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You Can Be
JUST A
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Gospel Meeting
with Sam Jones

March 6-9

You Can Be **JUST A CHRISTIAN**

Sunday, March 6

- 9:00 a.m. ***By Respecting Biblical Authority***
- 10:00 a.m. ***By Obeying the Teaching of Jesus***
- 11:45 a.m. Potluck Dinner-on-the-Grounds (All Family Groups have setup & cleanup.)
- 12:45 p.m. ***By Celebrating a Joyful Life in Christ***

Monday, March 7

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: ***Managing Life After a Faith-Shaking Experience (#1)***
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Family Groups 1-2 have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. ***By Worshiping According to the New Testament***

Tuesday, March 8

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: ***Managing Life After a Faith-Shaking Experience (#2)***
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Family Groups 3-4 have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. ***By Understanding That Doctrinal Teaching Matters***

Wednesday, March 9

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: ***Managing Life After a Faith-Shaking Experience (#3)***
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. All Family Groups have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. ***By Understanding the Importance of the Kingdom***



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: Sam Jones

Sam Jones has been preaching the gospel for nearly 40 years. He holds a number of gospel meetings each year, lectures and conducts marriage seminars. Sam was married to his wife, Rhonda, for 38 years, before her passing in 2014. They have three sons (Eric, Jarrett and William) and two grandchildren (Riley and Peyton). He is currently the Vice President for Spiritual Development at Freed-Hardeman University and preaches for the East Jackson congregation in Jackson, Tennessee.

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Harold Armstrong	recovering at home from congestive heart failure
Gloria Boyd	recovering from surgery, doing better
Joseph Charles	recovering at home from surgery
Jeff Feeney	upcoming kidney stone procedure (3/9)
Patricia Hackshaw	recovering from surgery, in a lot of pain
Juanita Huser	Brookdale Senior Living (room 214), broken upper arm
Lynne Jorgensen	fell and hurt her knees, in a lot of pain
Ruth Milton	dealing with severe pain in hip and leg
Janice Osborne	recovering from biopsy surgery
Joe Quigley	recovering at home from hospitalization
Cathy Seay	fell and broke her shoulder

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Gary Fox, Jr.	Michael Fox's brother, dealing with multiple health issues
Corinne Gardner	Dave Holaday's daughter, dealing with health issues
Oliver Hardin	Margie Hardin's husband, under Hospice Care
Carla Kimberland	Cindy Nelson's mother, recovering from stent surgery
Rochelle Lord	David Lord's mother, open heart surgery, doing better
Doug Ludolph	Cathy Seay's fiancé, La Posada Rehab (room 2206)
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, recovering from hip surgery

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



By Dan Jenkins

Your Privacy on Your Cell Phone

The controversy between Apple and the FBI has dominated the headlines and newscasts recently. The issue, as seen by many, is how private information in an individual's messages on his cell phone should be kept from others. Is there an invasion of privacy whenever the government has access to those cell phones which are so much a part of our lives?

All of this leads to another matter. What do the messages on your phone or computer show about you? I am amazed how openly topics are discussed on Facebook or on other social media areas. Evidently, some fail to see that what they are posting in the privacy of their homes will become public and available to the world once they become part of the internet. Is what we do in private a truer indication of what we really are like than what we do when others see us? Communication on social messages is not private—it becomes available worldwide the instant the final key is hit.

Now, the other information not part of social messaging (like Facebook) is obviously more private, but it is known to those who are contacted using the phone or those who receive the text messages sent from that phone. The truth is that there is almost nothing that can remain absolutely secret.

So let me ask you a question. What would be revealed

Is your phone a truer indication of what you are really like than you imagined?

about you if others could know *all* that your phone “knows”? Would it reveal that your phone was ever used to bring blessings to others? Would it show that you had spoken words to encourage the lonely or to lift up the downtrodden? Would it show that you talked to fellow Christians who, by their lack of attendance, let you know they needed loving words from you? Would it show that the lost were encouraged to change?

On the other hand, would it show the very opposite usage? Would it show bitterness and hate in how it was used? Would it reveal instant messages about the mistakes of others? Would it show photos of you being in places and doing things Jesus would never do? Would there be forwarding of “cute” comments and stories which, in reality, broadcast the vulgarity of the hearts of the ungodly? Would it reveal the profound disrespect for the holiness of God and His name by the use of OMG, whether typed or spoken?

The reality is that your phone is always available to Someone. Absolutely nothing is hidden from eyes of the One above (Heb. 4:12). Let me loosely paraphrase some verses. “By our texts you will be justified or condemned...God will bring every secret thing on your phone into judgment, whether good or evil” (Matt. 12:37; Ecc. 12:14).

So, how private is your phone? It is not at all private to those above. Are there some changes you need to make?



By David Sproule

God's Definition of "Believing" Involves "Obeying"

“He who **believes** in Me has everlasting life” (John 6:47). “Whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). “**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

Believing on Jesus is a central and critical doctrine of the Bible—essential to a relationship with Him and all spiritual blessings that He provides! Believing is such a pivotal and thrilling part of knowing Christ that we sing about it often. “‘Almost persuaded’ now to **believe**.” “Come to Christ, on Him **believe**.” “Sinner, O won’t you **believe** it?” “I know whom I have **believed**.” “When at the Cross I **believed**.” “They who **believe** on His name shall rejoice.” “Freely bestowed on all who **believe**.”

But, what does it mean to believe in Jesus?

More specifically, when we read in the Bible about “believing” and when we sing about “believing,” is it merely talking about a heartfelt, mental assent to the truthfulness of who Jesus is and what He did for us on the cross? Or, is it something else? Maybe even something more?

The Bible teaches, plainly and repeatedly, that truly “believing” as God expects and requires (and as that word is often used in the New Testament) is equivalent to obeying. Someone might read that statement and immediately object,

Truly “believing” as God expects and requires is equivalent to obeying.

“Believing is not the same as obeying. There are many people, in the Bible and today, who believe but do not obey.” That statement is true. But, we are talking about those who truly and acceptably believe, as God uses that word.

Scripture often uses the words “believe” and “obey” interchangeably, emphasizing God’s view of faith as an obedient faith. Highlight John 3:36 in your Bible. “He who **believes** in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not **obey** the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (NASB). Note carefully that “eternal life” is for one who “believes” but “not” for one who does not “obey.” The words, in God’s dictionary, mean the same thing. In your margin next to John 3:36, write Hebrews 3:18-19. “And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were **disobedient**?” So we see that they were not able to enter because of **unbelief**.” Again, the words are synonymous.

In the margin next to John 3:16, you might write these two references above, and add Hebrews 5:9. John 3:16 says, “Whoever **believes**...should...have **everlasting life**.” Hebrews 5:9 teaches, “He became the author of **eternal salvation** to all who **obey** Him.” Eternal salvation is for those who have an obedient faith. Believing, as God defines it, includes obeying.

When we read or sing about “believing,” let’s make sure that we understand that as God understands it.



By Josh Blackmer

The Room

They told me not to go into the room—my friends, parents and people at church. But my curiosity was strong, and it did not seem like a big deal. As I entered, the first thing I noticed was the smell. It was palpable and thick. You could almost feel it come into your nose and slide down your airways. It made me retch as it hit me like a wall. As I took a step, I slipped on a brown viscous fluid that covered the floor of the room. I immediately recognized it as the source of the smell, but it was too late to leave. The door had shut behind me, and there was no knob or mechanism to open it.

When I got to my feet, I noticed a yellow light illuminating a large mass in the center of the large room. There seemed to be a crowd of people standing around it fascinated by whatever it was. I walked closer to the light and saw that the pile was the brown of rotten fruit similar to the liquid that splashed at my feet. The smell grew in intensity, and my eyes watered. Wiping my eyes, the mound came into focus. It seethed with millions of larva from the flies that hummed just overhead. It had a moist sheen of something wet as the larva undulated under the surface. There were gelatinous green chunks throughout the pile of stench. It was the most disgusting sight of my life, and at that thought, I doubled over and heaved uncontrollably.

Sin is ugly and disgusting.

Seemingly signaled by the noise of my sickness, the people that had been standing in a trance-like state wearing black robes moved toward the brown mass. Some kneeled as they approached, touching it with their hands. Some rolled in it covering themselves. Others began eating it as fast as they could. To my horror, they all enjoyed it like there was nothing more important than that brown oatmeal-like substance piled high in the room.

Then, the laughter came from somewhere in the room just outside the ring of light. It was a deep chuckle at first. It grew the more that the people enjoyed the nasty filth. I could hear it coming closer. Then, he stepped into the dim light. It was Satan—the serpent of old, the father of lies (Rev. 12:9; John 8:44). When he saw me, he changed and appeared as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). His words were smooth, and as he spoke, that disgusting blob did not seem that bad. The smell subsided and became pleasant. My mouth watered, and I longed to fill my stomach with that sweet-smelling delight before me (Phil. 3:18-19).

This is how sin works (James 1:13-15). Sin is ugly and disgusting. Christ died to raise us out of the pit and mire of sin. Satan desires to lure us back to eat again of that sin and laugh at you. See sin for what it is and embrace the power of the gospel. Wake others out of the trace that Satan holds them in.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Your extra day

So many of us complain that we don't have time to do the things that we really need to do or really want to do. We wish that we could have more than 24 hours in a day or more than 7 days in a week. Well, guess what? God has given you a whole extra day this year!

Today is February 29. Today is your "bonus" day for this year. You will have to wait 1,460 more days to get another one. What will you do with it? Will it be just like every other day, will it be an unusual day, or could it be a start to a refreshing routine for each and every day?

What if you used your extra day to...talk to one more person about Jesus...reach out to one more person who is struggling...call one more widow on the phone...write one more card to encourage a fellow Christian...post one more uplifting message on social media, etc.? You have an extra 24 hours this year! Will you use it for you? Or will you use it for the Lord and the good of others? REALLY, isn't that the question we should ask about the other 365, too? – DS



A pat on the back

Have you ever noticed the normal movement that God gave to human arms? They can reach up, they can reach down, they can reach out, but the shoulders were not really designed for reaching back. Why not? Perhaps the heavenly design has an intentional purpose.

I can serve someone else by being able to reach up, perhaps when their vertically-challenged stretch will not quite reach. I can serve someone else by being able to reach out, perhaps to be able to carry something for them. I can serve someone else by being able to reach down, perhaps when they can no longer bend over without tremendous pain. BUT, how can I serve someone else by being able to reach back? Seemingly, the only person I could serve by reaching back would be myself, to pat myself on the back. God didn't design our arms for that!

Too many of us are looking for a pat on the back, and if we don't find it, too often we administer the honor ourselves. "Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth" (Prov. 27:2). – DS



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday-Wednesday, March 6-9

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

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	12:45 p.m.	Evening Worship
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	12:15 p.m.	Midday Bible Study
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	7:00 p.m.	Evening Lesson

Sunday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 13

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour.
- ◆ **Single Ladies Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake Blvd. See Joan Holloway for details.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Tuesday, March 15

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Novel & Mary Brown.

Thursday, March 17

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin & Stephanie Weeks.

Friday, March 18

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Please carpool; parking is limited.

Friday-Sunday, March 18-20

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

Sunday, March 20

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 31

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

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.

Sunday, March 20

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

Saturday, April 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Chuck & Trish Clark.

Monday, April 4

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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.

Friday-Sunday, March 18-20

- ◆ **Stand Out, Speak Up at CFBC** for girls in Grades 6-12. Cost is \$45 per person. See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, March 26

- ◆ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High. Jr. High Youth arrive at the building at 9:45 a.m. Bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs. (No chocolate in eggs, it will melt.) Grades 5 & under children should arrive at 10:30 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a food item.

Sunday, March 27

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

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



Sunday,
February 28

Tim Mahlbacher was restored on Sunday, February 28.

Jimmie Banks and **Scott Lewis** requested prayers.

Thank You Note

I wanted to thank our church family so much for all the prayers, calls, and cards. It has been a long three-month journey to better health for Joseph. Our family feels so loved by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ. Thank you, brother Jerry Hopkins, for sitting with me when my husband was in surgery. Thank you very much.

Love,
Joseph, Anthioda, Josue, Jean, Jack, & Julie Charles

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson; Mr. Greg Bland & Brianna; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Miss Squadeina Davis; Lowell Flowers; Paul & Angela Flowers; Mr. & Mrs. Errol Gower-Winter; Miss Courtney Green; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Keith Hatchett; Mrs. Rebecca Huffman; Mr. Charles Kato; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Miss Aliah Pendley; Mr. & Mrs. Joel & Sandra Perez; Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Tammy Rayfield, Tanner & Gibson; Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Kathy Reitano; Miss Alex Romigh; Mr. Aaron Ross; Mr. Conrad Schott, IV; Mrs. Cecilia Tipton; and Mr. & Mrs. Tracy & Crystal Twaddell.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Lee, Hopkinsville, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Butch & Jan Manuel; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Jennifer Reaves, Cusco, Peru; Mr. & Mrs. Anton & Sherrilyn Schwing, Orlando, FL; Ms. Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons, Ashville, AL; and Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA.



Sunday (March 6th)

Susie Cox
Linda Studer

Wednesday March 9th

Bonnie Quigley

Monday (March 7th)

Justin Maloney
Bob Swayne

Friday (March 11th)

Godfrey & Norma Pratt (Ann.)

Saturday (March 12th)

Jim & Robin Davis (Ann.)

Tuesday (March 8th)

Henry Bass

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, March 6

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Tim Cox
Scripture Reading Henry Bass
Presiding at Table Jeff Leslie
Serve at Table:
Jimmie Banks Vincent Rogers
Doug Carrick Brad Shelt
Ted Friesner Daniel Swayne
Kenneth Long Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Bob Higbee Kevin Weeks
Closing Prayer Ivan Villard, Jr.

Sunday Evening, March 6

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reading Dan Fuller
Presiding at Table Phil Porter
Serve at Table:
John Kemp
L.H. Richardson
Mike Trujillo
Closing Prayer Ken Tipton

Wednesday Evening, March 9

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Invitation Sam Jones
Family Prayer David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 28	Jan. Av.
Sun. Bible study	211	245
Sun. A.M. Worship	364	378
Sun. P.M. Worship	211	202
Wed. Bible Study	207	225
Contribution	\$15,850	\$15,916
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
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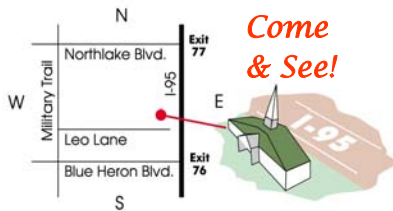
Ushers for the week of **Mar. 6:** Head Usher: Lance Collier; Paul Metzkes & D. Lequernaqué



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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

March 6-9

Gospel Meeting with Sam Jones
Theme: "You Can Be Just a Christian"

April 17

Promotion Sunday

April 21

Ladies' Day with Traci Sproule
Theme: "Daughters of the King"

April 30

EDP & Wives Cookout

May 1

Troy Spradlin Mission Report

May 6-7

ET for Youth with Eric Lyons