Elders

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Joe Holland	626-2809
Jerry Hopkins	434-4188
Phil Porter	575-4782
*Chairman for the Month of Dece	ember

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David Sproule	301-2230
Josh Blackmer	319-1418



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Novel Brown848-6988
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Welcome New Members

Davis, Tonya	Group 4
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Ross, Aaron Baptized October 8	Group 3
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Fernandez, Aisha Baptized November 20	Group 2
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Bond, Lucy Identified November 27	Group 4
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Thoughts As This Year Ends

We are just days away from the end of another year of our time together on this earth. It is a good time for reflections, and so I want to share with you some of the spiritual lessons the past twelve months have brought to me. I am not the same person I was when 2016 began. I have learned much this year.

By Dan Jenkins

I have learned more about living close to God and becoming His friend. A few years ago I purchased the one book, other than the Bible, which has impacted my relationship to God most. It is entitled Becoming God's Friend, written by my son, Jonathan. It is a study of the maturing faith of Abraham, who near the end of his life learns to live as the friend of God (Jas. 2:23). After reading it, I vowed that I would become, as much I could, a friend of God.

This year, I have read that book through twice, and my faith in God's providence grows. God's friend long ago told his son that "God would provide" (Gen. 22:8), and I am learning how to live closer to my Friend who provides for me.

I have learned more about God's desire to answer my prayers. Opportunities for aging preachers diminish in number, but more than a thousand times I have asked my Friend to open doors before me. I have been amazed at how many invitations to preach I have received. I asked Him so

often to help me find people to teach, and in so many remarkable ways people have been brought into my life. The more I ask, the more He has given to me.

I have learned more about the vital role of my family in enhancing my relationship to God. Judie and I have four children and thirteen grandchildren. Years ago, I heard an older preacher say (OK, I know that I am now an older preacher), "If I saved the whole world and failed to teach my own chil-

> dren, I think I would have wasted my life." I am so thankful that all our offspring have been baptized into Christ. While one has left the Lord and sometimes I grieve as I see a weakening of faith in some of them, John said, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth" (3 John 4). I have learned even more this year of the joy of having children (and grandchildren) who embrace His values.

I have learned more about the blessing God has given me in my marriage. Judie's health has not been the best this past year, and this has helped me treasure our moments together. It has been the best year we have ever had. Her tenacious spirit in dealing with pain has taught me much. She is a constant source of spiritual encouragement to me.

A new year lies before each of us. It should be exciting as we learn the lessons He teaches us from the experiences of our lives. Let's make the best of it!



"Whatever you do, don't miss heaven!"

There was an old preacher who loved his children dearly and longed for them to live right. As they grew older, he did not want to browbeat them or make them think he was always "preaching at them," so he looked for a way to lovingly and gently encourage them. He came up with his own

heartfelt catchphrase, "Whatever you do, don't miss heaven!"

As each child graduated and moved out of the house, he heartily urged, "Whatever you do, don't miss heaven!" As they began to experiment with the "pleasures" and the "ways" of the world, he gently implored, "Whatever you do, don't miss heaven!" Then, as they all gathered around his bed, with tears in their eyes, watching their adoring father take his last breaths on this side of eternity, they heard him whisper again, "Whatever you do, don't miss heaven!"

What sage advice! Consider how this should become the motto for each of us!

When Satan comes calling, whatever you do, don't miss heaven! There is certainly a momentary pleasure to be found in sin, but Moses learned to weigh temptation in the balance and see the lasting pleasure in "the reward" that awaited him (Heb. 11:24-26). View every temptation through the eternal ramifications that it can have.

When considering the one whom you will marry, whatever you do, don't miss heaven! When the children of Israel moved into the temporal Promised Land of Canaan and married those of a different faith, "they forgot the Lord their God" and "served their gods" (Judg. 3:5-7), and they missed the eternal Promised Land of heaven. View your future spouse through the eternal impact he/she will have on you.

When considering your choice of career and your choice of hobbies, whatever you do, don't miss heaven! Some things in life (like a job) are a necessity; some things in life (like hobbies) are optional. Yet, all things in life (whether we consider them necessities or options) must be evaluated in light of that "on things of the which is "earthly" and that which is "eternal" (2 Cor. 5:1-8). View every decision of life through the eternal effect that it will have on your soul.

> When considering the place of the church in your life, whatever you do, don't miss heaven! The church cannot take a secondary role in your life, off to the side, with occasional attention, for Jesus taught that we must "seek [it] first" (Matt. 6:33). View the priority to which you give the church through the eternal magnitude that it will have on you.

> Friend, what is heaven worth to you? Have you "set your mind on things above" or "on things of the earth" (Col. 3:1-2)? Whatever you do, don't miss heaven!

sons it brings.

A new year lies before each of us. God help us to learn the les-

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Do You Know Where Your Children Are?

Do you know

were they are

spiritually and

socially?



After the riots and civil unrest that took place in the summer of 1967, many cities across the nation enacted a mandatory youth curfew of 10:00 p.m. As a result, a reminder to parents was given on air before the late night news from the late 60's and By Josh Blackmer into the 80's. The reminder was, "It is 10:00

p.m. Do you know where your children are?" This public ser-

vice announcement targeted those of Generation X which, according to a study by High Beam Research in 2004, were the most under parented and under nurtured generation in U.S. history. "Generation X has been called the latchkey generation, a group of people whose personal identity was in part shaped by the independence of being left alone after school" (Erin Blakemore, "The Latchkey Generation: How Bad Was It?" JSTOR Daily, 10/9/16).

While this PSA was meant to get parents thinking about where their children were physically, I would like to take it a different direction. As a child grows, we as parents help to shape the self-concept that child has. This relates to how the child views themselves in relation to the world around them. Religious, cultural and ethnic concepts begin to be formed at a very young age. "Train up a child in the way he should go" is not just a proverb for spirituality (Prov. 22:6). Our influence as parents is vital to a child's relationship with God and society at large. Luke's commentary on the growth of Jesus highlights this: "And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (2:52). Similarly, "Now the boy Samuel was growing in stature and in favor both with the Lord and with men" (1 Sam. 2:26). We see in these two important figures that the physical, spiritual and social aspects of growth were highlighted. These points should also be areas of concern for us as parents.

> The question I would like you to consider is this, "Do you know where your children are?" Do you know how they are growing and developing spiritually and socially? For those with older children, do you know where they stand on spiritual matters? Do you know what their world view is? How do they perceive the world around them and their place in it? In the preteen and adolescent years, these questions be-

come much more important. At that age, they are solidifying and reinforcing their image of self. Do you know what that image is? Is it healthy?

We have a lot to balance as parents. Between the school assignments, activities and household responsibilities, things get lost in the shuffle. Make time periodically to have these conversations with your children. Ask them how they honestly feel and think about issues. Help them reason through their positions. Find out where your children are.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

'Tis the season

As we enter this season of receiving, remember that it's not the wrapping job but how much the person spent on the gift that matters. Remember that it's not the thought but the cost of the gift that counts. Remember those two little words to say after opening the gift—"That's it?"

While these opening words are intended to be a bit satirical, how many people do they actually describe? How many people view this time of year as the "season of receiving"? How many people, actually, live by the daily and yearround philosophy, "It is most blessed to receive"?

From the beginning of time, it has always been about "giving" for God! He has given, and given, and given to us! The "season of giving" began in Genesis chapter one and has continued to the present time. Are you celebrating God's season of giving? The life of Jesus, the example of Jesus, the sacrifice of Jesus and the words of Jesus demonstrate clearly the real year-round philosophy of success, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). - DS

"It ain't mine! It's borrowed!"

Have you ever borrowed someone's car? Did you find that you drove that car differently than you drove your own car? What if it was a really nice car-top of the line, all the bells and whistles, and in pristine condition? Would you treat it with extra care? Would you take care of it exactly as the owner would like? Or, do you think you'd fill the gas tank with sand, let your

dog do his business in the back seat, and paint graffiti all over the exterior?

Most of us are extra careful when using something that does not belong to us, and we are mindful that it needs to be returned to the owner in the exact condition as it was received, if

not better. So, does that same mindset apply to our bodies? Everything that we have is from God (Jas. 1:17), including our very bodies (1 Cor. 6:20). They do not belong to us (1 Cor. 6:19).

So, what I do in my body and to my body and with my body must first pass every borrower's test, "Is this what the owner would want me to do?" Will this "glorify God"? - DS



Keep in Your Prayers

Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	dealing with back pain
Carolina Beliech	suffering with severe abdominal pain
Josie Dawson	recovering from a stent procedure
Judie Jenkins	recovering from foot surgery, slowly improving
Ruth Milton	Lourdes-Noreen McKeen (room 208), limited visitors
Sharon Morrison	recovering at home from hospitalization
Tommy Pauldo	Kindred Hospital (no visitors), in critical condition
Connye Plouffe	recovering at home from back surgery
Dorothy Savage	awaiting results from several medical tests

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
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

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Sandra Daniels	Hele
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nie Faison len Gardner Irgie Hardin Janet Hickerson Loretta Holaday Shelton Howell Daniel Johnson Don & Betty Matter Deidra Miley Godfrey Pratt Leigh Puckett Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, recovering from kidney surgery
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, breast cancer & awaiting surgery
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, remains in the hospital
Michael Newman	Lorena Pittman's brother, recovering from shoulder surg.
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, problems with her left eye
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, dealing with kidney issues



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

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.

Monday, December 12

• No Monday Night Bible Study. Class will resume in January.

Tuesday, December 13

• No Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Class will resume in January.

Friday, December 16

 Family Group 4 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Please carpool; parking is limited.

Saturday, December 17

• **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring a \$5 gift to exchange. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Tuesday, December 20

• Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins. Bring finger foods to share.

Saturday, December 24

 Holiday Open House hosted by Lance & Brenda Collier from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to spend some time celebrating the season together with them. If you plan to stop by, please contact Brenda (309-7313) by Thursday, December 22 with your name and the number of your family members who will be attending.

Saturday, December 31

 New Year's Eve Gathering at 9:00 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring chili or fixings for the Chili Cook Off. If you are not participating in the cook off, please bring finger foods, desserts and drinks.

<u>Sunday, January 1</u>

• Every Member Present Sunday for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. Let's start the new year together!

Young Adults

Saturday, January 7

• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 14

• Young Adult & Jr. High Service Project. Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 4

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, February 6

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

Friday-Sunday, February 17-19

• Young Adult Camping Trip. Location TBD.



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 17

 Sr. High Holiday Party at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, December 30

• Sr. High Lock-In. Bring things to keep yourself awake. Do not bring anything for sleeping (pillows, blankets, etc.) See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, January 8

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

Saturday, January 14

 Young Adult & Jr. High Service Project. Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - January, 2017

		January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Morning V	Norship Serv	vice				
Song Lead	der	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly
Opening P	Prayer	Kevin Weeks	Brad Shelt	L.H Richardson	Jim Rogers	Jeff Leslie
Scripture F	Reading	Marvin Dozier	Gary Jenkins	Marty Williams	Lawrence Williams	Clayton Trujillo
Presiding a	at Table	Kane Campbell	David Thorpe	Dan McLeod	Johnny Davis	Ivan Villard, Jr.
Serving at	Table:	David Brown	Doug Carrick	Jordan Beasley	Henry Bass	Josiah Blackmer
		Tim Fry	Josue Charles	Shea Brown	Chuck Clark	Glen Dawson
		Wallace Jones	Jeff Goodale	Harrison Crotts	Tim Cox	Andres Fernandez
		Brett Lau	Eddie Gooden	Mike Damron	Paul Hensel	Freddie Gadson
		Richard Lerro	Scott Lewis	Charles Hayes	Morris McDaniel	Bob Higbee
		Taylor Reeves	Paul Metzkes	Namdidie Ikon	Rick Price	Ken Long
		Rick Tibbetts	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Jerry Pittman	Mike Trujillo	Lynn Parker
		Lawrence Williams	Eugene Williams	Shaun Tyson	Nahum Villard	Richard Watson
Closing Pr	ayer	Henry Williams	Orlando Lolo	Bobby Ingraham	Phil Porter	Cam Crotts
Evening V	Vorship Serv	ice	·	·	·	•
Song Lead	-	Stephen Beliech	Jerry Pittman	Ken Tipton	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech
Opening P		Chad Brown	Jimmie Banks	David Lord	Gary Seames	Kane Campbell
Scripture F		Mike Ellis	Jacade Reynolds	Austin Williams	Harrison Carter	Darin Summerlot
Presiding a	-	Joe Maloney	Scott Studer	Nate Nelson	Dirk Summerlot	Errol Gower-Winter
Serving at		Edward Gager	Mike Erickson	Deltom Leguernague	Gorman Ericksen	Chris Thompson
		Vincent Rogers	Jeremy Maloney	Tim Mahlbacher	Nick Pietro	Micah Trujillo
		Daniel Swayne	Lynn Parker	Leonard Williams	Carmen Ruckman	Simon Tyson
Closing Pr	ayer	Grant Fuller	Jerry Hopkins	Stephen Beliech	Dan Fuller	Novel Brown
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Alternates	5:	Freddie Gadson	Cam Crotts	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Jim Davis	Lance Collier
		Rick Hall	Ken Tipton	Richard Watson	Dick Kelley	Robert Lupo
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Morning:	Computer	Shea Brown	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD
Ushers - I	Morning & Ev	vening Services (Sun	day & Wednesday)			
		Jan. 1 & 4	Jan. 8 & 11	Jan. 15 & 18	Jan. 22 & 25	Jan. 29 & Feb. 1
Head Ush	er	Victor Colage —				
		Glen Dawson	Gorman Ericksen	Brent Leslie	Marvin Dozier	Doug Carrick
		L.H. Richardson	Jim Rogers	Kevin Weeks	Gary Jenkins	Kirk Crews

• Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.

· Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.

• Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.

· Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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



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This is the **last bulletin that will be mailed this year**. The next bulletin to be mailed will be dated January 8. Bulletins during the holidays will be 4-page editions and distributed only via email, our website and in the lobby.



Sunday December 4

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Jennifer Anderson; Mrs. Letha Anderson; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa Charles; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Brett & Vera Gray; Ms. Rashana Green; Mrs. Vera Grimsley; Linda & Ashley King; Ms. Jennifer King; John Loftis; Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Pat Patterson; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Micky & Cindi Burleson, Louisville, KY; Ms. Lynn Crossley, Washington, D.C.; Mr. James Budde Egner, Louisville, KY; Bob Johnson, Lake City, FL; Scott Kelley, West Broward, FL; Mrs. Mrs. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Jean Long, Belleville, MI; Mrs. Yvonne Mobley, Ft. Pierce, FL; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mario Moss, Freeport, Bahamas.

Birthdays

Sunday (Dec. 11th) Tasha Ellis

<u>Monday (Dec. 12th)</u> DeAndre & Lovetta Harmon (Ann.) Charlene Knowles Jo Ann Rogers Tyrone Toson Tuesday (Dec. 13th) Kevin & Stephanie Weeks (Ann.)

<u>Wednesday (Dec. 14th)</u> Tim Fry Patricia Hackshaw

Patricia Hackshaw Kelly Hall Daisy Lord Juliette Mauvais

Every Member Present Sunday January 1st

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, December 11

Lead Singing	Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer	Shea Brown
Scripture Reading	Phil Porter
Presiding at Table	Jimmie Banks
Serve at Table:	
Henry Bass	Jeff Leslie
Lance Collier	Joe Maloney
Rick Hall	Kevin Weeks
Bill Ingram, Jr.	Lawrence Williams
Alternates:	
Tim Cox	L.H. Richardson
Closing Prayer	Tom Martens

Sunday Evening, December 11

Sunday Evening, December 11			
Lead SingingJerry Pittma	in		
Opening Prayer Chuck Cla	rk		
Scripture ReadingTaylor Reeve	es		
Presiding at Table Morris McDani	el		
Lynn Parker			
Gary Seames			
Mike Trujillo			
Closing Prayer David Brow	/n		
Wednesday Evening, December 14			
Lead SingingBobbo Lup	00		
InvitationVictor Colag	ge		
Family Prayer Johnny Dav	vis		

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Dec. 4</u>	Nov. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	226	266
Sun. A.M. Worship	370	357
Sun. P.M. Worship	156	172
Wed. Bible Study	161	161
Contribution \$2	16,946	\$14,532
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +26,353		

Ushers for week of Dec. 4 Head Usher: Chris Thompson; Edward Gager & Orlando Lolo



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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).



We have this HOPE as an ANCHOR for the soul.