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**"Go into ALL THE WORLD
 and preach the gospel to every creature."**



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How will the Lord continue to use us in 2016?



By Dan Jenkins

His Hands and His Arms

It is difficult for us to imagine the understanding Moses had of God when he stood before the burning bush. Unlike us, who have the fullness of the revelation of God, Moses had no Bible. Not a single page of it had been written. The world and its understanding of the Creator was about to change, and Moses was the one God would use to reveal His nature to mankind.

Listen to the words Moses heard. "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob...I have seen the oppressing of My people who are in Egypt...and have heard their cry...for I know their sorrow. So I have come down to deliver them" (Ex. 3:6-8). Look at what God said—I am; I have seen; I have heard; I know; I have come down! Moses had known the oppression of the Egyptians, and perhaps, he had cried out to God. Now Jehovah announced to Him, I saw it all and I was listening.

It was not long before Moses was to be used by God to change the world ever more. After they left Egypt, Moses described what had happened. "So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders" (Deut. 26:8). It was by His mighty hand and His outstretched arm that deliverance

came. We must never overlook the fact that so often the hands and outstretched arms God uses are ours.

"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt ... that they may become blood ... Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up ... Stretch out your hand toward heaven that there may be hail in all the land ... Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts ... Stretch out your hand that toward heaven, that there may be darkness ... Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots'" (Ex. 7:19; 8:5; 9:22; 10:12, 21; 14:26).

What does this have to do with us? In the midst of our trial, we can so easily overlook that God sees, hears, knows and comes. The Israelites could never have known just how close God was to them, but He was! We too may forget that He sees, hears, knows and comes to us—but He does!

What does this have to do with us? The Almighty God is still in the world with his mighty hands and outstretched arms, but so often He uses our hands and arms to accomplish His purposes. Like Isaiah let us say, "Here am I Lord, send me." Give your hands and your arms to Him. Let Him use you!

**Give your hands,
your arms, your-
self to God and
say, "Here am I,
use me"**



By David Sproule

The Brand-Marks of Jesus

Saul of Tarsus went through an incredibly thorough transformation in becoming the apostle Paul. It was more than just a name change; it was a wholesale change of everything about him. That he went from "persecutor to persecuted" is more than just a catchy way of saying it, it was visibly true.

Visibly true? Do you mean that it was visibly evident that Paul had committed his life wholly to the Lord? While on his Third Missionary Journey (and still having about 12 years of life to add to this visible evidence), Paul recorded that he had been "beaten times without number," plus "five times" he received "thirty-nine lashes," plus "three times" he was "beaten with rods," plus "once" he "was stoned" (2 Cor. 11:23-25). Do you suppose that there was residual evidence on the body of Paul that served as regular reminders of the commitment that he made to Christ?

Likely on that same missionary journey, Paul wrote the book of Galatians. In the next-to-last verse of that book, he stated, "I bear on my body the brand-marks of Jesus" (Gal. 6:17, NASB). The ASV translates that, "I bear branded on my body the marks of Jesus." It is very probable that Paul bore the wounds and scars of persecution that he had violently endured for the cause of Christ. Interestingly, in this passage, he

chose to use a word ("brand-marks") that was used of the marks that were put on a slave to identify his owner. The marks on Paul's body were visible identifiers of his owner.

Christians today may not bear literal marks of persecution that would identify them with the cause of Jesus Christ, but I want to ask you a question. Do you bear any marks that would help an observer to identify you with Christ? Paul stated it another way in 2 Corinthians 4:10, "Always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." Is the life of Jesus manifested in your body?

When others look at you, do they see the **humility** of Jesus? The **compassion** of Jesus? The **servant-heartedness** of Jesus? The **forgiving spirit** of Jesus? The **steadfastness** of Jesus? The **gentleness** of Jesus? The **obedience** of Jesus? The **patience** of Jesus? The **self-control** of Jesus? The **courage** of Jesus? The **friendliness** of Jesus? The **honesty** of Jesus? The **dependability** of Jesus? The **purity** of Jesus? The **zeal** of Jesus? The **peace** of Jesus? The **love** of Jesus?

There were certain "marks" that made Jesus stand out as the Son of God. Those same "marks," when emulated in our lives, can help us to stand out as sons of God and friends of Jesus Christ. If someone looked at the "brand-marks" manifested in your life, who would they surmise to be your owner?

**Do you bear any
marks that might
help an observer
to identify you
with Christ?**



By Josh Blackmer

Liberation

Auschwitz and the surrounding camps were liberated by the Soviet Army in Nazi controlled Poland on January 27, 1945. There were only 7,600 people still there when the Red army arrived. 58,000 men and women had been lead away on a death march in an effort to conceal the magnitude of their crimes. They were marched by the Nazi SS soldiers to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany. Only an estimated 20,000 survived the over 800 km march that took place over several weeks. Liberation did not come soon enough for the estimated 1,100,000 people that died in Auschwitz. Those events that took place in the early 1940's mark the most cruel and gruesome acts of man against his fellow man in recorded history. I pray such bondage and atrocities will never return to be practiced.

When we think of liberation, do we think of our own liberation from sin? If we knew the price of sin and the ugliness of sin would we turn back to serve it? Paul, in Romans 6:5-7 wrote, "For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin." In Christ, we are freed from the

bondage of sin that leads to death. The old man of sin is dead. We must now focus our efforts to serving God. "But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:22-23). This great liberation that we have found in Christ allows us to serve a living God, and we are to be freed from the fear of death that once controlled us. "But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:54-57). After receiving liberation, would you go back to sin and death?

Those that were liberated from Auschwitz passed on stories of their experiences in the camp to future generations so that no one would forget. The theme for the 70th anniversary celebration was "Never Forget." Survivors encouraged people not to let the memory die, and that to do so, would mean the victims of the Holocaust would die again. We must never forget that we have been liberated lest we, too, return to sin and die a second death.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Your treasure

Jesus taught that "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). So, the question is, "Where is your treasure?" Note a few things about this. First, Jesus says you only have one treasure (not more than one). A few verses later He emphasizes that "no one can serve two masters" (6:24). You only have one master. You only have one treasure. Think about that. Second, note that you are the one who determines what (and where) your treasure is. That which your heart treasures identifies what your treasure is. Third, realize that there are only two possible treasures. There are not dozens of possibilities. There are only two. Your treasure is either earth or its heaven. And, it CANNOT be a little bit of both.

So, back to the question. Where is your treasure? This is not just a random topic. This is the most important question you will ever answer. You have to decide—is my job, my money, my car, my toys, my gadgets, my house, my hobbies, my family, my relationships, my plans, etc. more valuable to me right now than heaven? How is my life answering that question? —DS



Looking for youth ministers

For more than 50 years, the question has been raised as to whether it is proper for the church to hire full-time "Youth Ministers." This article is not about that question.

For nearly 2,000 years, the church has desperately needed more and more "youth ministers." Please notice the difference in spelling between the first and second paragraphs.

The responsibility of Christians is to "minister to the saints" (Heb. 6:10), which emphasizes actively serving individuals in a local congregation.

Question: Would this include ministering to the young people in the church? If not, why not? If it does include them, is this responsibility (of ministering to youth) limited to those with the capitalized title, "Youth Minister"? Answer: No!

Every Christian is a "widow minister," a "new convert minister" and, yes, a "youth minister." Today, the church desperately needs more "youth ministers"! Will you accept that responsibility and make a difference (an eternal difference!) in the lives of our precious young people? —DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Bonnie Arthur	Gardens Medical Center (room 351), undergoing testing
Gloria Boyd	Palms West Hospital (room 270B), recovering from surg.
Joseph Charles	JFK Hospital (room 4232), high fever after procedure
Peggy DeLaney	recovering from Achilles tendon surgery
Janet Hickerson	recovering at home, pneumonia & blood clots
Juanita Huser	fell & broke her left upper arm
Tracy Jamison	scheduled for surgery at Gardens Medical Center (1/29)
Kay Richardson	recovering from vein surgery
Jim Rogers	recovering at home from chemo for leukemia
Wesley Williams	recovering from eye surgery

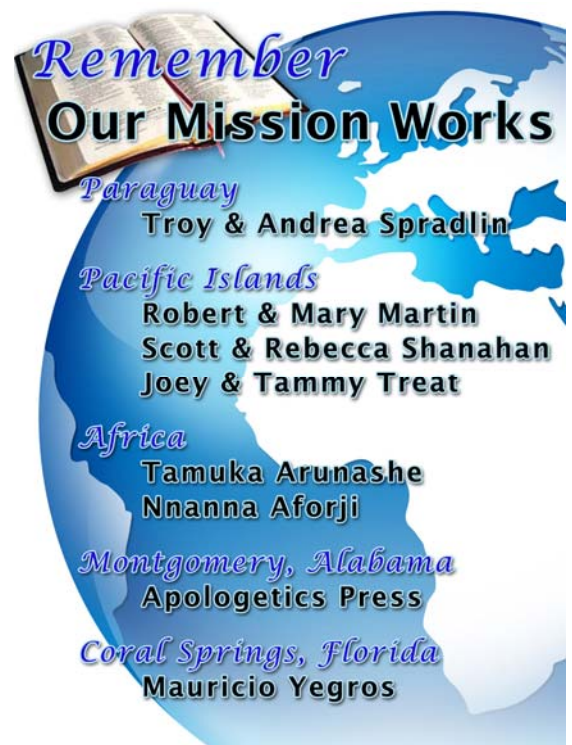
Long-Term Health Issues

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

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

Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, chemo for chronic leukemia
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, rehab, recovering from hip surg.
Flossie Lowery	Susan Reynolds' grandmother, on life support
Curtis Spann	Glen Dawson's cousin, pneumonia & heart problems





Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, January 25

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

Tuesday, January 26

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

Friday, January 29

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joan Holloway. All ladies are welcome. RSVP to Joan Holloway.

Saturday, January 30

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

Sunday, January 31

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work.
- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby** during evening assembly.

Sunday-Wednesday, January 31-February 3

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Clewiston** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). David Caskey will be preaching.

Sunday-Thursday, January 31-February 4

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Third Street** each night at 7:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday). Gale Nelson will be speaking on *"The Family."*

Friday-Sunday, February 5-7

- ♦ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** The year's theme is *"Create in Me a Clean Heart."* Peggy Hall is the retreat coordinator. Cost is \$35. See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, February 6

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Julie Moore will be speaking on *"Apples of Gold."* See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, February 7

- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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.

Friday, February 12

- ♦ **Young Adult Bonfire Devo** at 7:30 p.m. on the church property.

Sunday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 20

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Dinner & Event.** Location TBD.

Monday, February 22

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



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, January 24

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Bonfire Devo** after evening worship on the church property. Bring drinks and chairs.

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.** Jr. High Youth should arrive at 3:30 p.m. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, February 14

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

February 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night	2 b Gai Ingram	3 b Jennifer Goodale	4 a Novel & Mary Brown b Lilly Lolo b Deidra Miley	5 a Glen & Josie Dawson a Mike & Tasha Ellis b Maurine Reed	6 ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway b Kenneth Long b Sherrie Tibbetts
Gospel Meeting hosted by Third Street (January 31 st -February 4 th)						
Gospel Meeting hosted by Clewiston (January 31 st -February 3 rd)					Mother/Daughter Retreat (5 th -7 th)	
7 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Connye Plouffe	8 b Sallie Moses	9 a Joe & Janice Maloney a Rudolph & Verdell March	10 a Pete & Pat Brown b Shea Brown b Warren Porter b Emily Tyson	11 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting b David Brown	12 ☆ Young Adult Bonfire Devo b Dave Holaday	13 ☆ Sweetheart Banquet hosted by Jr. High a Eugene & Penny Williams
14 ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Marty & Leslie Williams	15	16 b Pat Parnell b Laura Schuemann	17 b Julie Williams	18 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting	19	20 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Dinner b Robyn Landen
Gospel Meeting hosted by Belle Glade (14 th -17 th)						
21 ☆ Young Adult Meeting b Lillian Bankston	22 ☆ Meat Night for YA Men b Lester Galloway	23 b Ricky Smedley	24 b Kaitlyn Jaress	25 b Kaitlyn Donahue b Lisa Eutsey	26	27 b Chuck Milton
					YES Weekend for Teens (26 th -28 th)	
					Young Adult Camping Trip (26 th -28 th)	
					Scrap the Weekend at CFBC (26 th -28 th)	
28 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo b Juanita Huser b Shelton Howell	29					

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
January 17

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Karen Bibbee; Ms. Rosa Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. Vincent Demaria; Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Carol Gerber; Mr. & Mrs. Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter; Courtney Green; Milton Jones; Huguette Leger; Mrs. Karen Lester; Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Tammy Rayfield; Rick & Kathy Reitano; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Mrs. Cecilia Tipton; Mrs. Marion Vanderwende; and Ralph Williams, Jr.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Belinda Burrow, College Park, GA; Ms. Flaleah Cotter, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Kirk & Mendy Crews, Casey, & Claire, McLean, VA; James B. Egner, Louisville, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Harold & Hope Gilmore, Decatur, AL; Charles Kato; Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Ms. Rebecca Little, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Brenda McLeod, Tallahassee, FL; Mrs. Christine McKee, Prattville, AL; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann, Delray Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Pauline Montgomery, New Albany, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Don & Liz Weinhardt, LaGrange, KY.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday (January 24th)
Keila McLeod

Thursday (January 28th) cont.
Joyce Parker
Lana Smith

Tuesday (January 26th)
Jimmie Banks
Winifred Patterson
Andrea Spradlin

Friday (January 29th)
Lawrence & Kay Richardson (Ann.)
Annie Faison

Wednesday (January 27th)
Christene Bean
Ed Buonadonna

Saturday (January 30th)
Lynn & Cynthia Parker (Ann.)
Joyce Barnhouse
Dick Haines
Carol Hardman

Thursday (January 28th)
Shantal Martin



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 24

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Jerry Pittman
Scripture Reading L.H. Richardson
Presiding at Table Nate Nelson
Serve at Table:
Harrison Carter Joe Maloney
Mike Erickson Chuck Reeves, Sr.
David Jaress Clayton Trujillo
Scott Lewis Daniel Wagner
Alternates:
Jeff Leslie Lawrence Williams
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, January 24

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer David Thorpe
Scripture Reading Cam Crotts
Presiding at Table Charles Hayes
Serve at Table:
Pete Brown
John Kemp
Vincent Rogers
Closing Prayer Dan McLeod
Wednesday Evening, January 27
Lead Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation Robert Lupo
Family Prayer Gary Jenkins

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Jan. 17</u>	<u>Dec. Av.</u>
Sun. Bible study	234	232
Sun. A.M. Worship	333	375
Sun. P.M. Worship	221	183
Wed. Bible study	223	187
Contribution	\$16,187	\$15,475
2016 Weekly Budget: TBA		

Ushers for the week of **Jan. 24** Head Usher: Victor Colage; Henry Bass & Mike Damron



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, silent where the Bible is silent.



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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PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

- 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- 2. Repent of your sinful ways**
"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
- 3. Confess your faith in Jesus**
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
- 4. Be immersed in water**
"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
- 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).