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2016 PBL Theme:

I'M NOT ASHAMED

ROMANS 1:16

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| January | <i>To Spread the Gospel</i> |
| February | <i>To Follow Jesus</i> |
| March | <i>To Be Called a Christian</i> |
| April | <i>To Wash Feet</i> |
| May | <i>To Stand for Truth</i> |
| June | <i>To Defend Godly Marriages</i> |
| July | <i>To Talk About Jesus</i> |
| August | <i>To Live a Holy Life</i> |
| September | <i>To Belong to His Church</i> |
| October | <i>To Enjoy Worship</i> |
| November | <i>To Rely on God</i> |
| December | <i>To Ask for Forgiveness</i> |



By Dan Jenkins

Do You Hear the Echo?

The church at Thessalonica had a very special place in the heart of Paul. He arrived in that city from his prison experience in Philippi, and, as his custom was, he entered the synagogue to tell them about the risen Christ. Many of the Gentiles who were part of the synagogue audience became believers. However, the popular reception of the gospel was short lived, and within three weeks, Paul's life was in such danger that the infant church, in order to save his life, sent him away.

What happened after Paul left is a picture of what could and should happen in every congregation everywhere. They continued to grow in their (1) work of faith, (2) labor of love and (3) patience of hope (1 Thess. 1:3). They grew in "faith, hope and love!" What is even more remarkable than their personal growth is their evangelistic spirit in getting the gospel to others. Paul described it in this way. "For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth...in every place" (1 Thess. 1:8). They were not content to be isolated in their worship assemblies. They sounded out the word near and far.

The words "sounded forth" are so interesting to study more deeply. The tense of this verb indicates an action which did far more than just happen in the past. It includes past ac-

tion, but the emphasis is on the fact that the effect of that action was so powerful that its impact was strongly present. It was as powerful in the present as in the past.

This same concept is shown when we see that the root Greek word used is *echos*, from which we get our word echo. It is used in the Bible to describe the sound of the ocean when the waves are crashing on the shore (Luke 21:25). Such sound can be heard hundreds of yards away. It is used to describe the "echo sound" of the trumpet which was heard at Mt. Sinai (Heb. 12:19). Its impact was such that it filled their hearts with fear.

This word used to describe the church in Thessalonica is even stronger. A prefix is added to the root word to indicate that the sound was not just there, it echoed *out*. It echoed *out* not just in a limited area but echoed out to the world in every place.

What does this have to do with us? Our theme this year is "I'm NOT ashamed," and the emphasis for this month is "I'm NOT ashamed to spread the gospel." One major application centers around Mission Sunday, which is just three weeks away. Do NOT be ashamed to pray about this particular effort. Do NOT be ashamed to encourage others to give sacrificially to spread the gospel. Do NOT be ashamed to do everything you can to help. May God help us to be a congregation where His word "echoes out."

Even more remarkable than their personal growth is their evangelistic spirit



By David Sproule

Why Am I Always the One Who's Different?

It is not easy being different. The story of "The Ugly Duckling" taught us that. When someone is a of different race or a different gender than "everybody else in the room," he might feel a bit uneasy. It is certainly easier to "blend in" sometimes than it is to "stand out."

Christians sometimes may feel like they are always the ones standing out, especially when compared with "worldly folks." Everybody else drinks, but I don't. Everybody else uses profanity, but I don't. Everybody else enjoys a dirty joke, but I don't. Everybody else has sex before (or outside) marriage, but I don't. Everybody else dresses in revealing attire, but I don't. Everybody else sleeps in on Sundays, but I don't. Being different can be difficult.

Additionally, compared with many "religious folks," New Testament Christians often stand out. Other groups teach "accepting Jesus" by saying a "Sinner's Prayer," but we don't. Other groups talk about the Holy Spirit speaking to them and leading them, but we don't. Other groups use mechanical instruments in their worship, but we don't. Other groups have women leading in worship, but we don't. Other groups teach about the rapture and 1,000-year reign of Christ, but we don't. At every turn, it seems that we are the ones who are different!

Brother or sister in Christ, let me take a moment to encourage you to remain strong in your faith and in your stand for righteousness. Sometimes a Christian may grow weary of being the one who is different all the time, and he/she may just decide to give in, blend in and go along with everyone else. Suppose Noah had decided to do that. Suppose Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach or Abed-Nego had decided to do that. Suppose Jesus had decided to do that. What a disaster it would have been for them, as it would be for us!

Remember that God does not want us to be conformed to what everybody else is doing (Rom. 12:2). Remember that God does not want us to follow a crowd in whatever path they're walking (Ex. 23:2). Remember that God does not want us to have fellowship with those who do not practice His righteousness (Eph. 5:11). Remember that God does not want us to commend or show approval for those who do not accurately teach His word (2 John 9-11). Remember that God does not want us to believe or accept everything that someone might teach about Jesus or the Bible (1 John 4:1).

Dear Christian, if you are standing up for sound doctrine and holy living, you are standing with and for God! Do not be ashamed! Do not grow discouraged! Do not be pressured to capitulate! God is on your side (2 John 9b). When you stand with and for God, God stands with and for you!

Standing up for sound doctrine and holy living is standing with and for God!



By Josh Blackmer

Life, Warrior Poet Style

“In the Year of our Lord 1314, patriots of Scotland—starving and outnumbered—charged the fields of Bannockburn. They fought like warrior poets; they fought like Scotsmen, and won their freedom.” This last line in the movie *Braveheart* brought to life the concept of the warrior poet. Throughout history, we can see this genre of the warrior cast played out, from the warriors of the ancient Greece city states to the Japanese Samurai fighting for feudal lords. Those in literary circles have dubbed World War I as the “Poet’s War,” as there were some 25 famous poets that fought in the war, among whom were Rudyard Kipling, Robert Graves, and Wilfred Owen. However, the most famous of warrior poets would have to be King David from the tribe of Judah.

The warrior poet is one who is both a fierce fighter and one who fights for a cause. It is not just a cause but a code that defines the very way he fights and lives. This code governs every fluid motion in the chaotic rumble of battle and the meditation of his mind in peace. David was a mighty man of valor with the Great I Am as his center. For some of us, our view or mental image of David, the son of Jesse, may be a “rudy,” pubescent boy with rocks and a stick, shouting with a squeaking voice at a giant of a warrior from the Philistine army. I propose that we take a look at the warrior David and see what we, sol-

diers of Christ (2 Tim 2:3), can learn to use in our everyday battles. During the time of David, others had this to say about him, “Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the LORD is with him” (1 Sam. 16:18). Also, in 2 Samuel 17:8, “You know your father [David] and his men, that they are mighty men and they are fierce, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. And your father is an expert in warfare.”

David was a mighty man of valor with the Great I Am as his center.

From the Psalms we learn about how David saw God, the Lord that was with him. He wrote that God was his shield (Psa. 3:3; 28:7). He also saw Him as a fortress and stronghold (Psa. 31:3; 71:3). He meditated on the precepts of God (Psa. 1). In Psalm 144, David says that it was God that provided for him in every way, even for war. “Blessed be the LORD, my rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle; My lovingkindness and my fortress, My stronghold and my deliverer, My shield and He in whom I take refuge” (Psa. 144:1-2).

David, the man after God’s own heart (1 Sam 13:14), was a warrior poet. Fierce in battle for the Lord and fierce in his devotion to God. As we live, may we be just as fierce in devotion to our King who has already granted us freedom and victory. May you be ever ready for the battle before you.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The greatest invention ever was a copycat!

What is your favorite invention of all time? So many cool things could be on the list—electricity, air conditioning, automobiles, computers, wireless technology, etc., etc. (Way too many to list!) Perhaps the greatest invention of all time is the common keyboard combination, Ctrl+Z. Make a mistake on the computer and just press Ctrl+Z, and it will undo your mistake like it was never there, and even the one before and the one before, etc. Genius! Where was this 30 years ago?

But, the inventors actually copied it from a much more sophisticated and superior system. Christians have long known that when they make a mistake (i.e., sin against God), all that they have to do is repent and pray for God to forgive them, and God will remove the sin like it was never there (and even the one before and the one before, etc.). Perfection!

It sure would be nice to have Ctrl+Z for other mistakes in life (car accidents, spills, etc.), but how thrilling to know that God will take us all the way back to a clean, sinless page! Forgiven!
– DS



A parking lot with no lines

We’ve all probably experienced one at some point in our lives, whether in this country or in another—a parking lot with no lines, bumpers or marks of any kind to designate the individual parking spaces. What usually results is each driver parking wherever he wants and however he wants, which often leads to a disorderly mess. How can simple lines make that much of a difference? The lines provide a simple boundary and standard, easily discernible and equally applicable to everyone. Using them properly leads to order, efficiency and calm.

Take that analogy and apply it to two distinct cultures or families or even individuals—one that follows the Bible and one that doesn’t. You see, the Bible is like those lines on the parking lot—it provides a simple boundary and standard for living, which is easily discernible and equally applicable to everyone. When it is followed, there is order, efficiency and calm in life. When it is rejected, every one lives (parks) wherever and however they want. Total chaos!

Look around your life, your family, your environment. Are there lines in your parking lot? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Peggy DeLaney	recovering from Achilles tendon surgery
Janet Hickerson	recovering at home, pneumonia & blood clots
Silas Moses	Community Living at VA Hospital (room 1L-127)
Kay Richardson	scheduled for another vein surgery (1/14)
Jim Rogers	JFK Hospital (no visitors), chemo for leukemia
Giselle Smith	sickle cell crisis & blood clots in lungs
Wesley Williams	recovering from eye surgery

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
Godfrey Pratt	suffering with back issues
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Johnny Bolton	Susan Reynolds' uncle, recovering from car accident
Kelly Brackett	Amber Villard's cousin, recovering from neck & foot surg.
Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, fell & cracked two ribs
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, rehab, recovering from hip surg.
Sarah Owens	Cindy Nelson's grandmother, diagnosed with Alzheimer's

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 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 Aforgi	Nigeria
Apologetics Press	Montgomery, AL
Maricio Yegros	Pompano Beach, FL



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 10

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

Monday, January 11

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

Tuesday, January 12

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

Friday-Monday, January 15-18

- ◆ **Winter Camp at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Soul Wars: The Spirit Awakens." Cost is \$60. See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday-Sunday, January 16-17

- ◆ **The Love Birds Seminar hosted by Suncoast.** Guest speaker is Dr. Sam Heastie. Begins Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, January 17

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Thursday, January 21

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

Friday, January 22

- ◆ **Family Groups 3 & 4 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

Saturday, January 23

- ◆ **PBL Family Picnic** on the church property at 12:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring sides, drinks and desserts, and bring some games and activities to enjoy outside. See Darin Summerlot for details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

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.

Tuesday, January 26

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

Monday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Sunday, February 21

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 30

- ◆ **Sr. High Trek & Dinner** at 1:00 p.m. at the building. Bring \$5 to cover costs. Youth will be traveling together to the trek location. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday, February 13

- ◆ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.**

Equipping & Edifying Families

10 Battles for Their Families That Dads Must Fight and Win



The people of ancient Galatia (modern day Turkey) lived on a plain that was virtually indefensible, but they managed to survive there for nearly 600 years. How did they do it? Well, when an enemy attacked, they would take their entire family with them to see the battle. Wives and children would stand a few hundred yards behind the Galatian soldiers to remind the men that if they lost, their enemy would own their families. Talk about an incentive to wage war!

As fathers, we are still at war for our family 2,500 years later. Although we may not have a shield and spear, we do have other, better weapons at our disposal. Here are 10 battles for your modern family that you must fight and win:

- 1. Security.** Safety is more than a dead bolt on the door. The best security a dad can give is the knowledge that he is there, that he is dependable, and that his love is stronger than a rock. Self-discipline for dad = Security for the family.
- 2. Fidelity.** Is your family #1 in your earthly affections? Your plans for the future? The investment of your time and treasures? Your passion? If your family is not your priority, then you have a battle for fidelity and you're going to have to win this one for sure. This is a battle about leadership.
- 3. Decency.** Dads, we're on the front lines with this one. We're not talking prudishness here so much as respect and the fight against objectification. This battle begins with nurturing a positive self-concept and a firm grasp of the value and dignity of all God's children. More leadership for dad.
- 4. Safety.** The battle for a safe society begins with secure families, a confidence in what's right and wrong, and a willingness to build community in the neighborhood. Isolationism declares defeat. Building community is a move toward victory.
- 5. Solvency.** Winning this fight is key to your family's future. First, pledge to never spend more than you earn. Then work hard to retire your debt. If we lose this one, we're selling our kids down the river.
- 6. Peace.** This battle runs a lot deeper than the Middle East and Homeland Security. If there's tension in your home, if there's bullying at school, or if there are broken relationships that we ignore, then there's no peace, no security, and no sense of safety for our kids. The cliché goes like this, "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me." It became a cliché because it's so true.
- 7. Health.** This could be its own 10-Ways list. Obesity and Type-2 Diabetes used to be reserved for older adults. In the past decade, the diseases have become prevalent in children. Your family can fight this battle and win.
- 8. Education.** The nation's top educators agree that the team leader in any conversation about schooling must be the parent(s). Any number of factors account for the challenge it has become for kids to receive a solid education. Adequate sleep, home support, a balanced diet, a stable environment, and educational enrichment are within the grasp of your family. Teaching children? Training children? Dads, Captain Jean-Luc Picard of the Star Ship Enterprise said it best: "Make it so."
- 9. Balance.** We know the way things look around us. No family communication. Ten-plus hours of media saturation daily. Close to zero incidence of family mealtime in the average week. The disappearing act that used to be family vacation. Televisions in the kids' bedrooms. But that doesn't mean we throw our hands in the air and fold. Fight the battle for a family ethos defined by balance. Be deliberate and your kids will thank you.
- 10. Future.** The future may be full with uncertainty, but we can win the battle for the future of the family if we take on these other battles now. The future is ours to take, but if we want to win the future, then the battle is now.

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



Sunday,
January 3

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Linda Allen; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Mr. Greg Bland; Mr. & Mrs. Steve Crawford; Ms. Marcia Farrar; Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Angela Fasig; Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Carol Gerber; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter; Mr. & Mrs. Undre & Maxine Griggs; Mr. Milton Jones; Mrs. Karen Lester; Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Joy Lombardi; Mr. Chris Lopez; Mr. Michael Staley; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Stewart; Ms. Cecilia Tip-ton; Mrs. Marion Vanderwende; and Ms. Allison Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss Nikki Bautista, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Leonard & Donna Blake, Hornbeck, TN; Mr. Jerreese Blue, Arlington, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Cliff & Shawna Boyd, McMinnville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chet Brown & Kinsey, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Nancy Hansel, Paris, TN; Mr. Justin Kelly, Hinesville, GA; Mrs. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Miss Sabrina Lolo; Mr. & Mrs. Derek & Janelle Lovell, Coral Springs, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Scott & Joelle McElroy, Ann Arbor, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann, Delray Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Mrs. Julie Watson & Jonah, Bartlesville, OK.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (January 10th)
Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona

Monday (January 11th)
Harrison & Danielle Carter (Ann.)

Tuesday (January 12th)
Barbara King

Thursday (January 14th)
Mary Coombs
Robin Davis
Cindy Nelson

Friday (January 15th)
Jacade Reynolds



January 31

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, January 10

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading.....Bob Higbee
Presiding at Table Jimmie Banks
Serve at Table:
Pete Brown Kenneth Long
Josue Charles Justin Maloney
Lance Collier Rick Price
Gary Jenkins Mike Trujillo
Alternates:
Kane Campbell Scott Studer
Closing Prayer Paul Hensel

Sunday Evening, January 10

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening PrayerGlen Dawson
Scripture Reading.....Carmen Ruckman
Presiding at Table..... Kevin Weeks
Serve at Table:
Shea Brown
David Lord
Tommy Pauldo
Closing Prayer Micah Trujillo
Wednesday Evening, January 13
Lead Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Bill Ingram, Sr.
Family Prayer Jim Davis

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 3	Dec. Av.
Sun. Bible study	253	232
Sun. A.M. Worship	412	375
Sun. P.M. Worship	192	183
Wed. Bible study	227	187
Contribution	\$16,424	\$15,475
2016 Weekly Budget: TBA		

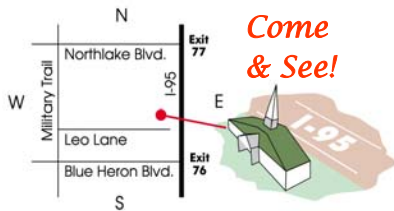
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Come & See!

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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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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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

January 23
Church Family Picnic

January 31
Mission Sunday

January 31
Fifth Sunday Singing in the Lobby

February 13
Sweetheart Banquet

March 6-9
Gospel Meeting with Sam Jones
Theme: "You Can Be Just a Christian"

April 17
Promotion Sunday

April 21
Ladies' Day