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Mark Your Calendars
& Make Your Plans

March 6-9	Gospel Meeting <i>with Sam Jones</i>
April 17	Promotion Sunday
April 21	Ladies' Day <i>with Traci Sproule</i>
May 6-8	ET for Youth <i>with Eric Lyons</i>
June 19-22	Vacation Bible School



By Dan Jenkins

Eyes of Faith Looking Outward

When one reads Paul’s letter to Colosse in the King James or the New King James translations of the Bible, he finds a word not commonly used. Paul urged those saints to live holy lives by saying, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise” (Eph. 5:15). The English word “circumspectly” is a compound word with the first part being found in words like “circle” or “circumference.” The second part of the word is used in the word “inspect.” Paul was urging the Christians to be careful how they walked by always looking around them. Christians must use the eyes of faith to look outward.

Christians, look around you to see people.

This is precisely what Jesus did. He was constantly aware of those around Him and the needs each of them had. He saw the woman taken in the act of adultery with eyes so different from those who so harshly judged her (John 8:3-7). He saw the grieving widow of Nain who was on her way to bury her only son (Luke 7:11-16). He saw little children whom others thought should not “bother” Jesus, and He strongly rebuked the way they looked at children (Mark 10:13-16). As you walk, make sure to see the people around you.

Christians, look around you to see lost souls. Jesus’ disciples returned from Sychar, a city of Samaria, and found

Jesus at the well where He had taught the Samaritan woman. Most Jews had strong racial prejudice toward Samaritans but not Jesus. The woman did not stay at the well for she returned to her city to tell them about the Messiah. They were coming out to meet Jesus when our Lord said to His disciples, “Lift up your eyes and look at the fields for they are already white for harvest” (John 4:35). The disciples had just been in the city but saw no souls, only food. As you walk, make sure you lift up your eyes to fields ready for harvesting!

Walking “circumspectly” demands that we see all that is around us

Christians, look around you for struggling brethren who need you. The church at Corinth had dealt with the brother who had taken his father’s wife. They had come together and publicly given him back to Satan (1 Cor. 5:1-7). Their actions had caused the man to repent, but the church needed instructions about how to treat this brother who obviously was struggling so much. Paul writes a second letter to them and talks about Satan’s deives. Christians need to look around and see how Satan is working, particularly with weak brothers. How should we treat them? Paul says forgive them, comfort them and help them overcome their sorrow.

Fellow Christians, look upward to see all that is there, but never forget to look around you. The treasures await us, but to attain them, we must look around us!



By David Sproule

Keep It in Context!

Has anyone ever taken you out of context? Have you ever said something and then that statement was later used in a way that you never intended? That has probably happened to most people at some point in their life. Isn’t that frustrating! Is there anything more exasperating than someone making it sound like you said something that you didn’t say?

When you think about how unjust that is and how it makes you feel when it happens to you, consider how God must respond when people take His word out of context and make Him say what He never intended to say! Don’t take this lightly, because God does not! Taking Him out of context is a serious offense! False doctrines and dreadful misunderstandings result when the context is ignored! Consider just a few examples.

When reading verses in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, realize that the entire book has a context. Many a verse has been misunderstood and misused from that book because individuals did not know and/or respect the overall context of Solomon’s revelation. Solomon had used the wide resources at his disposal to personally experiment with all facets of life, in order to find lasting satisfaction and the true meaning of life. The key to properly understanding the book is

to understand that he is presenting his findings purely from a human (i.e., earthly) perspective. Thus, when he says, “I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind” (1:14), his emphasis is on the futility of human effort **apart from God!** That is why his conclusion is, “Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all” (12:13). Keep it in context!

False doctrines and misunderstandings result when the context is ignored!

When reading verses in the New Testament book of Revelation, realize that the entire book has a context. Many a verse has been misunderstood and misused from that book because individuals did not know and/or respect the overall context of the revelation. John wrote to the seven churches of Asia that which Jesus revealed to him—“things which must shortly take place” (1:1). “Must” means must. “Shortly” means shortly. Jesus “sign-i-fied” His revelation to John (1:1), by revealing it in “signs” and symbolic language (not to be taken literally). When that key to the book is understood (i.e., that the book is written in figurative language) and then properly applied, it will prevent (and demolish) many false doctrines that rely on a literal translation of the book, including even the numbers in the book. Keep it in context!

Don’t you hate it when someone takes you out of context and makes it sound like you said something you never said? How do you think God responds when it is done to Him?



By Josh Blackmer

Don't Be Beige

There was a recent commercial that caught my attention. It involved a man dressed in a beige suit looking for beige socks. The beige man encountered a man with a colorful sock and an affinity for cowbell. He told the beige man this, "There are two types of people in this world. Those people who are content to blend in. These people walk through life like beige socks, uninspired and bored. Then, there are those who expect more. They are exciting; they have pizzazz."

This made me think about the "beige" Christians out there. You know the ones I'm talking about. Those that are just there. They go through the motions, but there is no life in them. They are the ones that sing "I'm Happy Today" with neither a smile nor a frown. They know just enough to be intellectually plugged into Christ. Yet, they think very little about how their lives are woven into the large tapestry of God's redemptive plan for mankind. When Jesus cried out, "It is finished!" in John 19:30, the plan was complete, but the story did not end. We have a part in that eternal story!

The lives of those in the early church that we see recorded in Acts and the epistles of the apostles are anything but beige. With the early persecution coming from the Jews and

then the Romans, there was little time for boredom. Paul records some of his challenges in 2 Corinthians 11:21-28, some of which are not recorded anywhere else but in this passage. His life was not boring. As followers of Christ, our lives will stand out in contrast to the social norms and accepted morality of the day. Jesus calls us light in the Sermon on the Mount, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Be transformed by God, conformed to His will and His holy work.

We are not called to be beige and conform to what the ominous "they" are doing. We are non-conformists to this world. "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom. 12:2). Also, "Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior" (1 Pet. 1:13-15). Both of these passages highlight the nature of the life we have chosen and are called to live. We are transformed by God, conformed to His will and sanctified for His holy work. That is an exciting life! That is a life that can expect more than any earthly wealth could ever promise.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The power to rebuke

When properly applied, the action of "rebuke" involves one, who is in a position of authority, severely censuring another. The Greek word for "rebuke" (*epitimao*) is found in 29 verses of the New Testament, and interestingly, 27 of the 29 verses are in Matthew, Mark and Luke.

The Bible tells us that Jesus "rebuked the wind" (Luke 8:24). Isn't that a cool thing to think about Jesus doing? He didn't just calm it. He rebuked it! The Bible tells us that Jesus "rebuked the fever" with which Peter's mother-in-law was suffering (Luke 4:39). Again, what a thought! He didn't just reduce the fever. He rebuked it! The Bible tells us that Jesus "rebuked the unclean spirit," to show His power over the demonic world (Luke 9:42). I like how the KJV reads in Matthew 17:18--"He rebuked the devil." Jesus has authority over the devil!

The next time the storms of life surround you, the next time the fever of anger begins to boil within you, the next time the devil seems to have hold of you, remember that Jesus has the power to rebuke all evils from your life and bring about His wonderful peace! -- DS

"You're right. You're not strong enough!"

A friend of mine was going through a series of very difficult trials, and the troubles seemed to keep piling higher and higher. Like many of us who have been challenged by the adversities of life, this fellow Christian dispiritedly texted, "I'm not strong enough for this," but probably did not anticipate the response that began, "You're right! YOU are not!"



How many of us have been in a tough spot in life and thought we were there alone? How many of us have had our load of cares get heavier and heavier and thought we could no longer bear it? How many of us have thought to ourselves or said out loud, "I'm not strong enough for this"?

The truth that Jesus so desperately wants us to recognize is that we are NOT strong enough to handle these hardships on our own! BUT HE IS! Say this with me, "My help cometh from the Lord" (Psa. 121:2). When everything is against me and no one else can help, "The Lord stands with me and strengthens me" (cf. 2 Tim. 4:17). I'm not strong enough! But He is! -- DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Gloria Boyd	recovering from surgery, doing better
Joseph Charles	recovering from kidney stones
Patricia Hackshaw	hospitalized last week, undergoing medical testing
Juanita Huser	recovering from fall, broke her left upper arm
Joe Quigley	ICU at Gardens Medical Center
Harriet Morris	lost sight in one of her eyes
Janice Osborne	undergoing medical testing
Cathy Seay	recovering from heart catheterization

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Annie Faison	suffering with chronic pain
Janet Hickerson	chronic health problems
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

Craig Clark	Chuck Clark's brother, health is failing rapidly
Tim Conner	Sabrina Pietro's cousin, hospitalized with head tumor
Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, chemo for chronic leukemia
Don Fields, Jr.	Trish Clark's nephew, has cerebral palsy & stomach flu
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering from surgery
Eva Gibson	Ophelia Holmes' mother, not doing well after hip surgery
Lee Wineinger	Cherylann Wineinger's father, in critical condition

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, February 14

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

Sunday-Wednesday, February 14-17

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Belle Glade.** Arlin Chapman will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). *We have designated Tuesday night as PBL night. Let's try to support this effort of this good congregation.*

Monday, February 15

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

Tuesday, February 16

- ◆ **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 Barbara King.

Thursday, February 18

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

Friday, February 19

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

Saturday, February 20

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street in Pompano.** This year's theme is "Maidservants for Christ." RSVP by February 12. See the bulletin board for more details.

Friday, February 26

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the Quantum Foundation (2701 N Australian Avenue, #200). All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Saturday, February 27

- ◆ **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.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Saturday, February 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Dinner** at 5:30 p.m. at Tijuana Flats on Indiantown Road in Jupiter.

Sunday, February 21

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

Monday, February 22

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

Friday-Sunday, February 26-28

- ◆ **Young Adult Camping Trip.** See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, March 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. Food will be provided; bring drinks.

Monday, March 14

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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.

Friday-Sunday, February 26-28

- ◆ **YES Weekend for Grades 8-12** at the Forrest Park congregation in Valdosta, GA. Meet at the church building at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Give payment to Josh Blackmer or Bob Higbee by February 15.

Sunday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 26

- ◆ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High.

Equipping & Edifying Families



10 Ways to Fight Fair With Your Spouse

Do you know the difference between peacekeeping and peacemaking? Peacekeeping is about avoiding conflict at any cost. It's ultimately a selfish motive because the status quo is desired above all else. Peacemaking understands conflicts can be a healthy stepping stone to an improved relationship. It seeks time and effort to resolve problems, not ignore them.

So are you a peacekeeper or peacemaker in your marriage? One leads to relational decline. The other to relational strength. Give peacemaking a chance by following these 10 fair fighting rules.

1. Be kind.

Kindness may well be the strongest card you can play in a disagreement. Conflict can be defined by hostility and contempt or it can be defined by kindness and respect. The choice is yours.

2. Use "I" statements.

Take ownership of your feelings and actions rather than blaming your spouse. "I need some help because I keep getting confused about the kids' schedule," works better than "You're always late. I'm sick and tired of it."

3. Make an appointment.

Try a loving handwritten note: *Let's talk about last night...I need to apologize... I'd like us to have a calendar planning session...There's something I need your help with... I've screwed up and we need to fix this...*

4. Stay on topic.

Laying out an annotated history of your spouse's shortcomings is counterproductive and simply fuels the fire. When fighting, don't wander into other unaddressed issues before the current one is resolved.

5. Resist the urge to keep score.

Score keeping assumes a winner and a loser. The point of fair fighting is to promote the relationship. There are no losers when the relationship is strengthened.

6. Take the high road.

Always respond gracefully, particularly in the face of disgrace. Returning fire is a shortcut to escalation. The high road is the first step toward reconciliation. It sees conflict as an opportunity to grow.

7. Never devalue feelings.

It's okay to say, "I'm not sure it's helpful to accuse me of..." But it's always wrong to say, "It's stupid of you to be upset!" Acknowledge that your spouse is upset. "I understand your feelings are hurt." The pain, hurt, anger, disappointment, and anguish are all real.

8. The only person you can change is yourself.

It's difficult to be angry with someone who is humble. It's easy for anger to escalate when you only see shortcomings in your spouse.

9. Never use the children as leverage.

Enough said. Quick note: It's important for kids to know that you have reconciled. It's perfectly acceptable, and perhaps healthy, for your kids to see you in conflict. However, they need to know the final outcome and how it got worked out, otherwise they will live with anxiety.

10. Have rules of engagement.

Rules are helpful on so many levels. They recognize fighting as a natural part of the relationship. It formalizes the premise that you're not interested in playing the blame game and outline safe parameters for working out issues.

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



Sunday,
February 7

Dear church friends,

I am moving to an assisted living place. However I am keeping my house and telephone number, so if I want to return home, I can. I wish to thank you for all the food, cards, and prayers. I do not need to have you bring any more food, but please keep giving the prayers on my behalf.

Love and best wishes,
Juanita Huser

There are not enough "Thank You's" in the world to express my thankfulness to all of you. I was reminded by a friend of how Moses had others holding up his arms, and I have truly felt your love, support, strength and so much more. Your prayers have been such a blessing to me and my family.

Thank you with all of my heart,
Cherylann Wineinger

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Linda Allen; Mrs. Letha Anderson; Mr. Rico Aristy; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Miriam Clervoyant; Ms. Liz Erickson; Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Carol Gerber; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Jessie Gower-Winter; Miss Courtney Green; Mr. & Mrs. Undre & Maxine Griggs; Mrs. Cindy Howe; Ms. Rebecca Huffman; Mr. Guillermo Jasso; Ron Jenkins; Milton Jones; Mrs. Karen Lester; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Miss Alia Pendley; Mr. & Mrs. Brian Rayfield, Tanner, & Gibson; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Reitano; Mr. & Mrs. Henry & Alecia Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Mrs. Cecilia Tipton; and Mrs. Marion Vanderwende.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Monica LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Don Mahaney Vienna, WV; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Pauline Montgomery, New Albany, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Risa Schamel, Pleasant Hill, IA; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons, Ashville, AL; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Lee Tellman, Pacific, MO.



Sunday (February 14th)

Marty & Leslie Williams (Ann.)

Wednesday (February 17th)

Julie Williams

Tuesday (February 16th)

Pat Parnell

Laura Schuemann

Saturday (February 20th)

Robyn Landen

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, February 14

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Tim Cox
Scripture Reading Novel Brown
Presiding at Table Kane Campbell
Serve at Table:
David Brown Jeremy Maloney
Josue Charles Ivan Villard, Jr.
Rick Hall Daniel Wagner
Bill Ingram, Jr. Marty Williams
Alternates:
Cam Crotts L. H. Richardson
Closing Prayer Johnny Davis

Sunday Evening, February 14

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer Gary Seames
Scripture Reading Mike Erickson
Presiding at Table Joe Maloney
Serve at Table:
Nick Pietro
Carmen Ruckman
Mike Trujillo
Closing Prayer Dirk Summerlot

Wednesday Evening, February 17

Lead Singing Adam Seal
Invitation Ted Friesner
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 7	Jan. Av.
Sun. Bible study	220	245
Sun. A.M. Worship	374	378
Sun. P.M. Worship	186	202
Wed. Bible study	204	225
Contribution	\$14,304	\$15,916

2016 Weekly Budget: TBA

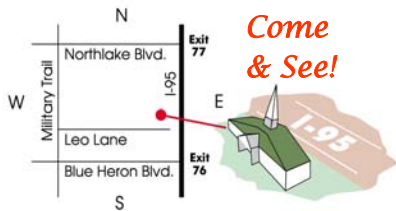
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Come & See!

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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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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).

Be joyful always,
Pray continually,
Give thanks in all
circumstances for
this is God's will for
you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18