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with Sam Jones

March 6-9



By Dan Jenkins

Eyes of Faith Looking Inward

Paul's words that we should "...walk circumspectly" (Eph. 5:15) would be easily understood by those who first read this in the King James Version. It simply means that as we walk we should be looking about and carefully considering all that is happening. It begins with us looking upward, to establish the right relationship with God. Then we should also look around us, to see opportunities to let our lights shine before others. The first and second greatest commandments are summed up in these two actions. However, we must never forget the third direction to look—look inward.

We should look inward because it is the source of outward actions. The greatest commandment about loving God is tied to the core of our souls. We are to love Him with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength (Mark 12:30). Service to God without involving the entirety of the inward man misses the mark. Walking circumspectly (looking around us) demands we look inward to measure the depth of our devotion to the Master.

We should look inward because it is the entry step to becoming a perfect (mature) man in the eyes of God. James speaks of the extreme difficulty of controlling the tongue and then adds, "If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect

man, able to bridle the whole body" (James 3:2). Jesus said, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matt. 12:34). The road to spiritual maturity is obvious. Look inward, bridle the tongue, and spiritual maturity lies before you.

So this week as you commune with the Lord at His table, look inward to examine yourself as you eat and drink with Him (1 Cor. 11:27). Obviously, when we eat together, we look backward to the cross remembering Him. We look forward to His return as we show His death, but perhaps most important is that self examination we do. In His wisdom He has given us a regularly appointed time to look inward.

Paul also urged the Corinthians to look inward for another reason. "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves" (2 Cor. 13:5). Our walk with Him involves far more than knowing the faith, it demands we walk in it. Look inward! Are you walking in the truths of His word.

Our songs often describe our lives as we walk looking about. We may struggle and sing of our determination to walk one step at a time. Yet, we make each of those steps. One day the final step will be taken and that step is into our eternal home. God help us to "... walk circumspectly."

Our walk involves far more than knowing the truth. Look inward!



By David Sproule

Spiritual Gifts Have Ceased!

It is fascinating to read about the apostles laying hands on early Christians, in order that they might receive a miraculous endowment of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-18). It is exciting to know that a variety of these gifts were thus imparted, including the working of miracles, healings, prophecy, tongues, direct knowledge of divine will, etc. (1 Cor. 12:7-11). It is significant to note that the purpose of the early Christians possessing and exercising these gifts was to "confirm the word" they were speaking was, in fact, the word of God Himself (Mark 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4).

The question that must be answered is—are miraculous, spiritual gifts still in existence today and being exercised by followers of Christ? Scripture is our only source of authority to answer this question, and the most extensive section of Scripture that discusses spiritual gifts is in First Corinthians 12-14. While we think of chapter 13 as extolling the greatness of love, the emphasis of the chapter is the abiding nature of love in contrast to the temporary nature of spiritual gifts.

Scripture emphatically affirms the end of the spiritual gifts. While "love never fails," the miraculous endowments of the Spirit would "fail," "cease," "vanish away" and "be done away" (13:8-10). God could have combined these thoughts

and just used one word, but in order to emphasize His point, He accentuated the ending of the gifts multiple times.

Scripture emphatically identifies what was ending. Paul selects a sampling of the spiritual gifts listed in chapter 12 to specify for the readers what was actually "ceasing" and "vanishing away." God explicitly stated that "prophecies," "tongues," miraculous "knowledge," et al. would "be done away," and would not "abide" perpetually throughout the Christian age.

Scripture emphatically stipulates when the end of spiritual gifts would come. At the time of Paul's writing, he spoke in the present tense—"we know in part and we prophesy in part" (13:9). What they had in Paul's day was "in part." Look at the first two words of verse 10, "But when..." "But" emphasizes a contrast—the "in part" would not last. "When" tells us when. "But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away" (13:10). The "perfect" was the "complete" of the "in parts." The revelation of God's will, at that time, was "in part." But when the "complete" revelation of the will of God came (i.e., the completed New Testament), the spiritual gifts would cease.

Spiritual gifts could only be imparted by an apostle and had a limited purpose for the days of "in part" revelation. But now, the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit have ceased!

When the "complete" revelation of the will of God came, the gifts would cease



By Josh Blackmer

You, O Man of God

The title “man of God” had an interesting usage in the Old Testament books. It was used in reference to men who were used in special ways for God. Moses was named a man of God (Deut. 33:1). It is easy to see how he was used for God. Samuel, the judge that anointed Saul and David, was a man of God.

King David, arguably the best king Israel ever had, was a man of God (Neh. 12:24). Elijah and Elisha, the prophets, were both also among the men given this title (1 Kgs. 17:24; 2 Kgs. 8:7). There were also other people who were not as well known as these that were named as men of God.

The parents of Samson had an interesting run in with an angel they assumed to be a man of God in Judges 13. After Samson’s mother saw the angel, she went and “told her husband, saying, ‘A man of God came to me and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome’” (13:6). Manoah, Samson’s dad, also thought he was a man of God and offered him food (13:15, 16). It wasn’t until the angel went up into heaven on the fires of the offering that they realized that this was an angel and not a man. This highlights an interesting concept: they saw the angel and thought first, “He is a man of God like the appearance of an angel, very awesome.”

We may miss the background and history that is tied to the title, man of God.

We can clearly see that the title “man of God” was a special thing. It was used for prophets, judges and a king. So when we look into the New Testament, we see that it is only used twice (both times by Paul in the letters to Timothy). We know Timothy, who was a young man when he started his journeys with Paul. He had grown up with a Jewish mother and grandmother teaching him the Law and the Prophets (2 Tim. 1:5). Paul writes to him, “But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness” (1 Tim. 6:11). Paul never says here, “You are a man of God like the ones of old.” However, this phrase is something that Timothy would notice, especially since it was used twice. “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). When we read these passages, we may miss the background and history that is tied to the title, “man of God.” Timothy reads these letters and his mind goes back to the men of God that he grew up hearing about—the men that shaped his nation’s history and God’s redemptive plan. Now he would be named among them, as a special servant, a man of God. In the same way, we can take up that mantle today. These verses leave the door open to future men who would seek to be a special servant and named among the men of God.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Humanizing unborn babies

Did you see the Super Bowl commercial of a soon-to-be dad eating a bag of Doritos, while an ultrasound was being performed on his unborn child? The commercial showed the unborn child reaching for the Doritos in whatever direction the dad moved his hand.

Well, wouldn’t you know it, somebody didn’t like the ad. Specifically, a pro-choice group called NARAL tweeted that the ad used “anti-choice tactic of humanizing fetuses.” Yes, you read that right. There are people upset over the “humanizing” of an unborn baby. Think about that. Would they feel better if the unborn baby was “monkeyized” or “lizardized” or “alienized”? How far has the abortion crowd gone that they cannot call an unborn child a “human”?

In order to defend an ungodly position that one is bent on staking out, that person must often reach to inexplicably irrational lines of argumentation. God views the human baby outside the womb as absolutely equal with the human baby inside the womb (Luke 1:41; 2:12, 16)! – DS



Have you received sight?

As He prepared to feed five thousand men, Jesus “looked up to heaven” (Mark 6:41). Think about that action, that posture, and its purpose. Looking up. When Jesus came to Bethsaida in Mark 8, He put His hands on a blind man, and the man “looked up” (8:24-25). It may seem simple, but again, think about that action of looking up. How could a blind man “look up”?

In Mark 10, Jesus asked blind Bartimaeus what he wanted. “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight” (10:51). “And immediately he received his sight” (10:52). It is interesting to note that the very same Greek word that is translated “look up” is also translated “receive sight.”

In the Bible, some who were physically blind “looked up” to heaven and “received sight.” Those expressions are the exact same word in Greek, therefore, one could not receive his sight without looking up. Think, then, about the application. When one who is spiritually blind “looks up” to heaven, he “receives sight.” We must look to Jesus (Heb. 12:2)! We must look into the word of God (Jas. 1:25)! We must look to the reward (Heb. 11:26)! Are you looking up? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Gloria Boyd	recovering from surgery, doing better
Mary Brown	recovering from leg surgery, still in a lot of pain
Joseph Charles	scheduled for surgery on Thursday (2/25)
Dianne Frye	experiencing severe pain
Patricia Hackshaw	recovering from surgery (2/19)
Juanita Huser	recovering from broken upper arm
Lynne Jorgensen	hospitalized last weekend, now at home
Joe Quigley	ICU at Gardens Medical Center

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



Cherylann Wineinger, upon the passing of her father, **Lee Wineinger**, last week.

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

Larry Bryant	Betty McQuinn's nephew, pneumonia & heart attack
Oswald Campbell	Natasha Campbell's father, radiation for stage four cancer
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
Judy Fields	Trish Clark's cousin, recovering from surgery
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering from surgery
Jim Fuller	Susan Reynolds' father, in the hospital
Eva Gibson	Ophelia Holmes' mother, not doing well after hip surgery
Oliver Hardin	Margie Hardin's husband, under Hospice Care
Carla Kimberland	Cindy Nelson's mother, upcoming tests on leg blockages
Jim Leslie	Tom & Rose Martens' son, Good Sam after heart stent
Rochelle Lord	David Lord's mother, recovering from open heart surgery
Doug Ludolph	Cathy Seay's fiancé, recovering from heart bypass surgery

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 Aforji	Nigeria
Apologetics Press	Montgomery, AL
Mauricio Yegros	Coral Springs, FL



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday-Wednesday, February 21-24

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Okeechobee** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Daniel Stearsman will be speaking on *"Seizing Every Spiritual Blessing."*

Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 23

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

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.

Friday-Sunday, February 26-28

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebastian.** David Sproule will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Friday-Saturday). See the bulletin board 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.

Wednesday, March 2

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Friday-Sunday, March 4-6

- ◆ **Men's Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$40. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, March 6

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

Sunday-Wednesday, March 6-9

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting at Palm Beach Lakes.** Sam Jones will be speaking on *"You Can Be Just a Christian."*

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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.

Saturday March 19

- ◆ **Young Adult Cookout for Kids** at Ty Park in Miami from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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.

Sunday, February 28

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

Saturday, March 5

- ◆ **Young Families' Devo & Game Night** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Rick & Melinda Price. All families with children in 5th grade & under are encouraged to attend. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dish to share.

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.

March 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 b Willie Smith	2 ☆ Prayer Meeting b Angela Walker	3	4 b Glen Dawson	5 ☆ Young Families' Devo & Game Night b John Hoelzer
						Men's Retreat at CFBC (4th-6th)
6 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Susie Cox b Linda Studer	7 b Justin Maloney b Bob Swayne	8 b Henry Bass	9 b Bonnie Quigley	10	11 a Godfrey & Norma Pratt	12 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Jim & Robin Davis
Gospel Meeting with Sam Jones (March 6th-9th)						
13 ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Bob & Jennifer Higbee b Leesa Schenk	14 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Mike Erickson	15 ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting a Henry & Josephine Bass	16 b Tim Cox b Lynne Jorgensen b Cassie Lavender b Sue Shelt	17 a Paul & Nellie Batitsky	18 b Jackie Price	19 ☆ Young Adult Cookout for Kids in Miami
20 ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship ☆ Young Adult Meeting b Taylor Jaress b Silas Moses	21	22 b Joe Quigley	23 b Betty Sanders	24	25	26 ☆ Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under a Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham b Matthew King b Carmen Ruckman
27 ☆ Sr. High Devo ☆ Jr. High Family Devo b Danielle Carter b Jerry Hopkins b Jerry Pittman	28	29	30	31 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting		

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

It's  Boy!

 Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
February 14

Congratulations to **Jermaine & Shantal Martin** upon the birth of their son, **Christian**, on October 14, 2015.



Directory Changes

Lynn Parker was restored on January 31.

Bailey McDaniel was baptized on February 7 after morning worship. He is listed in the directory with his dad.

News & Notes

There is a **Congregational Work Day** on Saturday, February 27 from 8:00 a.m. until noon to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Grey & Breanna Bland; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Lowell Flowers; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Flowers; Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Carol Gerber; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Jessie Gower-Winter; Miss Jamie Granino; Miss Courtney Green; Rebecca Huffman; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Miss Alia Pendley; Mr. & Mrs. Brian Rayfield, Tanner, & Gibson; Mrs. Kathy Reitano; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Miss Alex Romigh; and Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Yolanda Stewart.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Ron Cox, Woodstock, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Daniels, Lodi, CA; Miss Squadeina Davis, Pembroke Pines, FL; Mr. James Egner, Louisville, KY; Mrs. Linda Horrocks, Manchester, TN; Ms. Monica LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Don Mahaney, Vienna, WV; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Pauline Montgomery, New Albany, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Claudia Romigh, Dothan, AL; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons, Ashville, AL; and Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (February 21st)

Lillian Bankston

Wednesday (February 24th)

Kaitlyn Jares

Monday (February 22nd)

Lester Galloway

Thursday (February 25th)

Kaitlyn Donahue

Lisa Eutsey

Tuesday (February 23rd)

Ricky Smedley

Saturday (February 27th)

Chuck Milton

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 21

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Scripture Reading Paul Hensel
Presiding at Table David Thorpe
Serve at Table:
 Jimmie Banks Les McQuinn
 Chuck Clark Jacade Reynolds
 Freddie Gadson Clayton Trujillo
 D. Lequernaqué Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
 Dan Fuller Kenneth Long
Closing Prayer Orlando Lolo

Sunday Evening, February 21

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Nate Nelson
Scripture Reading Gary Jenkins
Presiding at Table Darin Summerlot
Serve at Table:
 Mike Fox
 Adam Seal
 Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Tom Martens
Wednesday Evening, February 24
Lead Singing Shea Brown
Invitation Dan Fuller
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Feb.14</u>	<u>Jan. Av.</u>
Sun. Bible study	229	245
Sun. A.M. Worship	405	378
Sun. P.M. Worship	195	202
Wed. Bible study	217	225
Contribution	\$15,958	\$15,916
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
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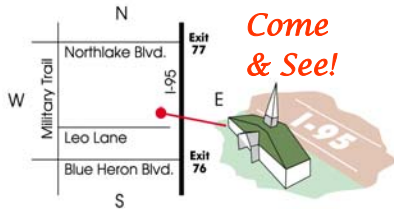
Ushers for the week of **Feb. 21**: Head Usher: Glen Dawson; Stephen Beliech & Wallace Jones



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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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answer you
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tell you **great**
and **mighty** things
WHICH YOU DO NOT
know.

JEREMIAH 33:3

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