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By Dan Jenkins

## “Herod, it IS lawful for you to have her”

The unlawful marriage of Herod was the reason for the death of John the Baptist. The king had taken the wife of his brother, and the forerunner of Jesus could not remain silent. His message was clear and simple, “Herod, it is not lawful for you to have her.”

The death of John the Baptist occurred less than two years before the crucifixion of Jesus. A careful study of this event will help us have greater insight into what the Bible teaches. There are two concepts which are widely believed and which are shown to be wrong by the teachings of John.

**Moses did not allow divorce for every cause.** This idea was a popular view in the time of Jesus. When Jesus said, “It has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce’” (Matt. 5:32), He was contrasting what He said with what the Jewish leaders were saying. It was not a contrast with what Moses taught. A study of Deuteronomy chapter 24 will show that Moses did not allow a man to put away his wife for every cause.

If such were the case, then John was wrong. If God allowed divorce for every cause, then John was wrong in calling Herod’s marriage a violation of the will of God. John should have said, “It IS lawful for you to have her.”

**Baptism cannot change an unlawful marriage into one that is lawful.** Some teach that when one is baptized whatever person they are married to at that time immediately becomes their mate. There was no need for John to tell the king that his marriage was wrong. He should have taught him to be baptized for the remission of his sins (Mark 1:4), and the moment he came up out of the water the situation was changed. Before the king’s baptism, Herodias was the wife of Philip, but at his baptism she no longer was the wife of Philip but the wife of Herod.

John could also have taught Herod that while she is not your wife (even though you had married her—Mark 6:17), just wait a little over a year until Pentecost and your baptism then will change your adultery into a holy marriage.

A few years ago, I was in a meeting in Mississippi where the elders were about to withdraw from a sister who had an unscriptural marriage. When she understood that the elders’ teaching was that one’s baptism would make adultery become a marriage, she came forward and told the church she did not understand her baptism years ago. She wanted to become a Christian now by being baptized. It presented a crisis for those elders and for all those who think baptism makes it lawful for Herod (or anyone) to keep another man’s wife. It is not that hard to understand.

**Some wrongly teach that John should have said, “It IS lawful for you to have her.”**



By David Sproule

## “Life in His Name”

The magnificent gospel recorded by John comes to its climax and states its purpose at the end of chapter 20. John penned this gospel account in order to prove to his readers that “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,” and to elicit a response of faith-filled obedience (John 20:30-31). His ultimate desire for his readers was that through “believing [they] may have life in His name.” What an interesting way to say that! “Life” is available to those who believe, but only “in His name.” What does that mean?

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**First, note that life is available exclusively “in His name.”** No one could read this passage and reasonably argue that life could be obtained any other way than “in His name.” Thus, once we understand the Scriptural use of “in His name,” we will have heaven’s exclusive path to “life.”

**“Life” is tied to doing all things “in His name.”** Paul wrote to the church at Colosse, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all **in the name of** the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Col. 3:17). In its twin epistle, Paul wrote again, “...giving thanks always for all things to God the Father **in the name of** our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 5:20). Doing all things “in His name” is essential to secure “life”!

**“Life” is tied to preaching “in His name.”** In His Great

Commission, Jesus instructed that “repentance and remission of sins should be preached **in His name** to all nations” (Luke 24:47). So that is exactly what we find all of the apostles doing in the book of Acts, as they “taught,” “spoke” and “preached boldly” **“in the name of Jesus”** (4:18; 5:40; 9:27, 29). Preaching God’s Word “in His name” is essential to secure “life”!

**“Life” is tied to believing “in His name.”** The apostle John wrote of the necessity to “believe **in His name**” (John 1:12; 2:23; 3:18). Then we find this wonderful verse in his first epistle, “These things I have written to you who believe **in the name of** the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13). Believing “in His name” is essential to secure “life”!

**“Life” is tied to being baptized “in His name.”** While some folks today would never tie “life” to “baptism,” Scripture makes it abundantly clear that God does. The book of Acts records the command of God to be “baptized **in the name of** Jesus Christ” (2:38; 10:48), and supplies the examples of those who were “baptized **in the name of** the Lord Jesus” (8:16; 19:5). Further New Testament evidence shows that identity with Christ is tied to being “baptized **in the name of**” Christ (1 Cor. 1:13). Being baptized “in His name” is essential to secure “life”!

Do you have “life in His name”? There is one Biblical way to secure it! Follow His plan and it will be yours!

**“Life” is available only “in His name”!**



By Josh Blackmer

## The Way of the Cross Leads Home

When the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he wrote to a congregation that needed to get back on track. There was division, false teaching and sexual immorality. They needed to get centered and focused.

Many of us are like that. It seems that we are prone to “major in minors” and to forget the most important things. It is easy to get distracted by what seems so important in the moment. When Paul addressed the problem of cohesion he asked this question, “Is Christ divided?” (1 Cor. 1:13). In order to deal effectively with this situation, as well as the other problems, he put before them his attitude toward his work and the work of the church. He said, “For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:2). He uses the cross as a focal point and centering idea. There are many things that we should give our attention to, but they should be secondary to the message of the cross. The Corinthians were caught up in the mundane things of the world and were becoming like the world. They bickered about who they were baptized by (1 Cor. 1:12). So childish in comparison to the overall message of the cross.

Why should we center our minds and hearts on

“Christ, and Him crucified”? A proper understanding and realization of the message of the cross will always help us to focus on the things that matter most. How can we stand at the foot of the cross and not realize heaven’s love for each of us? “For God so loved the world” (John 3:16). How can we be self-centered in light of such sacrifice? “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5). How can we fail to “comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor. 1:4). How can we fail to love and build relationships with all who stand at the foot of the cross? “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you” (John 15:12).

**Look to the cross and focus on what really matters.**

Love took our Lord to this ultimate act of obedience. Centering our hearts and minds on the cross can have a transforming effect in the moment of contention or despair. The crucified Christ was the ultimate goal of heaven in the plan for our redemption. Look to the cross, center your mind on it and focus on what really matters. Not those things that have distracted you. Not the heat of an argument or the feeling of being defrauded in some way. The cross can help us maintain focus and perspective in the moment and over a lifetime. Paul said, “That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead” (Phil. 3:10-11).

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### “Do you love Me?”

Can you imagine Jesus looking in your eyes and asking you, “Do you love Me?” Oh, what a captivating experience that would be! What a rush of emotions would fill your soul! How would you respond? After gathering ourselves together, most of us would probably respond something like Peter did, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You” (John 21:15-17).

But, how would Jesus “know” that? Other than being omniscient (i.e., knowing all), are we giving Him any indication that we love Him? In our inter-personal relationships, John urges, “Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18). Isn’t that the same way that Jesus could know of our love for Him—through our actions?

Multiple times on the night of His betrayal Jesus tied inseparably one’s love for Him with keeping His commandments. Take time and read John 14:15, 21, 23, 24, 31; 15:10. Imagine Jesus were to ask you, “Do you love Me?” Would there be any evidence? – DS



### What kind are you?

There are all kinds of people in this world! Let me ask you, “What kind are you?” Specifically, what kind of neighbor are you? What kind of employee are you? What kind of citizen are you? What kind of customer are you? What kind of sports fan are you? What kind of student are you? What kind of boss are you? What kind of friend are you? What kind of husband/wife/ father/mother/son/daughter/sibling are you? What kind of church member are you?

Jesus said, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9). When someone sees you (in your various roles and responsibilities), who do they see? Do they see someone who is bitter, heartless, thankless, self-centered, rude, arrogant, foul-mouthed or worldly-minded? Or, do they see Jesus? They looked at Jesus and saw the Father! Who do people see in you?

Read through those questions in the first paragraph again. Does someone encounter Jesus when they encounter you? Would it surprise them to find out you are a follower of Jesus? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Sharon Feeney</b>	dealing with severe back issues
<b>Judie Jenkins</b>	recovering from foot surgery
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	Lourdes-Noreen McKeen (room 208), limited visitors
<b>Charles Norton</b>	PBG Medical Center, recovering from stent procedure
<b>Tommy Pauldo</b>	ICU at Kindred Hospital (NO visitors), serious condition
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	recovering at home from back surgery
<b>Jo Ann Rogers</b>	recovering at home but still very weak
<b>Connie Tipton</b>	recovering from a fall, doing okay

### Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Annie Faison</b>	suffering with chronic pain
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

<b>Our Shut-Ins:</b>	Cora Lee Dennis	Janet Hickerson	Daniel Johnson	Godfrey Pratt
	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Don & Betty Matter	Leigh Puckett
Millie Ames	Margie Hardin	Shelton Howell	Deidra Miley	Ricky Smedley

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Prescolita Clough</b>	Marcia Clough-Moss' mother, still in the hospital
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Medina's sister, still in the hospital
<b>Ennis Mitchell</b>	Kay Richardson's brother, stage 4 cancer
<b>Winford Slone</b>	Betty Sanders' brother, recovering at home from strokes
<b>Ricky Smith</b>	Willie Smith's brother, recovering from surgery

*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, November 20

- ♦ **Baby Shower for Ivan & Amber Villard** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Buy Buy Baby and Pottery Barn. *It's a boy!*

## Monday, November 21

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

## Tuesday, November 22

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

## Wednesday, November 23

- ♦ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

## Tuesday, November 29

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

## Sunday, December 4

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

## Thursday, December 8

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or a drink. Please bring an ornament to exchange. See Traci for more details.

## Saturday, December 10

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by the Arlington church of Christ in Jacksonville** at 10:00 a.m. Former member, Pearl El, will be one of the speakers. To RSVP, call 904-743-4833. See the bulletin board for more details.

## Sunday, December 11

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

## Saturday, December 31

- ♦ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. Bring finger foods and drinks to enjoy.

## Sunday, January 1

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

*Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*  
**Young Adults**

## Sunday, November 20

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

## Friday, December 2

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

## Saturday, December 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Shea Brown for details.

## Sunday, December 18

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

## Saturday, January 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Shea Brown for details.

## Sunday, January 15

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



*Palm Beach Lakes*  
**Youth**

## Sunday, November 27

- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship on the church property. Bring drinks and chairs.

## Friday, December 2

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

## Saturday, December 3

- ♦ **Young Families' Holiday Party** at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. Bring a gender neutral gift and a donation to help with food and craft costs. All families with children in 5th grade and under are invited. See Hollie Crofts for more details.
- ♦ **Jr. High Holiday Party hosted by 55+ Members.** See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

## Sunday, December 11

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

# December 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 ☆ Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout b Pat Brown b Steward Lynch	3 ☆ Young Families' Holiday Party ☆ Jr. High Holiday Party
4 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Sandra Daniels b Guadalupe Tipton	5 b Janice Osborne	6 b Cara Blackmer b Clayton Trujillo	7 b Jeannie Buonadonna b Deltom Lequernaqué b Clayton Parnell	8 ☆ Ladies' Soup Supper b Harriet Morris	9 a Michael & Jean Archer b Lawrence D. Richardson	10 ☆ Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by the Arlington church of Christ b Carolina Medina
11 ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Tasha Ellis	12 a DeAndre & Lovetta Harmon b Charlene Knowles b Jo Ann Rogers b Tyrone Toson	13 a Kevin & Stephanie Weeks	14 b Tim Fry b Patricia Hackshaw b Kelly Hall b Daisy Lord b Juliette Mauvais	15	16	17 ☆ Sr. High Holiday Party
18 ☆ Young Adult Meeting a Ted & Karen Friesner a Rick & Melinda Price	19 a Victor & Sandy Colage b Mary Quinn b Angie Seames b Brittany Thompson	20 b Eugene Williams	21 b Casey Byerly b Chris Thomas	22	23 a Sam & Peggy Simpkins b Kinney Dozier b David Lord b Troy Spradlin	24
25	26 b Kim Hensel	27 a Benny & Sarah Rodgers	28 b Dick Kelley b Ken Tipton b Marie Watson	29 a Vince & Lovella Rogers a Ricky & Sarah Smedley b Linda Coe b Teresa Williams	30 ☆ Sr. High Lock-In	31 ☆ New Year's Eve Gathering

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



Sunday,  
November 13

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Andy Anderson; Ms. Gail Archer; Mr. Greg Bland; Ms. Lucy Bond; Ms. Rosa Charles; Miss Aisha Fernandez; Mr. & Mrs. Brett & Vera Gray; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; John Loftis; Ms. Janie Murphy; Mr. Angel Santiago; Mr. Kyle Sink; and Morris Williams.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mrs. Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO  
Ms. Susan Hinrichs & Alice Brandon, Melbourne, FL; Miss Jerryca Jean, Miami, FL; Ms. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Carrie Campbell, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Pierre & Pamela Rendel, Melbourne, FL; and Mr. Cameau Rendel, Melbourne, FL.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Sunday (Nov. 20th)  
Freddie Gadson  
Matthew Jones  
Leonard Williams

Monday (Nov. 21st)  
Karen Bibbee

Tuesday (Nov. 22nd)  
Elizabeth Carter  
Rose Jean-Baptiste

Wednesday (Nov. 23rd)  
Dick & Marcia Kelley (Ann.)

Friday (Nov. 25th)  
Kevin & Leesa Schen (Ann.)  
Sue Hoelzer  
Kayanna Richardson

Saturday (Nov. 26th)  
Julio Aristy, III  
Orlando Lolo



Dear brothers & sisters,

I thank God for all of you, knowing that you are lifting prayers to our creator and God is comforting. You have not rented from praying for me for a long time. Thank you for your compassion and love. I thank you for your cards and visits. There wasn't a day I didn't have a visit for which I am grateful. I enjoyed your visits which broke up my day from being so long. Your love for me is expressed over and over. Thank you for your kindness. God bless you and remember your lovingkindness toward me.

In love, in Christ,  
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 9:45 a.m.*

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

**Sunday Morning, November 20**

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Richard Lerro  
Scripture Reading ..... Jim Davis  
Presiding at Table ..... Chris Thompson  
Serve at Table:  
    Josiah Blackmer      Bobby Ingraham  
    Cam Crofts            Scott Lewis  
    Andres Fernandez    Lynn Parker  
    Edward Gager        Lawrence Williams  
Alternates:  
    Namdidie Ikon        Dan McLeod  
Closing Prayer ..... Jerry Pittman

**Sunday Evening, November 20**

Lead Singing ..... Ken Tipton  
Opening Prayer ..... Clayton Trujillo  
Scripture Reading ..... Nate Nelson  
Presiding at Table ..... Stephen Beliech  
    Shea Brown  
    Nick Pietro  
    Leonard Williams  
Closing Prayer ..... Jonathan Jordan  
**Wednesday Evening, November 23**  
Lead Singing ..... TBD  
Invitation ..... TBD  
Family Prayer ..... TBD

**Our Record**

Attendance	Nov.13	Oct. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	228	244
Sun. A.M. Worship	343	348
Sun. P.M. Worship	135	170
Wed. Bible Study	171	182
Contribution	\$13,586	\$14,581

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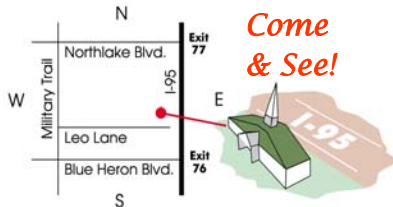
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### Service Schedule

#### 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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