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Looking Ahead to 2016

Highlights of the New Year

January 3	<i>Every Member Present Sunday</i>
January 23	<i>Church Family Picnic</i>
January 31	<i>Mission Sunday</i>
February 13	<i>Sweetheart Banquet</i>
March 6-9	<i>Gospel Meeting with Sam Jones</i>
April 17	<i>Promotion Sunday</i>
April 21	<i>Ladies' Day</i>
May 6-7	<i>ET for Youth with Eric Lyons</i>
June 8-12	<i>Leadership Training Camp</i>
June 19-22	<i>Vacation Bible School</i>
July 17-23	<i>Jenkins Week at CFBC</i>
September 23-24	<i>Leadership Workshop with David Shannon</i>
October 14-16	<i>Spiritual Enrichment Weekend</i>
November 3-6	<i>21st Annual South Florida Lectureship</i>



By Dan Jenkins

Understanding Atonement

There are many words which describe our salvation. Each one emphasizes a particular aspect of that salvation. We talk about forgiveness, regeneration, justification, redemption and sanctification. The word we least understand is the word atonement. We know about the Jewish Day of Atonement and believe in our atonement, but we have little understanding of the meaning of this word.

Illustrations of Atonement

Numbers chapter sixteen tells of the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. This resulted in the death of these men and about 250 others who followed them. The next day, the Jews slandered Moses and accused him of killing the people of God. God was so angry. His wrath was manifested in a plague which killed nearly 15,000 Jews. What stopped the plague? What appeased His wrath? Aaron took a censer and stood between the Jews and the advancing plague. This action is described as making atonement for the nation (16:46-47). Wrath was appeased, and this is described as atonement.

In Numbers 25, the Jews were committing fornication with the Midianite women. God's anger again sent a plague and killed 24,000 Jews. What stopped the plague? Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron, took a javelin and thrust it through the

bodies of a Jewish man and a Midianite women who publically were fornicating. God said, "Phinehas...has turned back my wrath from the children of Israel because He was zealous with My zeal among them...because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel" (25:11-13). If you want to understand atonement, read this story and the previous one to see what atonement means.

Atonement Always Connected with God's Anger

Atonement always involves sin which results in God's wrath against sin and actions being done to assuage His wrath. If there is no atonement, His wrath will surely come.

Sins Not "Rolled Forward" in the Old Testament

The concept that sins were "rolled forward" (think of a giant snowball getting larger every year) on the Day of Atonement does not portray what actually happened. Every year on that day God remembered the sins of Israel, and if atonement was not made His wrath was sent. Nations came against Israel when atonement was not made. When it was made, His anger was appeased, and God blessed that nation. God remembered their sins every year.

Because of Christ's sacrifice atonement is ours. He does not remember our sins. "Their sins will I remember no more" (Jer. 31:34). Thank God for our atonement!

**Thank God that
He remembers
our sins no more.
This is our
atonement!**



By David Sproule

How Do I Compare to Others?

As we approach the end of one year and the beginning of another, this is often a time of introspection and personal evaluation on numerous levels. As you spend time assessing where you are—financially, relationally, medically, spiritually, etc.—make sure that you are using a proper standard.

Paul addressed this matter in 2 Corinthians 10:12, when he defended himself against false charges that were being made against him and his authority as an apostle. His accusers were ones who were "commending themselves" (i.e., were bragging on themselves), but their standard of evaluation was a faulty standard. Paul stated that "they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves," resulting in an inflated opinion of themselves and seeing themselves as doing better than others.

A faulty standard will lead to faulty conclusions. The inspired penman declared that those who compare themselves to others "are not wise" (NKJV) and "are without understanding" (NASB). There is one perfect standard against which we must all measure ourselves—Jesus Christ and His Word! Using any other yardstick is a serious mistake.

Some Christians compare themselves to the world and feel good about themselves. "At least I'm not living like

those people anymore or doing the horrible things those people are doing. Compared to them, I'm an angel and doing just fine." A faulty standard will lead to faulty conclusions.

Some Christians compare themselves to "weaker" Christians and feel good about themselves. "I'm not doing much but at least I'm doing more than that sorry excuse for a Christian. I don't see how they think they'll ever make it to heaven. At least I'm doing better than they are." A faulty standard will lead to faulty conclusions.

Some Christians compare themselves to "stronger" Christians and feel bad about themselves. "Look at all they are doing. There is no way I will ever make that much of a difference. I'm embarrassed to even try to do more, as my efforts seem so pitiful." A faulty standard will lead to faulty conclusions.

All Christians should compare themselves to the one standard that never fails, the one standard that remains steadfastly consistent, the one standard that applies universally to all of us in all places for all time. "Imitate Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). "Follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:21). "Be conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29). Look to His words (John 12:48). Look to His example (John 13:15).

As we transition into a new year, spend time in evaluation of where you are spiritually, but make sure that you are using the proper standard.

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By Josh Blackmer

Just Make It Through the Wilderness

It would be an understatement to say that the Bible was beautifully written. A more accurate statement is that godly men were moved by inspiration to pen the very words that God would have them to write (2 Pet. 1:20-21). Those words contain a very sober and challenging warning with relation to our time on this earth.

“So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience” (Heb. 4:9-11). The writer of Hebrews uses the example of the Israelite nation declining to conquer Canaan because they thought it would be too hard for them. So, the writer makes reference to their, “example of disobedience.” In 1 Corinthians chapter 10, Paul broadens the analogy to encompass the entire time of the wilderness wandering by the Israelites as an example of how not to follow God. “Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come” (1 Cor. 10:11).

So, the challenge to us is to just make it through the wilderness. Don’t follow the example of those that failed be-

cause of disobedience, lack of faith in God, lack of courage and deficiency in moral character. If the people had been obedient and fully trusting in God, as Joshua and Caleb had been, the story would be quite different. They would have been in the wilderness for less than a year. They would have gone in and conquered the indigenous peoples. They would have established a kingdom with God as their king. They would have rested, and they would have been better examples to us today.

Let us rise to the challenge that is laid before us.

It is easy for us to assume that we would have done better. After all, they were able to hear God’s voice on the mountain. They were also able to see the power of God in the plagues. They could see the presence of God in the form of a cloud or fire. The Holy Spirit anticipates that reaction in the reader and had Paul pen these words, “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall” (1 Cor. 10:12). How are you doing with the challenge laid before you?

The Bible clearly teaches that we are just pilgrims passing through (Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11). Will your path be a direct one? Straight to the gates of rest that lay beyond this life (Matt. 7:14)? Or will you be denied entrance to the place of rest because of disbelief and lack of conviction? Let us rise to the challenge that is laid before us. Let us labor together and be diligent to enter into that rest that has been prepared for us. Do not be forever lost in the wilderness of sin.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What does Jesus call you?

What would it have been like to be a part of Jesus’ family? Think about it. What would it have been like to be His mother? Do you think they enjoyed a close relationship? What do you think it would have been like to have been one of His brothers or one of His sisters? Pretty cool, wouldn’t you say? On one occasion, Jesus’ family members came to see Him. Listen to what He said to the crowd when his family’s arrival was announced.

“Whoever does the will of My father in heaven” (or one who would “hear the word of God and do it,” Luke 8:21) “is My brother and sister and mother” (Matt. 12:46-50). That’s quite an amazing declaration. Would you like Jesus to look at you and say, “My brother” or “My sister” or “My mother”? Such a remarkable thought, but He makes the condition clear—do the will of God!

Enjoying a close relationship with Jesus, as a member of His family, requires a yielding of my will to the will of God! Have you done that? Fully? Honestly? Unreservedly? Really? – DS



“Bringing the phone call back!”

Two teenage girls, who live many miles apart and don’t get to see each other very often, made a recent decision. In their own words, “We’re bringing the phone call back!” While texting is super easy, these girls miss just getting to talk and hear each other laugh. Even with Facetime, they get tired of holding their phones a certain way or always being in front of the camera.

What a novel concept. Just pick up the phone (yes, that mobile device used for games, texting, pictures and email) and talk to someone. How often do you do that? Rather than send a text?

How rewarding would it be if you picked up your phone and called one of the widows at church? Or an elderly couple? Or someone who has been sick? Or someone who you haven’t seen in a while? Or someone who you think could use some encouragement? Or someone just to tell her that you thought about her and prayed for her today? How healthy would the church become if we took a few minutes each week and brought the phone call back? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Harold Armstrong	recovering at home from congestive heart failure
Terry Denton	recovering at home from surgery
Sharon Feeney	recovering at home from neck surgery
Gary Friedly	recovering at home from hip replacement surgery
Richard Haines	recovering at home from hernia surgery
Janet Hickerson	now at home, needs visitors
Ruth Lipford	recovering at home from hip surgery
Silas Moses	Community Living at VA Hospital (room 1L-127)
Jim Rogers	undergoing medical testing
Cathy Seay	recovering at home
Norman Smedley	recovering at home from an infection
Giselle Smith	recovering at home, blood clots in lungs, improving
Andrea Spradlin	undergoing medical testing
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

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

Blaine Colburn	Johnny Davis' brother-in-law, ICU, quintuple bypass surg.
Nate Colona	Regina Mayne's nephew, recovering from stroke
Richard Hill	Shirley Hopkins' brother, recovering from hip surgery
David McKeal	Ruth Lipford's son-in-law, in Miami hospital, cancer
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, December 13

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

Monday, December 14

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume on January 4, 2016.

Tuesday, December 15

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Will resume on January 5, 2016.
- ◆ **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 23

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. All children and adult classes will meet as scheduled.

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. All children and adult classes will meet as scheduled.
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. after Bible Study.

Sunday, January 3

- ◆ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. *Let's start the new year together!*
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 10

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

Friday-Monday, January 15-18

- ◆ **Winter Camp at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Soul Wars: The Spirit Awakens." Cost is \$60.

Thursday, January 21

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.



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Young Adults

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. Bring a side, drink or dessert.

Saturday, January 9

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

Sunday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 23

- ◆ **Young Adult & Jr. High Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, February 1

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



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Youth

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** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Paul & Lisa Metzkes. Bring a \$15 gift to exchange. Food will be provided. See Paul or Lisa Metzkes for details.

Thursday, December 31

- ◆ **Sr. High Lock-In** after the New Year's Eve Gathering. Bring \$5 and things to keep yourself awake. Do not bring anything for sleeping (pillows, blankets, etc.). See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, January 10

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship

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Men's Worship Service Assignments - January, 2016

January 3

January 10

January 17

January 24

January 31

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer	Darin Summerlot	Phil Porter	Novel Brown	Jerry Pittman	Rick Hall
Scripture Reading	Chris Thomas	Bob Higbee	Bill Ingram, Jr.	L.H. Richardson	Stephen Beliech
Presiding at Table	Johnny Davis	Jimmie Banks	Jeff Goodale	Nate Nelson	Ivan Villard, Jr.
Serving at Table:	Doug Carrick	Pete Brown	Jordan Beasley	Harrison Carter	Mike Ellis
	Mike Damron	Josue Charles	Tim Cox	Mike Erickson	Tim Fry
	Namdidie Ikon	Lance Collier	Gorman Ericksen	David Jaress	Wallace Jones
	Brett Lau	Gary Jenkins	Morris McDaniel	Scott Lewis	Brent Leslie
	Brad Shelt	Ken Long	Jacade Reynolds	Joe Maloney	Orlando Lolo
	David Thorpe	Justin Maloney	Adam Seal	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Tommy Pauldo
	Lawrence Williams	Rick Price	Austin Williams	Clayton Trujillo	Jim Rogers
	Marty Williams	Mike Trujillo	Eugene Williams	Daniel Wagner	Dirk Summerlot
	Closing Prayer	Tom Martens	Paul Hensel	Ken Tipton	Mike Archer

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Ken Tipton	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	Jerry Pittman	Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer	Dick Kelley	Glen Dawson	Gary Friedly	David Thorpe	Chuck Clark
Scripture Reading	Rick Hall	Carmen Ruckman	Gary Seames	Cam Crotts	Richard Watson
Presiding at Table	Dirk Summerlot	Kevin Weeks	Chris Thompson	Charles Hayes	Deltom Lequernaque
Serving at Table:	Scott Lewis	Shea Brown	Mike Fox	Pete Brown	Lance Collier
	Bobbo Lupo	David Lord	Nick Pietro	John Kemp	Richard Lerro
	Leonard Williams	Tommy Pauldo	Brad Shelt	Vincent Rogers	Jeremy Maloney
	Stephen Beliech	Micah Trujillo	David Holaday	Dan McLeod	Les McQuinn
Closing Prayer	Stephen Beliech	Micah Trujillo	David Holaday	Dan McLeod	Les McQuinn

Alternates:					
	Richard Lerro	Kane Campbell	Freddie Gadson	Jeff Leslie	Josh Blackmer
	Paul Metzkes	Scott Studer	Taylor Reeves	Lawrence Williams	Jeff Goodale

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

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	Jan. 3 & 6	Jan. 10 & 13	Jan. 17 & 20	Jan. 24 & 27	Jan. 31 & Feb. 3
Head Usher	Victor Colage →				
	Daniel Swayne	David Brown	Tim Fry	Henry Bass	Jim Davis
	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Charles Hayes	Eddie Gooden	Mike Damron	Bobby Ingraham

- 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)



Sandra Hanna was baptized Monday, December 7.

News & Notes

Our **Midweek Bible Study** on Wednesday, December 30 has been rescheduled for **Thursday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m.** Our New Year's Eve Gathering will follow at 9:00 p.m. Bring finger foods and drinks to enjoy together.



Sunday,
December 6

LOCAL VISITORS: Lori Armstrong; Ms. Rosa Charles; Sylvia Goldie; Ron Jenkins; Milton Jones; Corinn, Linley & Ellie Miller; Ina Mitchell; Patty Sherman; Travis Sherman; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Albert Williams; and Mary Sue Young.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Karen Bibbee, Delray Beach, FL; Susan M. Crosswhite, Delray Beach; Mrs. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann, Delray Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Tammy Rayfield & family, Boynton Beach, FL; and Mrs. Martie Veverka, Murphy, NC.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (December 13th)

Kevin & Stephanie Weeks (Ann.)

Friday (December 18th)

Ted & Karen Friesner (Ann.)

Rick & Melinda Price (Ann.)

Monday (December 14th)

Ben & Joycelyn Harriett (Ann.)

Tim Fry

Patricia Hackshaw

Kelly Hall

Daisy Lord

Juliette Mauvais

Saturday (December 19th)

Victor & Sandy Colage (Ann.)

Mary Quinn

Angie Seames

Brittany Thompson



FAMILY GROUP MEETINGS

Group 3: Tuesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Amber & Ivan Villard.

Group 4: Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

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, December 13

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
 Opening Prayer Deltom Lequernaqué
 Scripture Reading..... Joe Maloney
 Presiding at Table Chuck Clark
 Serve at Table:
 Henry Bass Brett Leslie
 Kane Campbell Rick Price
 Mike Damron David Thorpe
 Namdidie Ikon Micah Trujillo
 Alternates:
 Tim Cox Wallace Jones
 Closing Prayer Daniel Swayne

Sunday Evening, December 13

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
 Opening Prayer Richard Lerro
 Scripture Reading..... Morris McDaniel
 Presiding at Table..... David Brown
 Serve at Table:
 John Kemp
 Scott Lewis
 Les McQuinn
 Closing Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Wednesday Evening, December 16

Lead Singing Adam Seal
 Invitation..... Grant Fuller
 Family Prayer Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	Dec. 6	Nov. Av.
Sun. Bible study	244	263
Sun. A.M. Worship	361	368
Sun. P.M. Worship	166	178
Wed. Bible study	209	195
Contribution	\$15,436	\$14,772
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -13,243		

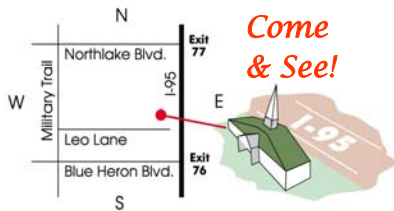
Ushers for the week of **Dec. 13:** Head Usher: Novel Brown; Orlando Lolo & L.H. Richardson



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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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