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By Dan Jenkins

So What's Your Plan for Today?

Our experiences in life teach us one thing—very few things in our lives work out as we plan them. In fact, few of the plans for a single day become reality. This can be so frustrating, but take a look at the life of Paul. Look as his plans, and then look at what happened. Then, consider how Paul's faith made it easy for him to deal with these events.

Paul's Original Plans

For many years, Paul had wanted go to Rome. He had made plans for this to happen, but it just was not happening (Rom. 1:13; 15:22, 23). So, in Romans chapter fifteen, he wrote the church there and told them of his plans.

- He would first go to Jerusalem to see the church.
- He would deliver the contributions from the Gentile churches to the poor saints.
- He would then go to Rome to spend time with them.
- He would then go to Spain to preach there.

Paul's Plans Changed Drastically

The book of Acts shows what actually happened. Paul was headed toward Jerusalem and wrote Romans shortly before the events in Troas and the meeting with the Ephesian elders (Acts 20). He arrived in Jerusalem and delivered the con-

tribution from the Gentile saints (Acts 21:17-19). He was aware of the persecutions which would confront him and begged the Roman Christians to pray for his deliverance (Rom. 15:30-32). However, his original plans changed drastically. The Jewish mob attacked him and any hope of his leaving for Rome were crushed. For over two years, he was imprisoned in Jerusalem and Caesarea. He finally went to Rome but only after he appealed and was granted permission to be tried before Caesar.

The Blessings of "Foiled" Plans

Look at all that happened because Paul's plans were changed.

- He was able to preach to the Sanhedrin, the Jewish ruling body in Jerusalem.
- He was able to preach to Felix and Festus.
- He was able to preach and almost convert Agrippa the king the Jews.
- He was able to appear before and preach to Nero.
- He was able to introduce Christianity to the powerful palace guards, who in Augustus' days numbered 10,000 (Phil. 1:13).

There is no divinely appointed plan for your life. Make your plans just like Paul did, and then leave all that happens in the hands of God. Do not forget Paul's original plans, and then see something far better which happened. Live by faith and trust God for all the unknown future!

**Make your plans
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By David Sproule

I Thank God for You!

Paul wrote to His church family in Philippi and expressed his heart so openly, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Phil. 1:3). Paul had many things for which he was thankful regarding these brethren and even bragged about them to other congregations (cf. 2 Cor. 8:1-5; 11:9). Following Paul's lead, I thank my God for the brethren at Palm Beach Lakes (for more things than can be listed here).

I thank God for **the shepherds** of this congregation, who watch for our souls and lead us in the paths of righteousness!

I thank God for **the deacons**, who work so hard (often behind the scenes) in serving this church and providing opportunities for others to serve.

I thank God for **my fellow-preachers**, who have devoted themselves so sacrificially and whole-heartedly to the Lord, His church and His Word!

I thank God for **the secretaries**, who work tirelessly day in and day out to keep so many things organized and moving forward for the good of the whole church.

I thank God for **the married couples**, who demonstrate to all of us the beauty of following God's plan of marital fidelity by keeping Christ as the glue of your union.

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I thank God for **the parents**, who are rearing your children to be conformed to the image of Christ instead of conformed to the world.

I thank God for **the teenagers**, who are setting an example for the rest of us in your faith, love and service to the Lord and His church, in the face of pressure from your peers.

I thank God for **the children and the crying babies**, who help us to see that the church is not dead and remind us of what is truly important.

I thank God for **the widows**, who have devoted themselves to pleasing the Lord and showing us how to triumph through tragedy.

I thank God for **the young adults**, who are taking a stand for (even demanding) truth and righteousness, against the tide of today's culture.

I thank God for **the new converts**, who are yearning for truth and soaking up every Bible lesson that is presented.

I thank God for **"the seasoned saints,"** who have been Christians for decades and are steadfast stalwarts in the work and worship of the church.

I thank God for **the multiplicity of Palm Beach Lakes**, where hundreds of us who are so very different can find a place in the family of God. I thank my God for every single one of you! May God use us, bless us and multiply us!



By Josh Blackmer

I Go To Prepare a Place for You

How many of you are preparing for guests or family coming into town during this time of year? It is a phenomenon that is quite common. You know you have family coming. You begin prepping months, weeks, days, hours and minutes before their arrival. There are seemingly soo many details to think about, if you are a female. Guys tend to be a little less focused on the details of the preparation. No matter your perspective, all would agree that something must be done to prepare for the arrival of guests.

Here is what Jesus said about preparations. "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:2-3). What a concept to consider, but it gets even better. "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world'" (Matt. 25:34). So, these preparations have been made since the time that the world was formed. This is what Paul wrote concerning the preparations, "But just as it is written, 'Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not en-

tered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him'" (1 Cor. 2:9).

Hebrews 11:6 tells us, "But as it is, 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." John records the events of the revelation given to him on the island of Patmos. Among those things he sees is the new city. "And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.' And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' And He said, 'Write, for these words are faithful and true'" (Rev. 21:2-5).

As you prepare for your family to arrive, know this—God has prepared something in anticipation of your arrival. Something better than you could imagine. We need to make sure we are prepared to "enter that rest" (Heb. 4:11). That will be a family event that you will not want to miss.

As you prepare for your family to arrive know this, God has prepared something in anticipation of your arrival.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"Turn the tables"

Who is your #1 critic? Who is the person who never seems to have anything nice to say (or think) about you? Who is the one who always notices your mistakes and never acknowledges your successes? Who seems intent on tearing you down at every turn, belittling you in front of others and then (metaphorically) kicking you while you're down?

How should you respond? The easy (and sometimes "auto-pilot") response is to go on the attack. Or, sometimes just doing nothing and saying nothing seems the course to take. But, God calls upon us to "do" more than nothing. He calls upon us to "do good" (which would include "saying good") unto them (Luke 6:33-35; Rom. 12:20-21; Gal. 6:10). In other words, "turn the tables." Find opportunities to compliment them and say nice things. "Nice shoes. Nice tie. Nice car." "Good job on the project. Good job in that situation. Nicely handled." "Thank you for pointing that out to me. I appreciate that." "Have a nice day." Remember that every critic, every enemy and every hateful person *has a soul who needs Jesus!* – DS



This article is for you! Please read!

Sometimes we scan a headline or an article and think, "That's not for me." Stop! This article is for you! If you're not a Christian, this article is for you! If you are a Christian, this article is for you! If you couldn't care less about God or Jesus, this article is for you! If you love God with all of your heart, this article is for you! If you are breathing oxygen, this article is for you!

There is one thing that we all know with absolute certainty, because we have all personally witnessed this without a single exception. Each one of us is going to die! No matter what else you believe or don't believe, that truth stands. Now, let me ask two questions. First, what will happen to you after you die? There is a book that has proven itself to be of non-human origin which stipulates, "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." The second question is, are you ready for that? You only get one shot. Are you seriously ready?

Death is nothing to play with. Judgment is nothing to play with. Are you ready? Right now? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Harold Armstrong	recovering at home from TAVR surgery
Carol Hardman	recovering from carotid artery surg, high blood pressure
Janet Hickerson	Gardens Court Rehab (room 225), shoulder rehab
Shelton Howell	upcoming eye surgery
Ruth Lipford	recovering at home from hip surgery
Silas Moses	Community Living at VA Hospital (room 1L-127)
Cathy Seay	Gardens Medical Center (no visitors), bronchitis
Giselle Smith	Gardens Medical Ctr (no visitors), blood clots in lungs
Jackie Stout	blood clot in her leg

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Annie Faison	suffering with chronic pain
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

Sharon Challiste	Maria Hackshaw's sister, recovering from surgery
Peggy Faison	Annie Faison's daughter, recovering from pacemaker surg.
Hilary Ann Findley	Maria Hackshaw's sister, recovering from surgery
Robert Higbee	Bob Higbee's father, recovering from cancer surgery
Richard Hill	Shirley Hopkins' brother, fractured hip
David McKeal	Ruth Lipford's son-in-law, in Miami hospital, cancer
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, terminal cancer, Hospice Care
Lenise Villard	Ivan Villard's mother, awaiting results from medical tests

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, November 29

- ◆ **5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby** during evening assembly.

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

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

Thursday, December 3

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, desserts or drinks. Bring an ornament for the exchange. Maps and gate instructions are on the Welcome Desk. Carpool if you can.

Sunday, December 6

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Deadline to return notes of appreciation for Scott & Rebecca Shanahan.** Please place all cards in the box in the Lobby. See Helen Chapman for more information.

Thursday, December 10

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins.

Sunday, December 13

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

Tuesday, December 15

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ivan & Amber Villard.
- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

Wednesday, December 30

- ◆ **No Midweek Services.** Rescheduled to Thursday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 31

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. after Bible Study.



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Young Adults

Thursday, December 3

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, drinks or desserts. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Saturday, December 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Ivan & Amber Villard. Dress as a character from a holiday movie and bring holiday-themed foods. See Ivan or Amber for more details.

Sunday, December 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.

Monday, January 4

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

Saturday, January 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.



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Youth

Saturday, December 5

- ◆ **Young Families' Holiday Party** at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. Bring a gender neutral gift for the exchange. Please bring \$5 per child and a drink. See Melinda Price for details.
- ◆ **Jr. High Holiday Party hosted by 55+ Members** at 11:00 a.m. under the PBL drive-thru. See Marcia Kelley for more details.

Sunday, December 13

- ◆ **2016 Youth Kick-Off Event & Potluck** after morning worship in the Family Room. **All Jr. High & Sr. High families** are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share. See Josh Blackmer for more details.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, December 19

- ◆ **Sr. High Holiday Party.** See Paul or Lisa Metzkes for details.

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Men's Worship Service Assignments - December, 2015

December 6

December 13

December 20

December 27

Morning Worship Service						
Song Leader	Jerry Hopkins	Bobbo Lupo	Ken Tipton	Gary Friedly		
Opening Prayer	Jimmie Banks	Deltom Lequernaque	Charles Hayes	L.H. Richardson		
Scripture Reading	Gary Friedly	Joe Maloney	Dick Kelley	Tim Fry		
Presiding at Table	Stephen Beliech	Chuck Clark	Freddie Gadson	Dan McLeod		
Serving at Table:	Josue Charles	Henry Bass	Victor Colage	Jordan Beasley		
	Doug Carrick	Kane Campbell	Harrison Carter	Cam Crotts		
	Rick Hall	Mike Damron	Glen Dawson	Gorman Ericksen		
	Bob Higbee	Namddie Ikon	Jeff Goodale	Bobby Ingraham		
	Brett Lau	Brent Leslie	Eddie Gooden	Bill Ingram, Jr.		
	Ken Long	Rick Price	Darin Summerlot	Tommy Pauldo		
	Paul Metzkes	David Thorpe	Daniel Wagner	Scott Studer		
	Lawrence Williams	Micah Trujillo	Eugene Williams	Mike Trujillo		
	Closing Prayer	Jim Davis	Daniel Swayne	Richard Watson	Shea Brown	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	
Opening Prayer	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Richard Lerro	Jim Rogers	Gary Seames	
Scripture Reading	David Lord	Morris McDaniel	Grant Fuller	Chad Brown	
Presiding at Table	Mike Erickson	David Brown	Gary Jenkins	Josh Blackmer	
Serving at Table:	Mike Fox	John Kemp	Pete Brown	David Jaress	
	Nick Pietro	Scott Lewis	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Clayton Trujillo	
	Adam Seal	Les McQuinn	Leonard Williams	Austin Williams	
Closing Prayer	Ken Tipton	Jerry Hopkins	Dan Fuller	Mike Archer	

Alternates:					
	Paul Hensel	Tim Cox	Lance Collier	Nate Nelson	
	Dirk Summerlot	Wallace Jones	Kevin Weeks	Vincent Rogers	

Technical Assignments					
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Shea Brown	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Adam Seal	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Adam Seal	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	Dec. 6 & 9	Dec. 13 & 16	Dec. 20 & 23	Dec. 27 & 30	
Head Usher	Novel Brown →				
	Jeff Leslie	Orlando Lolo	Taylor Reeves	Jimmie Banks	
	Jerry Pittman	L.H. Richardson	Chris Thompson	Mike Erickson	

- Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.
- Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.
- Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.
- Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.
- Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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



Sunday,
November 22

I greatly appreciate the care package I received from my church family. Thank you. Please continue to remember me in your prayers as I am in school and working full time.

Kayanna Richardson

To the wonderful Palm Beach Lakes congregation,

Thank you so much for your many expressions of love to us, especially on Sunday, November 15. You are so special to us!

We love you!
Johnny & Betty
Joe & Marian
Jerry & Shirley

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Felicia Bradford; Mr. Jean Charles; Sylvia Goldie; Maxine Griggs; Ms. Lucy Livingston; Corinn, Linley, & Ellie Miller; Milton Jones; Angel Santiago; and Christopher & Yolanda Stewart.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Karen Bibbee, Delray Beach, FL; the Brent Clark family; Susan M. Crosswhite, Delray Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Daniels, Lodi, CA; Mr. & Mrs. Errol Gower-Winter, Boynton Beach; Don Jamison; Mrs. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann, Delray Beach; and David Scorzelli, Searcy, AR.

News & Notes

The **Ladies' Soup Supper** will be on Thursday, December 3 at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dish. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (November 29th)

Jonathan Jordan

Regina Paul

Friday (December 4th)

Sandra Daniels

Guadalupe Tipton

Wednesday (December 2nd)

Pat Brown

Steward Lynch

Saturday (December 5th)

Janice Osborne

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, November 29

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reading Nate Nelson
Presiding at Table Eugene Williams
Serve at Table:

Novel Brown Jerry Pittman
Gorman Ericksen Carmen Ruckman
Bobby Ingraham Clayton Trujillo
Brent Leslie Daniel Wagner

Alternates:

Kane Campbell Scott Studer
Closing Prayer Joe Maloney

Sunday Evening, November 29

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Freddie Gadson
Scripture Reading Richard Lerro
Presiding at Table Gary Friedly
Serve at Table:

Eddie Gooden
Vincent Rogers
Mike Trujillo

Closing Prayer Jeff Goodale

Wednesday Evening, December 2

Lead Singing Shea Brown
Invitation Dirk Summerlot
Family Prayer Taylor Reeves

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Nov. 22</u>	<u>Oct. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	223	217
Sun. A.M. Worship	366	341
Sun. P.M. Worship	190	194
Wed. Bible study	219	193
Contribution	\$12,877	\$13,812
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -12,977		

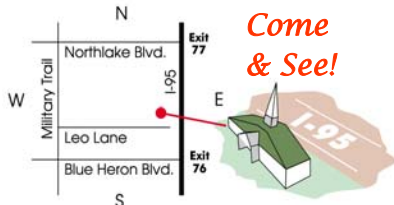
Ushers for the week of **Nov. 29**: Head Usher: Richard Watson; Glen Dawson & Kevin Weeks



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Come & See!

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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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