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Ladies' Day Checklist

For Ladies:

- Plan to attend
- Encourage other ladies to attend
- Arrive on time (5:45 p.m.)
- Enjoy a great night together
- Pray for the event

For Men:

- Don't plan to attend
- Encourage your wife or lady friend to attend
- Contribute money for dinner
- Volunteer to serve at dinner (see Josh Blackmer)
- Pray for the event



By Dan Jenkins

When I Am Ashamed—My Belly Is My God

There is a marked contrast between Paul's attitude when he said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ" (Rom. 1:16), and the attitude so many have today. Tragically, there were those in the first century who were ashamed of the gospel, and the same attitude is found in our day.

Some are ashamed of brethren who boldly speak the truth. When David, the young shepherd, visited his brothers and heard the challenge of Goliath, he could not be silent. Every word he said that day was true. He asked, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God" (1 Sam. 17:26)? His own brothers were ashamed of him and did all they could to silence him. They were not truly servants of God. They put themselves above truth.

Some are ashamed of brothers who have done wrong and then change and do right. An illustration is the attitude of the older brother of the penitent prodigal son (Luke 15). Look at his heart. He was quite content to ignore his brother's behavior in the foreign land. But when the prodigal returned, his self-centered heart became obvious. Tragically some in the church can so easily ignore brethren who have gone astray, and deep in their hearts hope they do not have to deal with them if they return. They are truly self-centered!

Some are ashamed of the teaching of the Bible and change what they teach to avoid criticism. We live in a land where the attitude which demands political correctness has entered the hearts of some Christians. This attitude seeks to avoid all confrontation with error. (The blessing of church problems is clearly shown in 1 Cor. 11:19). There are those who want peace whatever the cost.

In the first century, there were those who sought to compromise the truth about religious circumcision. They were fearful that the consequence of the apostles' teaching would create more opposition and hardship from the Jews. They wanted peace above everything and changed their teachings (Gal. 6:12).

How does the Bible describe those who will not stand for truth? There is a remarkable phrase used by God which graphically depicts them. When men take God off of the throne and replace Him with their self-centered desires, God is no longer God. David's brothers removed God from His place and put their own needs first. The older brother rejected the heart of his father and replaced his father's wishes with his own desires. Those who changed God's teaching about circumcision no longer had the God of truth on the throne. **What is that phrase God used to describe them?** Their god is their own belly (Phil. 3:19). Wow! **Think about it!**

God uses a graphic phrase to describe those self-centered Christians



By David Sproule

More Preachers Like Paul

What kind of preaching do you like to hear? Who is your favorite preacher (if you have such a thing)? What is your favorite kind of sermon?

If you are a preacher or an elder, what kinds of sermons are preached the most from your pulpit? More specifically, what topics are dealt with regularly? What topics are dealt with occasionally? What topics are never touched?

What would your church be like if the Apostle Paul was your regular preacher? Would the sermon topics or the sermon content be any different? Preachers (and churches) would do well to model their preaching after the pattern of Paul, who "shrank not from declaring...the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). Paul did not pick and choose his favorite topics or avoid unpopular ones! He did not leave out certain portions of Scripture or certain doctrines because they did not match his philosophy or because it might be offensive to some. He preached the WHOLE counsel of God! What would it be like if preachers followed that same pattern today?

Paul preached about and against false teachers (Acts 20:28-31; 2 Tim. 4:3-4). Paul preached about and against false doctrines (1 Tim. 4:1-3; Col. 2:8-23). How often does that happen in pulpits today?

Paul preached about marriage, divorce and remarriage (1 Cor. 7); withdraw of fellowship (1 Cor. 5:1-13; 2 Thess. 3:6-15); God's role for women in the church (1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:8-15); the exclusive nature of congregational singing in worship (Eph. 5:19; Col 3:16); the sinfulness of homosexuality (Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-11), adultery (1 Cor. 6:9; Gal. 5:19), fornication (1 Cor. 6:9-20; Eph. 5:3-5), drinking (Rom. 13:13; Gal. 5:21) and social drinking (Eph. 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:4-8); the importance of modesty (1 Tim. 2:9; Rom. 12:2). How often are any of these heard from today's pulpits?

Paul preached against religious division (1 Cor. 1:10), and therefore, against denominationalism, although it did not yet exist (cf. 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:3-4). Paul preached the absolute essentiality of baptism for salvation from sins (Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 5:25-27). Paul preached the exclusive nature of the Lord's one church (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23), to which one must belong in order to be saved (Eph. 5:23) and to go to heaven (1 Cor. 15:24). How many pulpits today ring out these same messages? How often?

Paul preached the whole counsel of God! And he shrank not from doing it! He did not budge, waver or compromise the fullness or the content of the message! He did not read a verse and then tell funny stories and anecdotes. Paul preached the Word! What if that was still happening today?

Paul preached the whole counsel of God! And he shrank not from doing it!



By Josh Blackmer

To the Church in Your House

I am a romantic, in the sense that my thoughts of the past are often idealized and void of the riggers and monotony of daily life. I often contemplate living in the 1800s and exploring the western territories with Lewis and Clark. More than anything, I contemplate what it would have been like in the early church in Asia Minor and in Europe.

We have some letters that were written to these churches. They mention the struggles with those that were teaching error. These letters speak of the hardships that they had with the government and other unscrupulous individuals. One short letter is written to an individual, Philemon, by name. In this letter, Paul encourages Philemon to receive back his runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother (Phile. 1:10-16). In the opening remarks, he sends greetings to possible family members of Philemon and then, “to the church that meets in your house” (Phile. 1:2).

This was a practice that was common during that time. The cultural climate did not allow for the church to have a strong public presence with a permanent facility. So, the church from the beginning met in homes (Acts 2:46). It appears that the church in Colossae met in the home of Philemon. That is of note considering the dangers that could have involved.

“The hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you”

We know that Paul himself, when he was Saul, had gone from house to house ravaging the church (Acts 8:3). In other places, Paul and his companions had to leave towns with haste due to the opposition. The church was one that was spoken evil of. So, there was inherent danger in opening your home to be used this way, not only as a meeting place but also as a place to room Paul when he was in town (Phile. 1:22).

There were some words that Paul used to describe Philemon that would attest as to why he would take the risk and open his home to Paul. “I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints; and I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake. For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother” (Phile. 1:4-7).

Paul mentions faith and love toward Christ and the brethren. Those two things refreshed the members of the congregation. What if the church met in your home? How would that affect your life? What steps would you take to ensure her growth and safety? Many of your answers would be of great use today and would be refreshing to the brethren.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Forgetting who’s boss

In many homes, there are children who have taken the reins and are running the show. They (along with their parents, perhaps) have forgotten who’s boss. In many workplaces, there are employees who think they can make the decisions and call the shots. They have forgotten who’s boss. While these are serious problems that need to be resolved, there is a bigger one.

As one reads through the Bible, he will come across individuals, families and even nations who had forgotten who’s boss. They forgot that there is a God! They forgot that He rules in the affairs of men! They forgot that His word must be obeyed, without turning to the right or to the left! Instead, they made themselves “the boss” of their lives...to their own detriment.

Now, look at our modern day. Who’s boss? But, more importantly and personally, who’s your boss? It is easy to be your own boss, but it takes a conscious choice to let Christ rule in your life (1 Pet. 3:15a). Who’s in charge of your heart and your daily life—you or Jesus? – DS



Two birth certificates

He has two legitimate birth certificates. One indicates that he was born in 1920, and the other shows 1923. Because of the records from back then, either of them could be right, so he is going with the 1923 one for now.

What if you had two birth certificates? Which one would you choose to be the “right one”? Would you want the “older” one or the “younger” one?

The reality is that, if you are a Christian, you do have two “birth” certificates. Both mark a “date of birth.” One is a legal record of your entry into this world. The other one, which is infinitely more important, is a heavenly record of your entry into Christ. The first was written by a clerk on a piece of paper; the second was written by God in the Book of Life. One is needed to secure a Passport for passage to and from other countries; the other is needed to secure passage into heaven itself. Thank God for our citizenship (by birth, John 3:5) in heaven (Phil. 3:20)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Ruth Milton dealing with severe pain in hip and leg
Monica Morando in the Philippines recovering from surgery
Connye Plouffe ICU at St. Mary's (no visitors), severe head injury
Jo Ann Rogers ICU at JFK Hospital, heart surgery and kidney 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

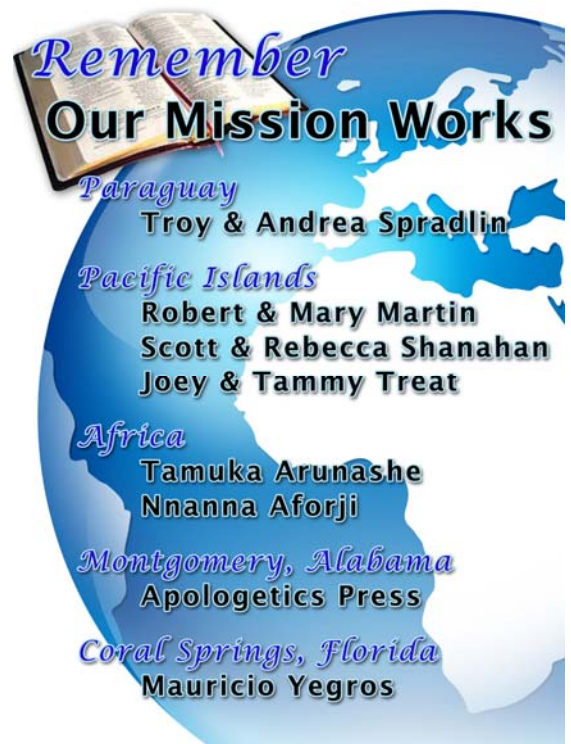


The family and friends of **Kay Fish**, upon her passing on Thursday morning.

Our Shut-Ins: Millie Ames Margie Hardin Daniel Johnson Leigh Puckett
 Cora Lee Dennis Loretta Holaday Don & Betty Matter Joe Quigley
 Helen Gardner Shelton Howell Deidra Miley Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Oswald Campbell Natasha Campbell's father, under Hospice Care at home
Thelma Findley Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering from surgery
Oliver Hardin Margie Hardin's husband, under Hospice Care
Bob Heeter Karen Friesner's brother, diagnosed with leukemia
Diana Noel Bonnie Arthur's daughter, diagnosed with breast cancer
Freda Overton Cam Crotts' grandmother, fell & broke arm and ribs
Adrianna Price Guadalupe Tipton's granddaughter, hospital, car accident
Twyla Wright Trina Wright's mother, recovering at home





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 3

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **House to House/Heart to Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, April 4

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

Tuesday, April 5

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

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.

Friday, April 15

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Judy Lerro.

Sunday, April 17

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **Mount Dora Children's Home Supply Deadline.** A supply list can be found on the Welcome Desk. Please place supplies in the Lobby.

Tuesday, April 19

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Regina Mayne.
- ◆ **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>

Thursday, April 28

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

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Young Adults

Monday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Service Project.** Meet at the building at 9:00 a.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, April 17

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

Monday, May 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD.

Saturday, May 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brett & Hayden Lau.

Sunday, May 15

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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.

Friday-Saturday, April 15-16

- ◆ **Youth Rally hosted by West Broward.** Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up on the bulletin. See Josh Blackmer for details

Saturday, April 16

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Picnic Transition Event** at 10:30 a.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park for all kids currently in **Grades 5-8** and their families. Bring food and drinks to share, and bring games and activities to play.

Sunday, April 17

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. All incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend.

Equipping & Edifying Families



Top 10 Habits To Break As a Family

When a couple had multiple kids in diapers at the same time, the husband and wife would be so tired they would want to lay down to watch their favorite TV shows at the end of the day. The problem was that they liked different shows. So they agreed to watch in separate rooms. It wasn't bad once in a while, but it formed a habit, even after their kids were older. Eventually, their marriage reached a difficult place. Breaking habits like that was the beginning of restoration.

There are lots of not-so-great choices families make once in a while with no major consequences. But when those choices become habits, you've got a problem. Such is the case with most of these 10 negative habits to kick. If you see them making regular appearances in your family's life, act fast to correct them. Here are 10 family habits to break.

- 1. Fast food.** The nutrition you get for the calories, sodium, and fat grams you consume is a bad deal. If you find yourself feeding your family from a paper bag with grease stains every few days (or more), it's time to cut back.
- 2. Bickering.** Some families, especially those with teenagers, find themselves in tense, argumentative conversations over and over all day long. But it doesn't have to be that way nor should it be. Make a conscious effort to curb the sarcastic or argumentative comments you make as a parent, and demand that your children speak to one another with love and respect, too.
- 3. Disorganization.** For a busy family, organization is a must. It starts with keeping a great calendar of everyone's activities and should trickle down to kids keeping their own work and assignments in order.
- 4. Wasteful spending.** Making everyone aware of how little expenses add up can turn the family budget around substantially. Help your kids break habits like buying bottled water or soda when they're out and about and bring a reusable water bottle instead. Eat at home more and dine out less (see #1). Teach your kids to take care of expensive sports equipment and school shoes so they don't have to be replaced as often. It all adds up quickly.
- 5. Overscheduling.** An overscheduled family is a stressed-out family where survival, not intentional living, becomes the rule of the day. Choose carefully and wisely in terms of which commitments you make or allow your kids to make. You may find that your family gets greater joy out of doing fewer things with less pressure.
- 6. Failing to eat together.** Busy families often find that the family dinner table is the big loser when we get caught up in the rat race. But it's worth it to schedule 3-4 (or more) true family dinners each week where every member of the family is required to be around the table to spend time together and eat well. Statistics show that families who do this have happier, healthier kids and parents.
- 7. Screen time overload.** If you or your kids are spending more than an hour or so a day in front of a screen (TV, computer, video game, etc.), you're probably spending too much. Families who have major electronic addictions have higher rates of obesity and other health problems. Plus they're missing out on countless other worthwhile things like reading, outdoor play, games together, and great communication about things that truly matter.
- 8. Skipping church.** Make worship and family church activities a priority. This will pay greater dividends in the life of your family than anything else you can do. It will establish a good habit that will be important to their own spiritual growth and health long after they leave your care.
- 9. Hiring help for all the tough chores.** For busy suburban families, there's a great temptation to simplify things by hiring help for all major tasks: housecleaning, yard work, etc. But if your kids never have to pitch in to get these everyday jobs done, how will they ever know how to do them well or appreciate what goes into them? Do your kids a favor by reserving some key jobs for them that help them develop a work ethic and sense of responsibility. This can also be a great relief to your budget.
- 10. Comparing.** Doing so can create a host of other problems. For starters, you don't know if the family you're comparing yourselves to share your values and priorities, practical limitations, or budget. For those reasons, it makes more sense to set your own pace for life by intentionally choosing what's best for you and your family and not worrying too much about everyone else.

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



Sunday,
March 27

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Linda Allen; Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson; Rico Aristy; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Dozier; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Flowers; Lowell Flowers; Ms. Dally Fontaine; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber; Miss Jamie Granino; Mr. & Mrs. Errol Gower-Winter; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Santana Gunsby; Miss Natasha Ortiz; Miss Aliah Pendley; Mr. Jean Pierre-Louis; Mr. Moise Pierre-Louis; Mr. Anthony Puckett; Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Tammy Rayfield, Tanner & Gibson; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Reitano; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Miss Alex Romigh; Mr. Aaron Ross; and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Wayne Boone, Davenport, FL; Mrs. Ann Carter & Joan Palmer, Searcy, AR; Mr. & Mrs. Justin Collier & family, Durham, NC; Mrs. Barbara Hample, New London, CT; Ms. Joan Humphrey, Sebastian, FL; Ms. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Bethany Leslie, Orlando; Brad Lewis, Columbia, TN; Ms. Barbara McBride, Murphysboro, IL; Brent & Lindsey McPherson, Mason & Maddie, Nashville, TN; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; David Marzahn, Boca Raton, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jerrold Pedigo, Murfreesboro, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Miss Valerie Porter; Ms. Linda Reynolds, Rainbow City, AL; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons, Ashville, AL; Mr. & Mrs. David Thompson, Marion, IL; Jerry & Julia Tucker, New Kent, VA; Mr. Ron Wilkins, Pollock, LA; and Ms. Ann Marie Williams, Show Low, AZ.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (April 3rd)

Giselle Smith

Tuesday (April 5th)

Joycelyn Harriott
Elizabeth Summerlot

Thursday (April 7th)

Kristen Fuller
Lauren Fuller

Friday (April 8th)

Micky Affron
Jean Archer
Zula Garrett
Nadia King

Saturday (April 9th)

Regina Mayne



Dianne Frye and **Scott Lewis** both requested prayers on Sunday morning.

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, April 3

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer David Thorpe
Scripture Reading Phil Porter
Presiding at Table Ken Tipton
Serve at Table:
Henry Bass Paul Metzkes
Mike Damron Chris Thomas
Dick Kelley Mike Trujillo
Jeremy Maloney Marty Williams
Alternates:
Joe Maloney Scott Studer
Closing Prayer Glen Dawson

Sunday Evening, April 3

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Darin Summerlot
Scripture Reading Nate Nelson
Presiding at Table Ivan Villard, Jr.
Serve at Table:
Michael Fox
Doug Carrick
Jacade Reynolds
Closing Prayer Tom Martens

Wednesday Evening, April 6

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Invitation Chris Thomas
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 27	Feb. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	249	220
Sun. A.M. Worship	455	386
Sun. P.M. Worship	172	193
Wed. Bible Study	189	217
Contribution	\$14,647	\$15,052
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +10,665		

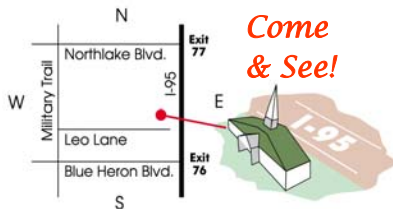
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Come & See!

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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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I will
GIVE THANKS
to the **LORD**
because of **HIS**
RIGHTEOUSNESS
Palm 7:17

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).