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Joey Treat Mission Report

Sunday, Sept. 11







New Bible Classes

Begin Sept. 25

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By Dan Jenkins

Words Wise Men Should Not Use

Solomon is often called the wisest man in the Bible. As a youth, he asked God to give him wisdom, and our amazing God answered his prayer abundantly. "All the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart" (1 Kings 10:24). If we want to share in this wis-

dom from heaven, we must spend time meditating on the words of this wise king. Look at these four times Divine wisdom says we should not talk. Here are four

Do not talk about helping someone tomorrow when you can help today. Solomon said, "Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come back, and tomorrow I will give it,' when you have it with you" (Prov. 3:28). There are times when you may have to wait about helping another, but Solomon says help a person today if you can.

The context of these words have to do with benevolence, but the principle applies to many situation in our lives. If others ask us for spiritual help, we need to help them today! They may not come back to ask again when we do not eagerly show our willingness to help immediately.

Do not say that you will "settle the score" with a person who has wronged you. "Do not say, 'I will recompense evil'; wait for the Lord, and He will save you" (Prov. 20:22). One truth taught repeatedly in the Bible is that no one will ever get away with doing evil. Paul says it this way, "God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Gal. 6:7). How can you turn the other cheek? How can you give food and drink to an enemy? It's very simple. Vengeance belongs to the Lord, and He will always repay (Rom. 12:19). There is no need for us to preempt God.

Do not say that you will treat others the way they are treating you. Listen to Solomon again. "Do not say, 'I will do to him just as he has done to me, I will sentences which render to the man according to his work" (Prov. 24:29). These words are diametrically opposed to the "Golden Rule" given by Jesus. Treating others like they treat you is a message from Satan. We live by a much higher rule, putting ourselves in their place.

Do not say that the past is better than the present.

Solomon said, "Do not say, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For you do not inquire wisely concerning this" (Ecc. 7:10). It is not wrong to remember the past, but it is foolish to live in the past. Things are always changing, and while some things in the past seem better, we must live in the present world.

Do you want to be wise like Solomon? Then take time to read what he wrote. Make his words the words which rule your life. Sometimes we talk too much!



As Loyal to Your Church As to Your Political Party?

Have you ever

put "what you've

under the

microscope?

the wisest man

says we must

not say!

Political party loyalty is an amazingly personal matter, and it is so ingrained in people that most will vote for their party's candidate regardless of who the person is. There have actually been occasions when voters knowingly voted for a dead man because of their unwavering allegiance to their party.

Some would never consider leaving their party because it has been the party of their family going back for generations. Some would never even listen to the other side because they have made significant personal and financial contributions to their own party. For many, their political party is all they have ever always believed" known—they "grew up" in that party—and so they are committed to it regardless of any information that is presented to them, any knowledge that they acquire, or any obvious truths that come to light.

This article is NOT about politics. It is NOT about your political party. It is NOT about your devotion to your political party or how you vote. The first paragraph is to set the foundation and illustrate a point for the rest of this article.

Loyalty to one's religious group or church is an amazingly personal matter, and it is so ingrained in people that many would never even consider leaving their group. There have actually been religious leaders who have been proven to be fakes, frauds and even felons, but there were some followers who remained constant, no matter what. Some would never consider leaving their religious group because it has been their family's church going back for generations. Some would never even listen to opposing points of view because they have made significant personal and financial contributions to their own church. For many, their religious group is all they have ever known—they "grew up" in that church—and so they

> are committed to it regardless of any information that is presented to them, any knowledge that they acquire, or any obvious truths that come to light.

> Would you take a moment and ask yourself, "Does that describe me?" Have you ever examined your belief system? Have you ever scrutinized the origin, foundation and doctrines of your religious group? Have you ever put "what you've always been

taught" and "what you've always believed" under the microscope of God's Word? Have you ever put it all to the "test," to "see whether they are from God" (1 John 4:1)?

I know, I know. There are two topics that you never discuss in polite company—politics and religion. And I've hit them both in this article. But, there's a big difference. One of these topics has NO bearing on the eternal destiny of my soul and one of these topics has ALL bearing on the eternal destiny of my soul. I'd better make sure I'm in the right place!



By Josh Blackmer

Jesus' Spittle

"Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue with the saliva; and looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, He said to him, 'Ephphatha!' that is, 'Be opened!' and his ears were opened, and the impediment of

his tongue was removed, and he began speaking plainly" (Mark 7:32-35). "Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on So, what appears other Jewish tradition. This tradition states that if a his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, 'Do you see anything?' and he looked up and said, 'I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around.' Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly" (Mark 8:23-25). "When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of

the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing" (John 9:6-7).

Why is Jesus spitting on people? This is not something that we would do today. Most people would rub an oil on it and call it good. Jesus uses spit. Spitting on someone is clearly offensive (Matt. 26:67; 27:30). Why would Jesus use spit when on other occasions He healed people just by speaking?

During that time, spit was considered to have healing properties, especially for blindness. The Jews wrote of it in the Palestinian Talmud (collection of Jewish traditions), and Pliny (61-113 A.D.) wrote about it in his Historia Naturalis. The Gentile and Jew alike attested to the healing powers of saliva. Jesus could have used that common belief to aid in the healing aspect of the miracle and to create in the person receiving the healing a certain expectation of being healed.

A more likely possibility has to do with anbirthright is contested, with more than one man to be a strange claiming to be the firstborn, then a test was given. practice is more The one whose saliva healed someone first would be of a testimony of considered the firstborn son. In turn, this suggested that the spit of the firstborn son was the most potent in its healing properties. So, when this is laid beside

> John chapters 8 and 9, we see a larger picture unfolding. In John 8, Jesus is nearly stoned when He asserts that He is the Son of God and God Himself. The events of chapter 9 seem to be a continuation of chapter 8. Jesus said that the healing of the blind man was to glorify God (9:3-5). By healing this man, He showed again that He was sent by God and that God had sent His firstborn son. So, what appears to be a strange practice is more of a testimony to the authority that God had given Him. Jesus was masterful at using the moments and opportunities presented to Him to teach great truth.

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authority.

Hiding fire inside your shirt—Not a good idea!

If you tried to carry an ice cream cone inside your shirt, how do you think that would work out? Definitely not well, and it would make a huge mess. What about if you tried to carry fire inside your shirt? How do you think that would work out? That may seem like a silly question, but there are too many who are doing just that and do not realize they are being consumed!

In a very explicit warning to abstain from all sexual temptations outside of marriage, the Lord posts this high alert: "Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

Can one walk on hot coals, and his feet not be seared? So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; whoever touches her shall not be innocent" (Prov. 6:27-29).

The "lust" and "allure" (6:25) that drives one's sexual passions is a fire that burns (cf. 1 Cor. 7:9). To allow that fire into one's heart is to set oneself ablaze with a craving that is extremely hard to control. Brothers, we cannot afford to let even a spark into our "bosom"! - DS

The gospel is for all!

Do you really believe that God loves all people? Well, He does (John 3:16)! Do you really believe that God sent Jesus to die for all people? Well, He did (Heb. 2:9)! Do you really believe that God wants all people to be saved? Well, He does (1 Tim. 2:4)! Do you really believe that the gospel is for all people? Well, it is (Rom. 1:16)! Do you really believe that God com-

mands all people to believe in Jesus? Well, He does (Acts 16:31)! Do you really believe that God commands all people to repent of their sins? Well, He does (Acts 17:30)! Do you really believe that God commands all people to be baptized for the remission of their sins? Well, He does (Acts 2:38)!

To my brothers and sisters in Christ, here's the point. Undoubtedly, you really believe all of these truths. So, let me ask this. Do you really believe that God has sent each of us to teach the gospel to all people? Well, He did (Mark 16:15-16)! "Where sin has gone must go His grace! The gospel is for all!"

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Sharon Feeney awaiting lumbar spine surgery

Patricia Hackshaw having a lot of health problems

Charles Hayes now at home and is undergoing tests

Robyn Landen recovering at home after suffering a mild stroke

Deidra Miley awaiting kidney surgery, will see a surgeon on Sept. 27

Silas Moses recovering at home, not doing well

Norm Smedley Jupiter Medical Center (room 314), infection in his leg

Willie Smith dealing with severe pain

Patricia Ventress recovering from a heart procedure

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Bernice Griffin Jennifer Goodale's grandmother, hospital w/ pancreatitis

Roy Hamalainen Leslie Williams' father, recovering from heart surgery

Babs Lee Bonnie Quigley's sister, recovering from hip replacement

Gail Livergood Steven Livergood's mother, recovering from cancer surg.

Clara Medina Carolina Medina's sister, remains in the hospital

Rocky Meess Micky Affron's father, recovering from a stroke

Thomas Moore Palm Beach Rehab, recovering from throat cancer surgery

David Porter Phil Porter's father, remains in the hospital, improving

Delores Sims Jimmie Banks' mother, broken leg, cancer surgery (9/27)

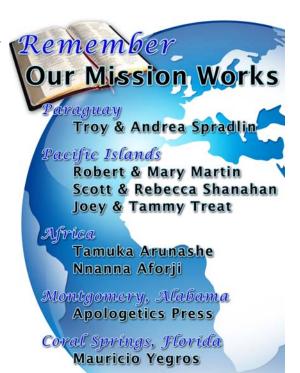
Mariam Wagenknecht Dick Kelley's sister, under Hospice Care

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames Daniel Johnson

Cora Lee Dennis Don & Betty Matter

Helen Gardner Deidra Miley
Margie Hardin Godfrey Pratt
Loretta Holaday Leigh Puckett
Shelton Howell Ricky Smedley



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, September 11

- Joey Treat Mission Report at 9:00 a.m. 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, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 15

 Family Group 4 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jim & Jo Ann Rogers.

Saturday, September 17

Widows & Widowers Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until
 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

Sunday, September 18

EDP Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20

• Family Group 3 Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier. Bring drinks or something that goes with ice cream. Please do not bring ice cream.

Friday, September 23

Strengthening Our Homes & Marriages Seminar with David Shannon.

7:00 p.m. What Families Believe Shape Who They
Are and What They Do

7:45 p.m. They Don't Think Like Me: Understanding Your Spouse

Saturday, September 24

- South Florida Men's Fellowship with David Shannon from 8:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. RSVP to David Sproule.
- PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Connie Tipton. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.



Monday, September 12

 Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Julie Trujillo. Brings toppings for taco salad, desserts and drinks. See Rachel Fuller for details.

Sunday, September 18

• Young Adult Meeting after evening worship in Adult 3.

Friday, September 30

- Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.
- Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Julie Trujillo.

Saturday, October 1

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod. See Shea Brown for details.

Monday, October 3

Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. See Rachel Fuller for more details.



Sunday, September 11

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

Thursday-Sunday, September 15-18

RUSH Weekend at FHU for Sr. High Youth. Cost is \$45.
 See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, September 17

 Jr. High Mini-Golf. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Friday-Sunday, September 23-25

Live Saved Weekend at CFBC. This year's theme is "I'm
 a Christian...Now What?" Cost is \$45 per person. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, September 25

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

New Bible Class Semester (for All Ages) Begins Sept. 25

Adults, Sr. High & Jr. High (1st 10 Weeks)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M. (Sept. 25-Nov. 27)

Auditorium	Romans (Part 1)	David Sproule
Adult 1	From Prodigal to Priest	Dan McLeod
Adult 2	The Christian Family	Dan Fuller
Adult 3	Young Adults: How We Got the Bible	Josh Blackmer
Sr. High	Sr. High: The Church of Christ	Kirk Crews
Jr. High	Jr. High: Israel's Restoration	Jacade Reynolds



Auditorium	1 Samuel	Josh Blackmer
Adult 1	Leadership Development in the Church	Dan Jenkins
Adult 3	Worship: More Than a Feeling	D. Alvarenga
Adult 2	Ladies: The Fruit of the Spirit	Cara Blackmer
Sr. High	Sr. High: Happy Christian Living	TBD
Jr. High	Jr. High Girls: Everyday Princess	YA Ladies
	Jr. High Guys: Leading in Worship	David Sproule



"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

Ages 0-2

Cradle Roll

God Created Everything

Giselle Smith

Toddlers & Age 2

The Life of Moses

Emily Tyson

Stepping into the Bible for Age 3 thru Grade 5 (Sept. 15-Feb. 8)

STEPPING BLE	Jesus Teaches About the Church	Jesus Teaches About Serving	How Jesus Treated People	Saving the Lost	Jesus & Obedience
Session 1 <i>Sept. 25-Oct. 19</i>	Grades 4-5 David Lord	Ages 3-4 Trish Clark		K & Grade 1 Amber Villard	Grades 2 & 3 Jennifer Higbee
Session 2 Oct. 23-Nov. 16	Grades 2 & 3 Lisa Metzkes	Grades 4-5 Paul Metzkes	Ages 3-4 <i>Mendy Crews</i>		K & Grade 1 Angie & Samantha
Session 3 Nov. 20-Dec. 14	K & Grade 1 Angie & Samantha	Grades 2 & 3 Lisa Metzkes	Grades 4-5 Paul Metzkes	Ages 3-4 <i>Mendy Crews</i>	
Session 4 Dec. 18-Jan. 11		K & Grade 1 Angie & Samantha	Grades 2 & 3 Lisa Metzkes	Grades 4-5 Paul Metzkes	Ages 3-4 <i>Mendy Crews</i>
Session 5 Jan. 15-Feb. 8	Ages 3-4 Cara Blackmer		K & Grade 1 A. Puckett	Grades 2 & 3 Julie Trujillo	Grades 4-5 TBD

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



Congratulations to Mike & Tasha Ellis upon the birth of their granddaughter, Lilliana Mai, born to Matt & Olivia Ellis on Wednesday, September 7. She weighed 7 lbs.



Sunday, September 4

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Rosa Charles; Mrs. Ava Dexter; Ms. Aisha Fernandez; Tom Garrison; Miss Jamie Granino; Ms. Rashana Green; John Judd; Ms. Janie Murphy; Miss Kelly Rabbitt; Mrs. Ann Marie Robinson; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons; Ms. Camele Sinclair; Miss Emma Teed; Jonas Watkins; and Ms. Machelle Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Lisa Chamberlain, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Ronald & Denise Mills, Ft. Pierce, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Mary Taylor, Rockledge, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Leon & Marie Weeks, Valdosta, GA; and Mrs. Helena Yegros Byrn, Livonia, MI.

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank all those who wished me well during my recent surgery. Thank you for the visits, cards, food and help. I just loved seeing your loving faces. Thank God for all of you at PBL.

> Love, Maurine Reed

There is also a letter from Don & Carol Dodd on the bulletin board in the lobby.



Sunday (Sept. 11th) Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss (Ann.) Ruth Milton

Monday (Sept. 12th) Michell Castonguay **Darin Summerlot**

Wednesday (Sept. 14th) Josh Blackmer

Thursday (Sept. 15th)

Friday (Sept. 16th) Justilien & Adelene Honore (Ann.)

Peggy Hall

Saturday (Sept. 17th) Mike Ellis

Bobbo Lupo Lisa Metzkes

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 9:45 a.m. If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:45 p.m.

Su

unday Morning, September 11				
Lead Singing	Gary Friedly			
Opening Prayer	Gary Jenkins			
Scripture Reading	Justin Maloney			
Presiding at Table	Phil Porter			
Serve at Table:				
Jordan Beasley	Scott Lewis			
Josiah Blackmer	Jacade Reynolds			
Cam Crotts	Shaun Tyson			
Eddie Gooden	Lawrence Williams			
Alternates:				
David Brown	Bobbo Lupo			

Closing PrayerTom Martens

Sunday Evening, September 11

Lead SingingJerry I	Pittman
Opening Prayer Bob	Higbee
Scripture Reading Kevin	Weeks
Presiding at TableGlen [Dawson
Harrison Carter	
Dick Kelley	
Clayton Trujillo	
Closing PrayerJosh Bl	ackmer
Wednesday Evening, September 1	4
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InvitationMicah	Trujillo
Family PrayerIvar	า Villard

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Sep. 4</u>	Aug. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	280	245
Sun. A.M. Worshi	391	364
Sun. P.M. Worship	193	190
Wed. Bible Study	216	197
Contribution \$	16,956	\$15,317

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Ushers for week of Sept. 11 Head Usher: TBD; Bobby Ingraham & Tim Mahlbacher



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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes...........9:00 a.m. Worship10:00 a.m. Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible classes7:00 p.m.

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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).

