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**God,
Give Us
Christian Homes**

God, give us Christian homes!

Homes where the mother, in queenly quest,

Strives to show others Thy way is best,

Homes where the Lord is an honored guest!

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By Dan Jenkins

God Hardened Pharaoh’s Heart—What About Yours?

When one first reads those verses in Exodus about God hardening Pharaoh’s heart, he can so easily arrive at the conclusion that God forced Pharaoh to do wrong. He can decide that man does not have free will for God totally controls the will of man. Is it possible to reconcile these two concepts?

To answer that let me ask, “How does your heart feel toward the Fijian government’s plan to increase import duties on merchandise from the Cook Islands?” Is your heart hardened toward this? Is your heart tender toward such actions? The truth is that your heart is indifferent and neutral toward this.

Now consider Pharaoh’s heart toward God before Moses came to confront him. Was his heart “pro-God” or “anti-God”? It was neither. He had lived all of his life with a neutral heart toward God. This obviously changed once he met Moses. He was forced to take a position—either positive or negative toward God’s messenger.

Look carefully at those verses in Exodus. On two occasions before Moses ever confronted Pharaoh, God told Moses that He would harden the king’s heart (Ex. 4:21; 7:3). How did Pharaoh react when he saw Moses’ rod become a snake? He could no longer be neutral toward God, but when the Egyptian magicians duplicated what Moses did, “...the king’s heart grew

hard” (Ex. 7:13). When Pharaoh saw the plague of the frogs he told Moses to remove the plague, and he would release the Jews, “But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the Lord had said” (Ex. 8:15). God did not force Pharaoh. The king hardened his own heart when confronted by God.

The same reaction was seen after the plague of flies, for “...Pharaoh hardened his heart” (Ex. 8:32). It was the same after the death of the cattle (Ex. 9:12). Read carefully what was said after the plague of hail. “*He* sinned yet more; and *he* hardened *his* heart” (Ex. 9:34). Confronted by the miracles he saw, God indeed hardened the king’s heart (Ex. 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27), but it was *Pharaoh who made the decision!*

So, what about God hardening your heart? Before you first confronted the Lord in your life, you were neutral, but that confrontation forced you to make a decision—you had to make a decision. If your heart was hardened, it was done because the Lord’s gospel forced you to make a decision, but it was *you* who made the choice.

You can remain neutral about the Fijian/Cook Islands problem the rest of your life, for it does not involve your life. However, the response to the Lord’s teaching will either cause your heart to grow more tender or grow harder. God will force you to make that decision. *You cannot remain neutral!*

Men’s hearts are indifferent and neutral until it they are confronted by God



By David Sproule

Preachers, It Is Time!

Modern culture has created a mold for today’s preachers, and too many are allowing themselves to be poured right into it. On the one hand, preachers are being pushed in our society to be indistinct in their message (meaning, don’t be too specific about any particular doctrine or too pointed

about any particular requirements). In other words, preachers should be motivational speakers who make people feel good about who they are. On the other hand, preachers have become targets today, as our culture endeavors to seek and destroy anything associated with Christianity. If they can tar-and-feather or completely take down a preacher, it is a victory for them! Therefore, if any preacher tries to stand up and speak out, in a manner contrary to the wishes of our modern culture, he is placing a bull’s eye on his back.

Preachers, it is time to be what God intended you to be! God’s preachers are like Enoch, who faithfully walked with God! God’s preachers are like Noah, who stood up for and preached righteousness! God’s preachers are like Abraham, who taught by word and example the magnificent truth, “Jehovah-jireh.” God’s preachers are like Jacob, who loved his wife dearly and willingly sacrificed for her! God’s preachers are like Joseph, who wholly trusted God to see him through the hard times! God’s preachers are like Joshua, who clearly

defined the only two paths of life and urged the people to serve the Lord! God’s preachers are like Gideon, who used only the weapons specified by the Lord and nothing more! God’s preachers are like Jonathan, who understood that nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few! God’s preachers are like Shammah, who firmly took a stand and defended his ground! God’s preachers are like Elisha, who understood that those who are with us are more than those who are with them! God’s preachers are like Josiah, who restored the people back to God’s original plan! God’s preachers are like Ezekiel, who did not speak anything without first saying, “Thus saith the Lord!” God’s preachers are like Paul, who shirked not to preach the whole counsel of God! God’s preachers are like Epaphroditus, who hazarded his own life for the service of the Lord! God’s preachers are like Titus, who was mindful to provide all things honorable in the sight of God and the sight of men! God’s preachers are like Jesus, who did not speak on His own authority, but spoke only those things given to Him by God! Preachers, it is time!

Modern culture would love to discourage, discredit and destroy every preacher of the gospel today! Whether it is popular or not, whether it fits the mold or not, we need preachers who will preach the word, in season and out of season (2 Tim. 4:2)! Brothers, the church needs you! The lost world, although it doesn’t realize it, needs you! It is time!

We need preachers who will preach the word, in season and out of season



By Josh Blackmer

What This Mom Did Next Will Shock You!

Clickbait! You’ve all seen it while browsing the web or scrolling through Facebook. It is a tagline or a picture with just enough sensationalism and credibility to raise your curiosity and make you click. It is a technique used to generate revenue in advertising. Generally with clickbait, the information is not reliable. This kind of advertising has its roots in what is known as yellow journalism. These are publications that have no credible sources or information but rely on scandal and sensationalism to sell their papers. They are not concerned about reporting truth as much as selling a product.

The same is true in the great big world of religiosity. There are some who are more concerned about selling an idea, concept or product without being concerned if it is Biblical. Jesus was tested by many about His knowledge of Scripture during His time on Earth. One of the most notable instances was with a lawyer. “And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’” (Luke 10:25). The way Jesus answered was profound. “And He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?’” (Luke 10:26). The way Jesus would say that today is, “What does the Bible say, and what does it mean to you?” With all this religious confusion and sensationalism, it is not that we are reading differ-

ent messages. The reason for the difference is not what we are reading but how we are reading it.

This is not something unique to present day. It happened in the time of Christ (Luke 20:25), and it happened in the early church (2 Tim. 2:18). The only way around this is to compare the sum of what the Bible is saying with the message that is being taught. This is what the Bible has to say on the matter. “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God” (1 John 4:1-2). Testing someone to see if their message is Biblical is as easy as just comparing notes. Like what the Bereans did, “Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, along with a number of prominent Greek women and men” (Acts 17:11-12). The trick is not knowing every false doctrine that exists. The trick is knowing the gospel really well.

Don’t be fooled by sensationalism, fad books or dubious Biblical rhetoric. Search and know for yourself. Comparing what you hear with the Bible is not judging but rather being responsible with the gift of the Gospel.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The last word of the Bible

Without looking, do you know what the last word in the Bible is? If not, what would you guess? No, it is not, “The End”! If it helps, it is also the last word in the books of Romans, First Corinthians, Galatians, Second Peter and Jude. God closes His inspired revelation with this word—“Amen.” Think about that.

The English word “amen” comes from the Greek word *amen*, which appears 152 times in the Greek New Testament. It is translated “amen” 50 times, and most of the other occurrences are translated “verily” (KJV/ASV), “assuredly” (NKJV) or “truly” (NASB/ESV). The word “amen” simply means, “so be it.” It acknowledges that which is certain and true.

So, the last word in your Bible is “Amen.” The Bible tells of God’s amazing love and the grace that He extends toward us through our Lord Jesus Christ. He promises to save us from our sins and give us eternal victory in heaven. How else would you end such a book? “So be it!” – DS



Got dirt?

Have you ever met a professional “digger”? What about a “burier”? What do I mean by that? Have you ever met someone who loved—just absolutely and almost instinctively loved—to dig up dirt on other people? Just the slightest hint of a person’s indiscretion and there are certain individuals who will whip out the shovel (or even a backhoe) and see how much they can find. On the other side are the “buriers,” who are quick to cover up the indiscretions of others.

So, as a Christian, which implement should I care in my toolbox? The book of Proverbs has much to say about “talebearers,” “whisperers” and one who “reveals secrets” or “repeats a matter.” These individuals are often compared with “fools” and contrasted with the “faithful.”

As a Christian, I must “not rejoice in iniquity” (1 Cor. 13:6)! A brother’s sin is not opportunity for me to find delight, to dig, to “speak evil of” (Tit. 3:2) or to say “things” I “ought not” (1 Tim. 5:13). Rather, in “all humility” (Tit. 3:2), my words must be “good for building up” (Eph. 4:29). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	recovering from outpatient hip procedure
Sarah Collier	Palms West (room 265), recovering from surgery
Shelton Howell	recovering from colon cancer surgery
Ruth Milton	recovering from hip procedure, begins rehab soon
June Pack	recovering from broken foot
Connye Plouffe	recovering from severe head injury, slowly improving
David Thorpe	bronchitis and breathing issues



Jimmie Banks upon the passing of **his sister, Corey Banks**, on Wednesday evening in Tennessee.

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
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Don & Betty Matter
Cora Lee Dennis	Deidra Miley
Helen Gardner	Godfrey Pratt
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Joe Quigley
Shelton Howell	Ricky Smedley
Daniel Johnson	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Francisco Alvarenga	Douglas Alvarenga's father, recovering from heart surgery
Luke Bulyca	Julie Trujillo's brother, ongoing struggles
Debbie McKendrick	Johnny & Betty Davis' niece, awaiting test results
Joel McLeod	Dan & Luann McLeod's son, recovering from head surgery
Jermaine Martin	Shantal Martin's husband, recovering from knee surgery
Diana Noel	Bonnie Arthur's daughter, diagnosed with breast cancer
Chantel Peters	Maria Hackshaw's cousin, critical condition, leukemia
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo for cancer
James Terry	Chuck Reeves' son-in-law, undergoing medical testing

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, May 8

- ♦ **Eric Lyons Will Be Speaking Sunday Morning.** Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, May 9

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

Tuesday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 15

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Tuesday, May 17

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

Thursday, May 19

- ♦ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Johnny & Betty Davis.

Friday, May 20

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Paul & Lisa Metzkes.

Saturday, May 21

- ♦ **Fish Fry at CFBC** from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (age 5 & under). See the bulletin board for more details.

Thursday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 28

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to help prepare decorations.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Tuesday, May 10

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

Friday, May 13

- ♦ **YA & Sr. High Guys' Hangout** from 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. at the home of Josh Blackmer. If you plan to stay the night, come prepared. Bring drinks & XBOX One games. Food will be provided.

Saturday, May 14

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, May 21

- ♦ **Young Adult Picnic.** Location TBD.

Saturday, May 28

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, May 8

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

Friday, May 13

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout** from 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. at the home of Josh Blackmer. If you plan to stay the night, come prepared. Bring drinks & XBOX One games. Food will be provided.

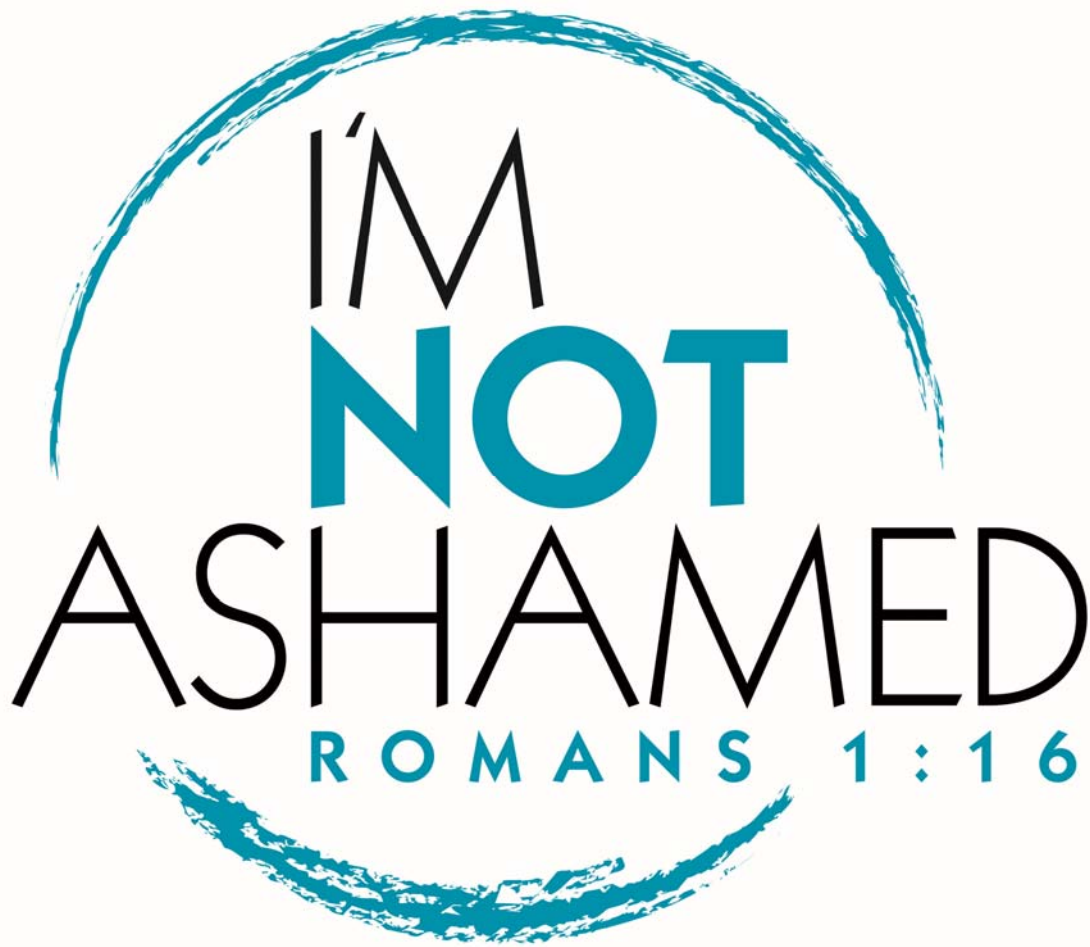
Saturday, May 14

- ♦ **Jr. High Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. at Bradley Park in Palm Beach (Sunset Avenue). Bring your bike and lunch. Bike rentals are available at 223 Sunrise Avenue. See Ivan, Amber or Sarah for more details.

Friday, May 20

- ♦ **Sr. High Spring Formal** at 6:30 p.m. at the Palm Beach Zoo. Formal attire is required. Cost is \$35 per person. RSVP to Josh Blackmer by May 15.

MAY:



To Stand for Truth

May 1	Troy Spradlin Mission Report "Mission Work in Paraguay"	<i>Standing for Truth</i>
May 6-7	ET for Youth with Eric Lyons "Is the Bible Reliable?"	<i>Standing for Truth</i>
May 15, 22, 29	Sunday Morning Bible Classes "Answering Bible Questions"	<i>Standing for Truth</i>

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



Sunday,
May 1

To the Church,

Thank you so much for your many prayers and for your lovely cards and visits. May God bless you all. I don't know what I would do without you.

Love,
Bonnie Arthur

P.S. Thank you for your prayers for Diana. She needs them. Her address is Diana Noel; 12797 NE 210th St. Rd; Fort McCoy, FL 32134.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson; Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Lori Armstrong; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Mr. Jean Charles; Miss Carmen Dussard; Mrs. Haischer Fernandez; Mr. Lowell Flowers; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Flowers; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber; Mr. & Mrs. Errol Gower-Winter; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Rebecca Huffman; Ms. Vida Joseph; Mrs. Kathy Kelley; John Loftis; Randy McKinley; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mann; Ms. Jenetta Meister; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Ms. Carroll Moses; Miss Aliah Pendley; Mrs. Sharon Reitz; Aaron Ross; and Miss Camele Sinclair.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Preston Bates, Ft. Worth, TX; Ms. Ashley Brooks, Phoenix, AZ; Mrs. Susan Canty, Jacksonville, FL; Mrs. Carol Coston, Orange Park, FL; Aaron Cozart, Fontana, CA; Holt Hamilton, Port St. Lucie; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Charles, Patricia & Cara Kato, Chattanooga, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Romigh, Dothan, AL; Troy & Andrea Spradlin, Asuncion, Paraguay; and Dustin & Katie Wear, Port St. Lucie, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (May 8th)

Jacqui Jenkins
Valerie MacDougal
Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Jackie Stout

Tuesday (May 9th)

Leigh Puckett

Thursday (May 12th)

Cathy Seay

Thursday (May 12th) cont.

Brianna Solis

Friday (May 13th)

June Pack
Susan Reynolds

Saturday (May 14th)

Mattie Cox
Carolyn Cullom
Judy Lerro

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, May 8

Lead Singing David Sproule
Opening Prayer Bob Higbee
Scripture Reading Freddie Gadson
Presiding at Table Brad Shelt
Serve at Table:
Tim Cox Brent Leslie
Namddie Ikon Lynn Parker
Jonathan Jordan Daniel Wagner
Jeremy Maloney Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Richard Lerro Phil Porter
Closing Prayer Paul Hensel

Sunday Evening, May 8

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Jerry Pittman
Scripture Reading Marty Williams
Presiding at Table David Thorpe
Serve at Table:
John Kemp
Bobbo Lupo
Micah Trujillo
Closing Prayer David Lord

Wednesday Evening, May 11

Lead Singing Shea Brown
Invitation Kane Campbell
Family Prayer Dan Fuller

Our Record

Attendance	May 1	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	252	230
Sun. A.M. Worship	371	366
Sun. P.M. Worship	171	180
Wed. Bible Study	172	197
Contribution	\$16,425	\$16,451
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +19,699		

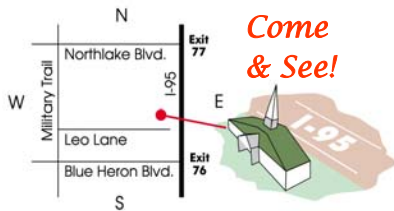
Ushers for week of **May 8**: Head Usher: Kane Campbell; Charles Hayes & Tommy Pauldo



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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.

Front Cover: **Loni Fuller & Pat Brown**



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.

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).