become a foul, contaminated source instead of what God intended us to be—light, salt and living water.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The world hates Christians

Hate is such a strong word and a strong emotion. It is definitely not something upon which we like to dwell or a topic that is comfortable to discuss. But, as Christians, we might as well face the facts – we are hated. There are those in this world who despise us simply because of our devotion to Jesus Christ. But, this should not surprise us...or deter us.

Christians are warned, "Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you" (1 John 3:13). Consider these words of Jesus, "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you" (John 15:18-19).

So, what are we supposed to do? Remember, "Blessed are you when men hate you" (Luke 6:22). Remember, "Do good to those who hate you, and pray for" them (Matt. 5:44). Remember, "Great is your reward in heaven" (Matt. 5:12). Remember, God loves you! – DS



Encounter Jesus

Having an "encounter with Jesus" is a buzzword among some religious bodies, which seems to emphasize that there are no boundaries or limitations in where or how one can encounter Jesus. Let's be clear—every person on earth needs to have an "encounter" with Jesus. However, the "encounter" must take place on HIS terms, not ours! Think about this.

Be baptized into Jesus (Gal. 3:27) and you'll have an encounter with Jesus. Walk daily in the footsteps of Jesus (1 John 1:7) and you'll have an encounter with Jesus. Abide in the words of Jesus (John 8:31) and you'll have an encounter with Jesus. Let the words of Jesus abide in you (John 15:7) and you'll have an encounter with Jesus. Worship according to Jesus' truth (John 4:24) and you'll have an encounter with Jesus. Teach Jesus to someone (Acts 8:35) and you'll have an encounter with Jesus. Show the love of Jesus to one another (John 15:12) and you'll have an encounter with Jesus. Basically, if you'll follow Jesus and do things Jesus' way (John 1:43; 2:5), you'll have an encounter with Jesus! His terms are the only terms! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Adrienne Gadson	recovering from hospitalization, undergoing tests
Janet Hickerson	Gardens Court Rehab (room 225), shoulder surgery
Loretta Holaday	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Jerry Hopkins	Good Samaritan Hospital (room 298), running tests
Shirley Hopkins	recovering from fractured ribs, in a lot of pain
Judie Jenkins	recovering from back procedure, slowly improving
Jon Jordan	suffering with back pain
Lynne Jorgensen	still dealing with MRSA infection in her knee
Diane Leslie	recovering from knee surgery
Ruth Lipford	Gardens Medical Center (room 211), broken hip
Silas Moses	VA Hospital (room 214, 6th floor), heart attack
Leigh Puckett	undergoing medical tests
Jackie Stout	recovering from outpatient 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

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

Willie Alvarenga	Douglas Alvarenga's brother, stage 1 colon cancer
Jefferey Byrd	Cheryl Floyd's brother, Renaissance Rehab, surgery
Jackie Hensel	Paul & Kim Hensel's daughter, started therapy for leg
Richard Hill	Shirley Hopkins' brother, carotid artery surgery
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, recovering from knee replacement
Robert Mitchell	Kay Richardson's brother, motorcycle accident, broken leg
Betty Story	Glen Dawson's sister, suffering with lung cancer

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, 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.

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

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

Monday, October 19

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20

- ♦ **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 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.

Friday, October 23

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joan Holloway. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

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.
- ♦ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Room. RSVP to David Sproule by October 18.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

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.

Monday, October 12

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jaquá Lewis. See Cindy Nelson or Amber Villard to carpool. Bring salad, desserts and drinks.

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. Bring drinks and chips.

Monday, November 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes

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.

219 Reasons from Psalm 119

to Read the Bible Every Day

#3

109. To learn His commandments (73)
110. To learn His judgments (108)
111. To learn His righteous judgments (7)
112. To learn His statutes (12, 71, 124, 135)
113. To let His judgments help me (175)
114. To let His mercies come to me (41)
115. To let His salvation come to me (41)
116. To let His tender mercies come to me (77)
117. To let my heart be blameless regarding His statutes (80)
118. To let no iniquity have dominion over me (133)
119. To lift up my hands to His commandments (48)
120. To live (77)
121. To live and keep His word (17)
122. To live and to praise Him (175)
123. To long for His commandments (131)
124. To long for His judgments at all times (20)
125. To long for His precepts (40)
126. To look into all His commandments (6)
127. To love His commandments more than fine gold (127)
128. To make His face shine upon me (135)
129. To meditate on His precepts (78)
130. To meditate on His statutes (23, 48)
131. To meditate on His wondrous works (27)
132. To meditate on His word (148)
133. To meditate on His law all the day (97)
134. To never forget His precepts (93)
135. To not be ashamed (6, 46, 80)
136. To not be ashamed of my hope (116)
137. To not be forsaken utterly by God (8)
138. To not be given to covetousness (36)
139. To not be left to my oppressors (121)
140. To not be put away by God with all the wicked (119)
141. To not be put to shame (31)
142. To not be rejected by God with those who stray (118)
143. To not depart from His judgments (102)
144. To not forget His commandments and go astray (176)
145. To not forget His law (61, 109, 153)
146. To not forget His precepts (141)
147. To not forget His statutes (83)
148. To not forget His word (16)
149. To not forget His words (139)
150. To not forsake His precepts (87)
151. To not go astray (67)
152. To not have His commandments hidden from me (19)
153. To not have the proud oppress me (122)
154. To not regard His law as void (126)
155. To not sin against Him (11)
156. To not stray from His commandments (21)
157. To not stray from His precepts (110)
158. To not turn aside from His law (51)
159. To not turn from His testimonies (157)
160. To not wander (10)
161. To observe His statutes continually (117)
162. To observe His law with my whole heart (34)
163. To overcome the cords of the wicked (61)
164. To overcome trouble and anguish (143)

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



Sunday,
October 4

Micah Trujillo was baptized on Sunday, October 4 following evening services.

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Denise Barnes; Hazel & Tonya Carson; Mr. Jean Charles; Carmen Dussard; Bakari Follins; Milton Jones; Germain Leutz; Sue Maisano; Mrs. Carrie Rerko; Jacade & Susan Reynolds; Rebeca Ruiz; Travis Sherman; Mrs. Gertrude Slappy; Isis Soliman; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Mrs. Carolyn White; and Mrs. Robyn White.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mike Barrios, Collierville, TN; Mrs. Belinda Burrow, College Park, GA; Mrs. Susan Canty, Jacksonville, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David Coffman, Rockledge, FL; Miriam & David Enman, Lancaster, MA; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Ms. Mia King, Mount Dora, FL; Charles & Kitty Kulp, Murfreesboro, TN; Mrs. Iris Massey, Decatur, AL; John, Corinn, Linley & Ellie Miller, Hobe Sound, FL; Shaun, Emily, Simon & Sully Tyson, Port St. Lucie, FL; Miss Athena Wagner, Mount Dora, FL; Ron Wilkins, Pollock, LA; and Mrs. Linda Wolfe, Fayetteville, NC.



Sunday (October 11th)

Harrison Carter
Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Scott Studer

Thursday (October 15th)

Stahia Banks
Joe Holland
Megan Metzkes

Tuesday (October 13th)

Fran Campbell

Friday (October 16th)

Adelene Honore
Kevin Weeks

Wednesday (October 14th)

Amy Rosado

Saturday (October 17th)

Tracy Jamison

To our Palm Beach Lakes church family,

We wish there is more that can be expressed with "Thank You," but what could we do without you! Thank you to all who have shown such love and concern during the last few weeks since my most recent health issues. Thank you for all of the cards, calls, visits, treats and expressions of true support. I have a few more weeks of recovery now from surgery, but I know I can make it through with your continued prayers.

In Christian love,
Janet Hickerson and DeRita

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 11

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Jim Davis
Scripture Reading..... Lawrence Williams
Presiding at Table Glen Dawson
Serve at Table:
Novel Brown Mike Ellis
Pete Brown David Jaress
Victor Colage Joe Maloney
Josue Charles Daniel Wagner
Alternates:
Phil Porter Darin Summerlot
Closing PrayerChris Thomas

Sunday Evening, October 11

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening PrayerMike Erickson
Scripture Reading..... Les McQuinn
Presiding at Table..... Bob Higbee
Serve at Table:
Paul Batitsky
John Kemp
Leonard Williams
Closing PrayerPaul Metzkes
Wednesday Evening, October 14
Lead Singing Adam Seal
Invitation..... Jerry Hopkins
Family Prayer .. Lawrence H. Richardson

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 4	Aug. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	242	233
Sun. A.M. Worship	365	360
Sun. P.M. Worship	204	190
Wed. Bible study	211	199
Contribution	\$15,059	\$13,746
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -12,142		

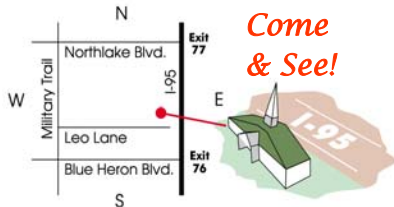
Ushers for the week of **Oct. 11**: Head Usher: Rick Hall; Bill Ingram, Jr. & Tommy Pauldo



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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

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Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.