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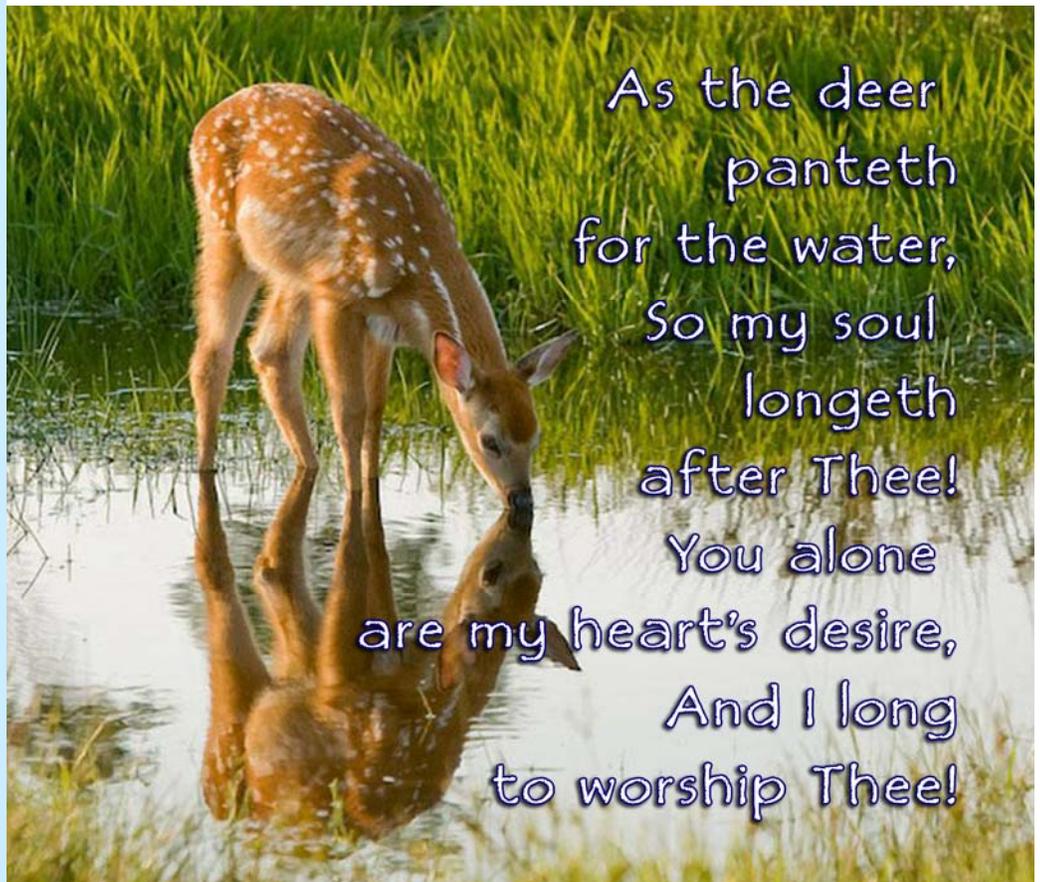
Welcome New Members



Mahlbacher, Tim

Group 4

Restored February 28





By Dan Jenkins

One Word—Hope

My appreciation for the book of Psalms is far greater than I had as a younger Christian. It may be because of a better grasp of the Bible, or perhaps, I have a greater understanding of the purpose of life. Most of the psalms were written by David, the man whose heart was like God's heart. It is in the

historical books we read about the thrilling events which happened in his life. However, it is in the psalms where David opens the depths of his soul so we can learn about his heart. Look at Psalm 131 to see this.

David, himself, and the world. "Lord, my heart is not haughty (*marginal reading is "proud"*), nor my eyes lofty (*marginal reading is "arrogant"*). Neither do I concern myself with great matters, nor with things too profound for me" (v. 1). Our world is so amazingly complex, and all that happens in it can so easily distract us as we try to figure it all out. Wars, rumors of wars, pestilences, earthquakes, revolution among the nations, political unrest in our own land and the struggles created by ungodly men can so easily overwhelm us. There are those things which are, to use the words of David, "great matters" and "too profound for me." David's solution was not to become haughty or to focus his eyes on such matters. David understood there were *greater matters* and more *lofty matters* on which to focus. What are these greater matters? Look at the next verse.

Remember one word and you will find peace and comfort in His arms!

David, himself, and God. How did David react with the complexity of life around him? "Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul. Like a weaned child with his mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me" (v. 2). A newborn baby is helpless, for he understands nothing about his new world. One thing he does know is that his midnight cries bring his mother to hold him, to embrace him and to nurture him. There is no place more comforting on this earth for that infant. The same is true of a child who is weaned. He no longer needs his mother to feed him, but, oh how much comfort his mother's kisses, hugs and loving words bring to him—even as an adult. David had found the way and the perfect place to have that same peace in his life.

David, himself, and the future. Where was that place? "O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forever" (v. 3). David, how do you handle the "great matters" and the "things too profound for me"? How do you handle the profound complexities of life? His answer—*hope*. One word sums it up. God is in charge, and He promises He will handle our future (Heb. 13:5-6; Rom. 8:28). How did David instruct the Jews to deal with "great matters and profound things?" *One word—hope!* How does David's psalm show us how to deal with things we cannot understand or control? *One word—hope!* If a young child finds comfort when held by his mother, how much more should we find comfort in His arms? Remember David's one word—*hope!*



By David Sproule

One Dozen Verses Every Marriage Needs

God created man and woman, and He brought them together, creating the marriage relationship. It should not surprise us, then, that He provides a "manual" for how to succeed in our marriages.

Many passages specifically address the topic of marriage, but we also find numerous godly principles throughout Scripture that have ready-made application for husbands and wives. While the specific context may not be addressing marriage, consider how much better, stronger and more godly your marriage can be if each of you practiced these precepts toward each other in your marriage.

The principles of Christian living will enrich every relationship that you enjoy.

- 1. Matthew 6:33**—"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."
- 2. Philippians 2:3**—"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."
- 3. Matthew 7:12**—"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you."
- 4. Acts 20:35**—"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"
- 5. Romans 12:10**—"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love...Outdo one another in showing honor."

- 6. Galatians 6:2**—"Bear one another's burdens."
- 7. Proverbs 15:1**—"A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger."
- 8. Colossians 4:6**—"Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person."
- 9. Ephesians 4:31**—"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you."
- 10. Ephesians 4:32**—"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."
- 11. Luke 17:4**—"And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."
- 12. Colossians 4:2**—"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."

The list of Bible verses that can enhance your marriage could obviously be multiplied a hundredfold, for the principles for Christian living, outlined in God's book of "all things that pertain unto life" (2 Pet. 1:3), will enrich every part of your life and every relationship that you enjoy.

Is Christ at the center of your marriage? Do His laws (all of them) govern your relationship with each other?



By Josh Blackmer

“Am I my brother’s keeper?”

Cain’s problem was his view of self. He was more important than God’s commands and more important than his brother, in his eyes. So, when God asked Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” his response was, “I do not know, am I my brother’s keeper” (Gen. 4:9)? This was obviously a lie and a poor attempt at misdirection. He did know where he was, and he should have been his brother’s protector or guardian. The question is—are we still, today, responsible for guarding and protecting, keeping our brothers and sisters in Christ? We can answer that by looking at the question from Cain and dividing it into three parts “am I/my brother’s/keeper?”

“Am I” examines your part in the relationship with your brothers and sisters. In Galatians 6:1-10, Paul highlights specifically the need of, “those who are spiritual” to “restore such a one [erring brother] in a spirit of gentleness.” We read in 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 and 26-27 that we are all “baptized into one body” and we are tied to each other in that bond.

“My brother’s” matches Jesus’ statement in Matthew 23:8, “and you are all brothers.” There is a relationship that we have because of our bond in Christ (Matt. 12:50). In Romans 12:9-21, the Holy Spirit tells us to “be devoted to one another

in brotherly love.” The rest of that chapter describes how to do that, even when those who we love are not acting as they should. “Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.”

Get self out of the way.

Finally, “keeper” shows there must be an acceptance of that role in the relationship. A keeper is one that protects and guards. There must be a functioning relationship between all Christians. There must be love between the brethren. A love that would see to the physical needs of one another (Jas. 2:15-16; Matt. 25:40). A love that would see to the spiritual needs of one another (Jas. 5:19; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15). We have this responsibility to look out for the interests of others as is stated in Philippians 2:4.

We must recognize that a relationship exists and that we have a responsibility in that relationship. It is easier to ignore the needs of others and say, “It is their fault.” However, we do not have that luxury. The One that we emulate could have said the same thing, but He didn’t. “For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother” (1 John 3:11-12a). Get self out of the way.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Myopic Christians

According to some research, myopia affects nearly 30 percent of Americans. Better known as nearsightedness, those who endure this frustrating condition cannot see distant objects clearly. Unfortunately, the percentage may be higher of Christians who suffer from spiritual myopia.

Our English word “myopia” originated from the Greek language, and the verb form of the word (*muopazo*) is found one time in the Greek New Testament. In his second epistle, Peter enumerates eight essential qualities in which a Christian must grow: faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love. After emphasizing the need to abound in “these things,” he then warns, “For he who lacks these things is **shortsighted**, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins” (2 Pet. 1:5-9).

Look at those eight essential qualities. Are they yours? Are you abounding? Or are you lacking in one or more of them? As a Christian, are you nearsighted, seeing only the here-and-now, rather than focusing on the essential qualities of living in the here-after? – DS

Serpents and deadly poison—yes or no?

In the days of the early church, miracles, wonders and signs were done by the apostles (Acts 2:43; 4:30; 5:12) and by those upon whom the apostles laid hands (Acts 6:8; 8:13; Heb. 2:4). These signs included speaking in tongues, casting out demons, healing sicknesses, etc. (cf. 1 Cor. 12:7-11). Scripture clearly teaches that upon the completion of the written revelation of

God in the New Testament, these signs would have fulfilled their purpose and would cease (1 Cor. 13:8-13; Eph. 4:11-15). However, some believe that these signs continue even today.

If someone honestly believes the Bible but also believes that these signs continue today, then they are faced with a challenge in Mark 16:17-18. In addition to casting out demons, speaking in tongues and healing the sick, Jesus specifies, “They will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them.”

Is that still happening today (successfully and without exception or failure) or have these signs ceased just as the Bible teaches? – DS



Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Patricia Hackshaw	recovering from surgery, in a lot of pain
Carol Hardman	recovering from biopsy surgery, awaiting results
Juanita Huser	Brookdale Senior Living (room 214), broken upper arm
Ruth Milton	dealing with severe pain in hip and leg
Janice Osborne	awaiting test results from biopsy
Jo Ann Rogers	JFK Hospital (room 3006)
Cathy Seay	fell and broke her shoulder
Margaret Wade	West Palm Hospital, in a Hospice room (#217)
Jené Williams	dealing with health issues

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



Guadalupe Tipton upon the passing of her daughter, Lenora Price, last week. The funeral service will be held at our building on Saturday, March 26 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Oliver Hardin	Margie Hardin's husband, under Hospice Care
Bob Heeter	Karen Friesner's brother, diagnosed with leukemia
Leigh Hill	Shirley Hopkins' cousin, suffering with cancer
Doug Ludolph	Cathy Seay's fiancé, recovering at home from heart surg.
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, recovering from hip surgery
Horace Miller, Jr.	Cheryl Floyd's brother, St. Mary's, ventilator & dialysis
Jo Ann Spalding	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s mother-in-law, recovering from surg.
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, Jupiter Medical Ctr., heart issues
Guadalupe Tipton's five grandchildren	Recovering from auto accident, in which their mother died (Cameron, Alyssa, Jessie, Adrianna, Harold)

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, March 20

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

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

Thursday, March 31

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

Sunday, April 3

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

Sunday, April 10

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

Sunday, April 17

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.

Tuesday, April 19

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

Thursday, April 21

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted** by Palm Beach Lakes. Traci Sproule will be speaking on *"Daughters of the King."*

5:45 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m.	Opening Comments
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Served by PBL Men
7:30 p.m.	Lesson: <i>"Daughters of the King"</i>

Saturday, April 30

- ◆ **EDP & Wives Cookout.** See David Sproule for details.

Sunday, May 1

- ◆ **Troy Spradlin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Sunday, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 29

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

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. See Sarah Collier for details.

Saturday, April 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, April 17

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Saturday, March 26

- ◆ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High. Jr. High Youth arrive at the building at 9:15 a.m. Bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs. (No chocolate in eggs, it will melt.) Grades 5 & under children should arrive at 10:00 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 at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson. Please bring a dessert or drink.

Sunday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 16

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Picnic Transition Event.** See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

April 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 b Taylor Reeves	2 ☆ Young Adult Devo b Lorena Pittman
3 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Giselle Smith	4 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night	5 b Elizabeth Summerlot b Joycelyn Harriott	6	7 b Kristen Fuller b Lauren Fuller	8 b Jean Archer b Micky Affron b Nadia King b Zula Garrett	9 ☆ Young Adult Service Project b Regina Mayne
10 ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna b Anthioda Charles b Jennifer Higbee b Rose Martens b Stephanie Weeks	11	12 a Bill & Inell Ingram b Kaylani Carmona	13 b Marcia Clough-Moss	14	15	16 ☆ Jr. High Family Picnic Transition Event
17 ☆ Promotion Sunday ☆ Sr. High Devo ☆ Young Adult Meeting b Joseph Charles	18 a Jerry & Shirley Hopkins b Loni Fuller	19 ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting b Katie Wagner	20 b Tommy Pauldo	21 ☆ Ladies' Day at PBL b Kay Richardson	22 a Steward & Rowena Lynch b Amber Villard b Jeremy Maloney	23
24 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo	25 b Bethany Bertram	26 b Helen Burney b Ivan Villard b Rick Hall	27 a Jordan & Marsha Beasley b Christina Kato b Jessica Gibbins	28 b Kane Campbell	29 ☆ Sr. High Bible Game Show b Beth Fry	30 ☆ EDP & Wives Cookout b Pearl El

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



Sunday,
March 13

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Greg Bland & Breanna; Claudette Cabbe; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Terry Crews; Miss Squadeina Davis; Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Dozier; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber; Jamie Grani-no; Mr. & Mrs. Errol Gower-Winter; Mrs. Rebecca Huffman; Mrs. Sharon Mann; Mrs. Corinn Miller, Linley & Ellie; Mr. Jean Pierre-Louis; Brian Rayfield; Mrs. Kathy Reitano; Aaron Ross; Ms. Sela Schneidinger; and John Steen.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Berry, Akron, OH; Mr. & Mrs. John & Jane Brooks, Huntsville, AL; Larry Camp, Longview, TX; Miss Claudia Da Silva, Miami, FL; Nick & Kimberly Dodd, 118 Dunbar Ave., Corinth, MS; Carson, Kristen & Caroline Freund, Brentwood, TN; Chris, Vickie, Emma, Walker, & Olivia Fry, Lebanon, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Gerber, Lincoln City, OR; Miss Ellie Hammond, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hammond, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Marilyn Jones, Jackson, TN; Ms. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Mariah Mobley, Ft. Pierce, FL; Mrs. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Will & Allie Nixon, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond & Ethel Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Beth Rosenblum & Mia, Huntsville, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Matt & Jenifer Segal, St. Louis, MO; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Williams, Nashville, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (March 20th)

Taylor Jaress
Silas Moses

Wednesday (March 23rd)

Betty Sanders

Tuesday (March 22nd)

Joe Quigley

Saturday (March 26th)

Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham (Ann.)
Matthew King
Carmen Ruckman

Thank You Note

Dearest church,

We thank you for the lovely cards of encouragement and constant prayers. We started the year in poor health but are expecting to get better.

In the love of Christ,
Jim & Jo Ann Rogers

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 20

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Justin Maloney
Scripture Reading Chuck Clark
Presiding at Table Jerry Pittman
Serve at Table:
Mike Damron Taylor Reeves
Eddie Gooden Dirk Summerlot
Namdidie Ikon Micah Trujillo
Dan McLeod Austin Williams
Alternates:
Les McQuinn David Thorpe
Closing Prayer Chris Thomas

Sunday Evening, March 20

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer Chris Thompson
Scripture Reading Josh Blackmer
Presiding at Table Jim Rogers
Serve at Table:
Michael Fox
Rick Price
Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Shea Brown

Wednesday Evening, March 23

Lead Singing Shea Brown
Invitation Morris McDaniel
Family Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.

Ushers for the week of **Mar. 20**: Head Usher: Lance Collier; Jordan Beasley & Gorman E.

Our Record

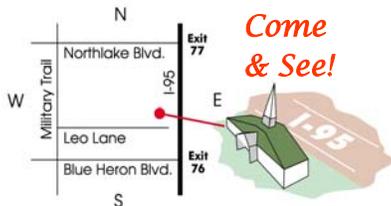
Attendance	Mar. 13	Feb. Av.
Sun. Bible Study	237	220
Sun. A.M. Worship	429	386
Sun. P.M. Worship	208	193
Wed. Bible Study	224	217
Contribution	\$14,414	\$15,052
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
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Sunday:

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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April 30

EDP & Wives Cookout

May 1

Troy Spradlin Mission Report

May 6-7

ET for Youth with Eric Lyons

June 8-12

Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women

June 19-22

Vacation Bible School