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# Welcome New Members



**Trujillo, Micah**

Group 2

*Baptized October 4*



**Lau, Brett & Hayden**

Group 2

*Identified October 11*

# Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

October 16-18

WITHOUT  
**F A I T H** ...



By Dan Jenkins

## The Invisible Bible

The impact of the Bible in the history of man is remarkable. Most books from the ancient past are hardly ever read. Yet, the Bible, though thousands of years old, remains at the top of the list of best sellers each year. This fact alone should help us marvel that our educational system has removed it from our classrooms. In many places, a teacher cannot even have a copy of it on his/her desk. What a tragic mistake!

### Bible Trivia

Each year over 100,000,000 copies of the Bible are sold or given away freely in our world. It has been translated into nearly 350 languages and parts of it have been translated into over 1,100 languages and dialects. Most American homes have about three copies of the Bible. (How many do you have? I checked my shelves at the office and immediately found 57 copies of the Bible). The precise number of Bibles printed is difficult to ascertain, but 6,001,500,000 Bible have been printed since Gutenberg printed the first one in 1455.

### The Largest Printed Bible

The largest printed Bible was finished in 1930. Louis Waynai, a member of the church, used a homemade rubberstamp press, and it took him 8,700 hours to complete the

project. That Bible is in the library at Abilene Christian University. When closed, it is 34 inches tall and almost four feet wide. It weighs 1,094 pounds and has 8,700 pages.

### The Smallest Printed Bible

The smallest printed Bible is about the size of a grain of sugar. Using a process called "Focused Ion Beam," the Haifi Institute of Technology printed 1,514 pages of the Bible on a metal plate the size of the head of a pin. It weighs less than one half of an ounce.

### The Invisible Bible

Yet, there is something far more remarkable than the facts just given. There is a Bible so "small" that it is impossible to be seen. Its impact is also greater and has more influence than all the Bibles ever printed. Consider these words describing this Bible. "Your word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psa. 119:11). "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children" (Deut. 6:6-7). "Written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is of the heart" (2 Cor. 3:3). This Bible is invisible to the eye of any mortal, but is seen daily in the lives of His people.

One final question. Do you have your Bible on a shelf in your home or hidden in your heart?

The smallest Bible is invisible to the human eye but it is seen every day



By David Sproule

## You Can Know That You're Going to Heaven!

Are you going to heaven? If you were to die right this moment, would you go to heaven or not? Are you sure? Can you be sure?

I can remember as a child, growing up in the church, and believing that a Christian could not know where he would go, at any given moment, if he were to die. I have no idea where I got that idea, but it was a scary idea. The very thought that a Christian could go through his daily life and have no clue as to his eternal destiny can lead to all sorts of questions, worries and anxieties.

However, that precarious outlook is not a Biblical concept. God has given, and wants His children to have, confidence! He wants His children to know for certain if they are going to heaven or not. John writes, "These things I have written to you...that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). The word "know" emphasizes a complete and absolute knowledge. It is not a knowledge that needs to be learned or experienced, but a knowledge that is intuitively certain because God gave it.

How can a Christian have this absolute certainty? Look at the passage. "Eternal life" is a favorite subject of the apostle John. He emphasizes it more in his gospel account than the other writers do. Then, it is a focal point in his first

epistle. "And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life" (2:25). "God has given us eternal life" (5:11). "You have eternal life" (5:13). So, how can a child of God have confidence in this life that he will go to heaven when he dies?

Notice how precise John is. "God has given us eternal life, and **this life is in His Son**" (5:11). One must be "**in Christ**," in order to know that he has eternal life. John clearly teaches that one is "in Him" when he "keeps His word" (2:5; 3:24), walks "just as He walked" (2:6), "abides in Him" (3:6) and continually "confesses that Jesus is the Son of God" (4:15). Are you "in Him"? Then, you can know that you have eternal life!

One must "**believe in the name of the Son of God**" (5:13), in order to know that he has eternal life. The word "believe" is in the present tense, emphasizing a continuous and abiding faith. John plainly affirms in this epistle that those with an abiding faith are those who "keep His commandments" (2:3, 4; 3:22, 23, 24; 5:2, 3). Notice how many times that is emphasized in this book. Are you demonstrating a continuous faith by keeping His commandments? Then, you can know that you have eternal life!

God wants you to go to heaven, and He's told you how to get there! God wants you to KNOW that you're going to heaven, and He's told you how to know it! Are you going? Are you sure? What a blessing to have that confidence!

He wants His children to know for certain if they are going to heaven or not.



By Josh Blackmer

## Simply Christian

I got called a Mormon twice this month. Why? Some people don't know that Mormons are not the only missionaries, while others are quick to label a handsome young missionary as a Mormon. It really frustrates me because I am obviously not a Mormon, and it calls attention to another aspect of this "perverse generation" (Acts 2:40)—the contamination of pure religion to the point of bland religiosity. I want to scream, "I am not a Mormon! I am not a brand of what you think religion is!" When I begin talking about faith or the Bible, I often feel like the non-verbal response is, "Why should I choose your brand of religion?" It is as though we are at a giant religious trade show with hundreds of tables, and everyone is peddling their ideas of what they think devotion to a higher power is. So, the thinking of some becomes, "We need to change the product to attract more." If we do those things, then we become another voice diluting the message.

The only option in this scenario is to teach the pure powerful gospel. If we begin to think that changing it will make the church more attractive, then we have missed two very important things. One, if changing the gospel makes it more relevant and seemingly more powerful, then it was never inspired to begin with. I know that the Bible teaches that is has all

things that pertains unto to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). I also know that it is sufficient. "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). I know that it is powerful. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). So, if changing it makes it better than this, then it was never inspired to begin with, and you can delete the whole thing.

**If we were to adapt or change the gospel, we would become just another voice of religiosity with no power to save.**

The second thing we are missing is that it is not about the numbers. God has never been about the numbers. Ask Gideon. God wants all men to be saved (2 Pet. 3:9). Christ said, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matt. 7:13-14). So, we know going into this that people are not going to come running to the church like Krispy Kreme with the hot sign on. This should not cause us to change the message or our work. If we were to adapt or change the gospel in any way, we would become just another voice of religiosity with no power to save. If we remain pure in practice and doctrine, then we are the church. Simply Christians, powerfully equipped.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### What are you waiting for?

The most frequently played game among mankind today is the "waiting game." We will put off (seemingly) whatever we can put off until the last possible moment when we can't put it off anymore. But, unfortunately, too many people are playing that game with their spiritual life.

Have you obeyed God's plan of salvation and been baptized for the remission of your sins? If not, what are you waiting for? Are you reading daily God's message to us in His Word? If not, what are you waiting for? Have you kicked the habit that you know is contrary to God's will? If not, what are you waiting for? Have you been talking to unbelievers about Jesus, His salvation and His promise of heaven? If not, what are you waiting for? Have you tried to reach out and encourage brethren who have wandered away? If not, what are you waiting for?

Waiting. It is so easy to do. So much easier than actually moving forward. But, waiting can and will cost you your soul in the end. Why are you waiting? Arise, and let's get going! – DS



### "Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"

What has the Lord done for you lately? Do you ever wonder, "Where is God? Is He near? Does He care?" Read Psalm 34 and see what the Lord is ready to do for you every day.

"He heard me" (34:4). "He delivered me from all my fears" (34:4). "The Lord heard...and saved him out of all his troubles" (34:6). "The Lord is good" (34:8). "Those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing" (34:10). "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous" (34:15). "His ears are open to their cry" (34:15). "The Lord hears" (34:17). "The Lord delivers them out of all their troubles" (34:17). "The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart" (34:18). "The Lord delivers him out of them all" (34:19). "The Lord redeems the soul of His servants" (34:22). "None of those who trust in Him shall be condemned" (34:22). And, my favorite, "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them" (34:7).

Go back and read that psalm. If you're one of His children, you are abundantly blessed! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Stahia Banks</b>	recovering from knee surgery
<b>Adrienne Gadson</b>	recovering at home from a procedure and testing
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	Gardens Court Rehab (room 225), shoulder surgery
<b>Loretta Holaday</b>	recovering from hip replacement surgery
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	still dealing with MRSA infection in her knee
<b>Diane Leslie</b>	recovering from knee surgery
<b>Ruth Lipford</b>	Chatsworth Rehab (room D-12), rehab after hip surgery
<b>Silas Moses</b>	VA Hospital (6th floor, room 127), heart attack
<b>Jackie Stout</b>	recovering from outpatient surgery

## 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

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

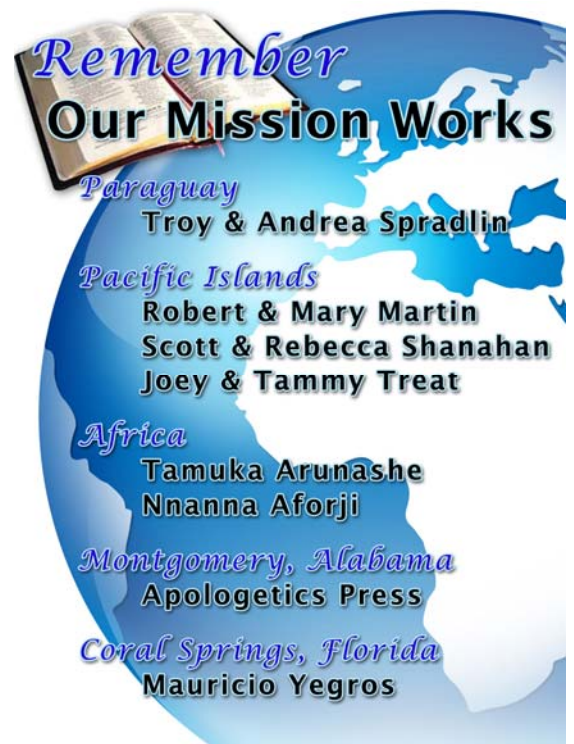
Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Kay Fish	Deidra Miley
Helen Gardner	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Joe Quigley
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Shelton Howell	Margaret Wade



**The family & friends of Roberta Edwards,** upon her passing on Saturday evening, October 10. Condolences may be sent to **her parents, Bob & Laura Edwards,** at P.O. Box 1568, Burgaw, NC 28425.

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Richard Affron</b>	Micky Affron's father-in-law, under Hospice Care
<b>Willie Alvarenga</b>	Douglas Alvarenga's brother, stage 1 colon cancer
<b>Caila Buonadonna</b>	Ed & Jeannie's daughter, recovering from gallbladder surg
<b>Jefferey Byrd</b>	Cheryl Floyd's brother, Renaissance Rehab, surgery
<b>Bevon Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's son, recovering from tonsillectomy
<b>Jackie Hensel</b>	Paul & Kim Hensel's daughter, started therapy for leg
<b>Richard Hill</b>	Shirley Hopkins' brother, carotid artery surgery
<b>Dorothy Macon</b>	Cherylann Wineinger's grandmother, tests for Alzheimer's
<b>Rocky Meess</b>	Micky Affron's father, recovering from knee replacement
<b>Robert Mitchell</b>	Kay Richardson's brother, motorcycle accident, broken leg
<b>Betty Story</b>	Glen Dawson's sister, suffering with lung cancer





# Church Family Calendar of Events

## 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.

## 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.

## Sunday, October 25

- ◆ **Scott Shanahan Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.

## Friday, October 30

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joan Holloway. RSVP to Joan to put your name on the gate list. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

## Sunday, November 1

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at the home of Joan Holloway. RSVP to Joan to put your name on the gate list.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, November 4

- ◆ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

## Thursday-Sunday, November 5-8

- ◆ **20th Annual South Florida Lectureship "Ready At His Coming."** See the Welcome Desk for a full schedule.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Young Adults

## Monday, October 19

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

## Sunday, October 25

- ◆ **2016 Camping Trip Sign-up Deadline.** The 2016 Camping Trip will be February 26-28. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby if you plan on coming. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for more details.

## Saturday, October 31

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

## Sunday, November 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Morning Worship at Belle Glade.** Shea Brown will be speaking during class and worship. Meet to carpool at 8:20 a.m. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.

## Monday, November 2

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



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Youth

## 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 2:00 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.

## 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.

# November 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> ☆ Young Adult Morning Worship in Belle Glade ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit	<b>2</b> ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Trish Clark b Isolyn Sinclair	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> ☆ No Midweek Services b Chad Brown b Richard Lerro b Phil Porter	<b>5</b> b Brent Leslie	<b>6</b> b Flo Aristy b Trudie Holland	<b>7</b> ☆ Fall Fundraising BBQ at CFBC a Jim & Jo Ann Rogers b Peggy DeLaney
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Annual South Florida Lectureship (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)</b>						
<b>8</b> ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Kay Fish	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> ☆ Meat Night for Young Adult Men	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> b Dee Catanzaro b Kim Cullom	<b>13</b> a Lance & Brenda Collier	<b>14</b> ☆ Young Adult Devo
<b>15</b> ☆ Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship b Lovella Rogers	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> b Esther Saintil b Kelly Sproule	<b>18</b> a Silas & Sallie Moses b Diane Leslie b Natalie Reeves b Norman Smedley	<b>19</b> a Buzz & Kathy Nelson b David Thorpe	<b>20</b> b Freddie Gadson b Matthew Jones b Leonard Williams	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo ☆ Young Adult Meeting b Elizabeth Carter	<b>23</b> a Dick & Marcia Kelley	<b>24</b> b Ruth Lipford	<b>25</b> ☆ Congregational Singing a Kevin & Leesa Schenk b Sue Hoelzer b Rowena Lynch b Kayanna Richardson	<b>26</b> ☆ Thanksgiving Day b Julio Aristy, III b Orlando Lolo	<b>27</b> a Brent & Andrea Leslie b Gary Friedly b Jeff Thomas	<b>28</b> b Mike Damron
<b>29</b> ☆ 5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby b Jonathan Jordan b Regina Paul	<b>30</b>					

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



Sunday,  
October 11

To my church family,  
Thank you for all the prayers and the many wonderful cards that you have sent. They have been such an encouragement to me. I love you all dearly.

Ruth Lipford  
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Thanks to my Palm Beach Lakes family for the calls, cards, and most importantly, the prayers during my surgical procedure. I really appreciate you all so much.

With love,  
Turkessa Fernander  
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Thanks for the beautiful orchid, cards and phone calls in the death of my brother. A special thanks to Jerry Hopkins and Johnny & Betty Davis for their presence at the funeral.

Love in Christ,  
Betty Sanders

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Tunde Akingbade; Ms. Hazel Carson; Mr. Jean Charles; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Milton Jones; Jacade & Susan Reynolds; Rebeca Ruiz; and Christopher & Yolanda Stewart.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Karen Bibbee, Delray Beach, FL; Ken & Syndi Butler, Valrico, FL; Susan M. Crosswhite, Delray Beach; Mrs. Kris Davidson, Trenton, MI; Mrs. Thelma Findley, Washington, D.C.; Mr. & Mrs. Errol & Jessie Gower-Waites, Boynton Beach; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mrs. Lisa Kirkwood, Stuart, FL; Tim Lamb, Delray Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann, Delray Beach; Mrs. Anne Merrill, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Corinn, Linley & Ellie Miller, Hobe Sound, FL; Ms. Harriet Petrick, Trenton, MI; Shaun, Emily, Simon & Sully Tyson, Port St. Lucie, FL; Ron Wilkins, Pollock, LA; and Mrs. Linda Wolfe & Ava John-son, Fayetteville, NC.



Sunday (October 18<sup>th</sup>)  
Josue Charles

Wednesday (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>) cont.  
David Sproule  
Leslie Williams

Tuesday (October 20<sup>th</sup>)  
Sharon Morrison

Thursday (October 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Richard & Judy Lerro (Ann.)  
Owen & Deidra Miley (Ann.)

Wednesday (October 21<sup>st</sup>)  
Sharon Feeny  
Valerie Houghtaling  
Janice Maloney  
Sabrina Pietro

Friday (October 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Millie Ames  
Josephine Bass

### 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 18

Lead Singing .....Jerry Hopkins  
Opening Prayer ..... Tim Cox  
Scripture Reading.....Daniel Swayne  
Presiding at Table ..... Morris McDaniel  
Serve at Table:  
Henry Bass           Wallace Jones  
Doug Carrick       Rick Price  
Paul Hensel         Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Namdidie Ikon     Vincent Rogers  
Alternates:  
Jeff Goodale       Gary Jenkins  
Closing Prayer ..... David Lord

#### Sunday Evening, October 18

Lead Singing .....Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Stephen Beliech  
Scripture Reading.....Jim Rogers  
Presiding at Table..... David Thorpe  
Serve at Table:  
Harrison Carter  
Bobbo Lupo  
Austin Williams  
Closing Prayer ..... Johnny Davis  
**Wednesday Evening, October 21**  
Lead Singing ..... Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Invitation.....Freddie Gadson  
Family Prayer .....Victor Colage

### Our Record

Attendance	<u>Oct. 11</u>	<u>Aug. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	218	233
Sun. A.M. Worship	352	360
Sun. P.M. Worship	182	190
Wed. Bible study	199	199
Contribution	\$12,746	\$13,746
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -13,896		

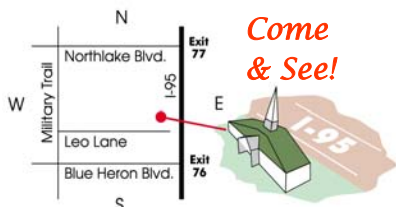
Ushers for the week of **Oct. 18**: Head Usher: Rick Hall; Cam Crotts & Gorman Ericksen



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#### 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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# Ready

# At His Coming

20<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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