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How will the Lord continue to use us in 2017?



## **Understanding What Is Happening**

The words of Jesus have never had more meaning. "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand" (Matt. 12:25). Those who fully understand the impact of the Lord's words can see that the clouds which are all around

us are just a foretaste of the coming storm.

Our nation is divided. We are divided politically, but this division is so meaningless when compared to the other divisions which permeate our land. Of far great importance is the moral division among us. The definition of sexual perversion used fifty years ago no longer applies to us. That which was once perversion is often the common practice in our culture today. Paul described the decadence of

the Roman world. "Those who practice such things...not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them" (Rom. 1:31). The Roman world is now our world!

Our homes in this land are divided-even in many homes where parents outwardly embrace Christianity. The psalmist was not talking about a physical building when he said, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain" (Psa. 127:1). He was talking about our families, our homes. Unless the Lord builds our homes, we labor in vain!

What has happened in this land? The creator who ordained marriage and the home is ignored. We have decided our own ideas about marriage are far better than anything He said.

To show the division in our homes, consider the following questions. Has there ever been a time when husbands were more selfish and self-seeking? What has happened to those words spoken in the sinless world of Adam about his wife being "...bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh"? Paul

> said that no man ever hated his own flesh, but nourished it. Yet, when men fail to see their wives as their own flesh, there is no nourishing and cherishing.

> Think of how so many wives would inwardly cringe when told they must honor and reverence their own husbands. These words were the precise words God gave to them (Eph. 5:33). Yet, we live in a time when wives openly mock their husbands.

Our homes are divided over the values we impart to our children. They fail to see parents having the church first in their lives, and manifesting that the whole duty of man is to fear God and honor him (Matt. 6:33; Ecc. 12:13).

When nations are divided, desolation lies ahead. When homes are divided, they will not stand. What can we do? What is the solution to all of this? The answer is found in each of us humbly recommitting our devotion to God in relationship to self, to our nation and to our homes. God help us!



## A News Report That Will NEVER Be Published!

Jesus' sobering

prophecy about

what lies ahead

for our nation

and our homes

The following story appeared in the local news this week: "A Jack Russell terrier is recovering after being thrown from the Blue Heron Bridge. The dog is in stable, but serious condition. The person taken into custody is described as a juvenile." Another

By David Sproule news source reported: "A girl [was] seen throwing a dog off the Blue Heron bridge...BJ, the 8-year-old

Jack Russell terrier mix, is in a lot of pain but stable after a nearly 50 foot fall off the bridge at about 3:40 p.m. Wednesday at Phil Foster Park...He was taken to an overnight emergency clinic...The girl who tossed the dog off the bridge later laughed, took off her clothes and went into the water, witnesses said. Deputies called to a report of animal cruelty found the dog on the beach, 'clearly in distress, pain, was whining and struggling to move'...A lifeguard on the

beach comforted the dog until help arrived. 'It did attempt to sit up. It was yelping really badly. We had to turn away. It was just horrible to see a dog in so much pain and shock,' said one witness. According to the sheriff's office, charges in the case will be forthcoming. Animal Care and Control says if the owners give up the dog, BJ will be put up for adoption or sent to a rescue facility."

I definitely do not advocate animal cruelty nor do I want to make light of this story, but put this in perspective.

The following news story did NOT appear in the local news this week (and never will): "An unidentified male baby is not recovering after being torn from his mother's womb this morning. The person responsible for this act, described as a juvenile by witnesses, was seen entering the abortion clinic while bearing a child and then exiting after discarding the child. The girl is not being taken into custody or anything of the nature...The boy is no longer in any pain, although his little head

> was crushed with the forceps and his tiny body was forcefully suctioned out of the young girl's body at about 3:40 p.m. Wednesday at Abortion Central...The girl who had the baby murdered later laughed and went to the beach with her friends, witnesses said. No deputies were called out to any reports of child cruelty to find the pieces of a little boy in the dumpster, for no such reports were ever filed. No one complained of hearing any yelps or how horrible it

was to see a baby in so much pain, and there certainly was no 'lifeguard' to comfort the baby boy until help arrived... Absolutely no charges will be forthcoming; there is no case here! Human Care and Control says the woman gave up the boy willingly and eagerly, and BJ was never a candidate for adoption or any kind of rescue facility. He was a just a worthless fetus!"

What has this world come to that we are grieved and enraged over the maltreatment of a creature (cf. Rom. 1:25) but see no value in a human life in the womb (Psa. 139:13-16)!

There certainly was no "lifeguard" to comfort the baby boy!



# **Two Kings Went Up the Mountain**

As one thumbs through thousands of years of human history in the Bible, there are moments where certain events parallel or repeat. Some of these were prophesied to do so. For example God told Moses that He would "raise up a prophet...like you and put By Josh Blackmer My words in His mouth" (Deut. 18:18). Simi-

larly there is a parallel with a lesser known Melchizedek (Gen. 14:18; Psa. 110:4; Heb. 6:20). Even king David is prophesied to have Jesus as his heir and King (2 Sam. 7:12-14). However, there are some things that might be coincidence but are amazingly similar.

One such event occurred on the Mount of Olives. Second Samuel chapter fifteen records David and his people fleeing Jerusalem because of a political coup d'état staged by Absalom, David's own son.

David is rejected by the people (15:13). As David leaves he has his faithful that follow him out of the city (15:15-16). There is one, Ittai, who pledges allegiance to David, even if it means death, and later he becomes a commander and mighty man of David (15:21). They leave, passing over the Kidron Brook (15:23). There was anticipation of return (15:25). They went up on the mountain weeping and in aguish (15:30). David also prepared messengers (15:36). As you read these things that happened to David, you might already be comparing them to the life of another king.

Jesus also made a similar trip up to Gethsemane. Jesus was "rejected by this generation" and by the "elders and chief priests and scribes" (Luke 17:25; 9:22). It was prophesied that He would be (Psa. 118:22; Mark 12:10). The faithful followed Jesus out that night (Matt. 26:30). Peter pledged his allegiance to Jesus, even unto death (Matt. 26:33-35). Jesus went out to the garden over the Kidron Ravine (John 18:1). There was anticipation of His return (Matt. 20:18, 27:64).

> There was weeping and great anguish on the mountain by Jesus. "And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground" (Luke 22:44). Jesus spoke of the Messenger and Helper who would be coming (John 14:26). What a fascinating parallel.

It is evident that David's life would be close-

ly tied to that of Jesus, the Savior and King-not only by the bloodline but by the inspired works of David. The Psalms contain 92 predictive prophecies concerning Jesus. So as David is writing about his own anguish in Palm 22, we know that it is meant to parallel that suffering of Christ on the cross. David, the man after God's own heart, shows us the heart of the suffering Messiah in that moment. More than the suffering, David shows the great confidence and trust in God (Psa. 22:19-22). Through these things we can feel in touch with the humanity of the One who was deity dwelling among mortals. May your life be one that walks where kings have trod.

### Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

#### The greatest eulogy ever written

When you think of a "eulogy," what comes to mind? Likely the remarks made about the deceased at a funeral is the immediate thought. So, it may carry a rather somber meaning. But, the word itself has a fantastic origin and denotes offering "high praise."

Our English word comes from the Greek "eulogia." The adjective form of this word describes "one who is worthy of blessing and praise," and, as you might expect, it is used only of God in the New Testament. The word has been described as "a Jewish ascription of praise to God acknowledging Him as the source of all blessing." In most translations the reader will find these words, "Blessed be the God," but, perhaps, it would be better understood, "Praise be to God."

God is to be "praised" (or "blessed") for creating us (Rom. 1:25), for sending Jesus (Rom. 9:5), for blessing us with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3), for offering His mercy-filled comfort (2 Cor. 1:3) and for extending to us "a living hope" of heaven (1 Pet. 1:3). What a eulogy! - DS

#### "If you can't say anything nice..."

God's Word has much to say about what we say (and what we shouldn't say). Consider this direct command, "Do not speak evil of one another, brethren" (Jas. 4:11). Other translations have, "Do not speak against" (NASB), and, "Do not speak evil against" (ESV) "one another." This is sometimes one of the easiest traps in which to fall, but let us be reminded that we

> are to "put away...all slander" (1 Pet. 2:1), for "whoever spreads slander is a fool" (Prov. 10:18).

It takes two to have a conversation-the speaker and the hearer. Evil words must first be generated from evil thoughts. And then, once

they're spoken, evil-speaking requires evil-hearing. There must be someone who enjoys hearing bad things about brethren.

Agape love will not permit one to speak evil of a brother, and agape love will not permit one to listen to evil about a brother. This is not some trivial matter, for my tongue (and my ears) can have a direct impact on whether I "dwell in [God's] holy hill" or not (Psa. 15:1-3). - DS



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# Keep in Your Prayers

# **Pray for These PBL Members**

Jennifer Goodale	suffering with severe back and leg pain
Carol Hardman	neck surgery scheduled for February 2
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from surgery on her finger
Robyn Landen	undergoing medical testing
Dan McLeod	radiation treatments for prostate cancer
Ruth Milton	now at home, improving but still very weak
Tommy Pauldo	Kindred Hospital (no visitors), in serious condition
Connye Plouffe	dealing with back problems
Troy Spradlin	recovering from knee surgery in Paraguay

#### **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**

- Millie Ames Sandra Daniels Cora Lee Dennis Annie Faison Helen Gardner Margie Hardin Janet Hickerson Loretta Holaday
- Shelton Howell Daniel Johnson Don & Betty Matter Deidra Miley Godfrey Pratt Leigh Puckett Ricky Smedley



Marcia Clough-Moss upon the passing of her mother, Prescolita Clough, on Monday.

## **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

Victor Colage	Victor Colage's father, multiple health issues
Bonnye Cox	Connye Plouffe's sister, dealing with health problems
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, recovering from kidney surgery
Carla Kimberland	Cindy Nelson's mother, still recovering from leg bypass
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, recovering from breast cancer surgery
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, remains in the hospital
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, fell and broke her shoulder
Ennis Mitchell	Kay Richardson's brother, under Hospice Care
Eula Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's mother, trach. issues & very weak
Bette Sproule	David Sproule's mother, recovering from hip surgery



# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, January 22

- "Fortifying Your Faith" Class at 5:00 p.m.
- Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

#### Monday, January 23

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

#### Tuesday, January 24

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

#### Saturday, January 28

- PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- Area-Wide Congregational Singing hosted by Suncoast at 7:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, January 29

- Mission Sunday. Every dollar given will be used for mission work.
- EDP Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
   NO "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.

# Young Adults

#### Saturday, February 4

• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.

#### Monday, February 6

 Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. See Rachel Fuller for details.

#### Friday, February 10

• Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

#### Friday-Sunday, February 17-19

 Young Adult Camping Trip at Peace River Campground in Arcadia, FL. Cost is \$50 per person (includes campsite and food for the weekend). See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for more details.

#### Saturday, March 4

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

#### Sunday, January 29 (cont.)

- Fifth Sunday Singing during evening assembly.
- Fifth Sunday Night Cook-Off after evening worship. Bring your favorite (and best) "Breakfast Casserole." Or bring other finger foods, drinks and desserts to share.

#### Friday-Sunday, February 3-5

• Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC. Cost is \$40 per person. See the bulletin board for more details.

#### Saturday, February 4

- Share a Home-Cooked Lunch prepared by Mary Reeves and friends from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sign up on bulletin board if you plan to attend OR if you need a meal delivered to your home.
- Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway from 9:00 a.m. until noon. RSVP by January 30. See the bulletin board for more details.

#### Sunday, February 5

- Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.
- NO "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.
- House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling after evening worship in the Family Room.
- Palm Beach Lakes

#### Sunday, January 22

- Jr. High Family Devo after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- Sr. High Devo after evening worship in the Sr. High room. Bring drinks to share.

#### Saturday, February 4

 Young Families' Day at Riverbend Park at 2:00 p.m. Dress for canoeing, kayaking or bike riding. Then, grilling and a bonfire at the Blackmer's house. Hot dogs and s'mores will be provided. Bring anything you would like to grill. See Josh or Cara for more details.

#### Friday, February 10

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

#### Saturday, February 11

 Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth. Jr. High Youth should arrive at 3:30 p.m. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

# February 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	<b>2</b> b Gai Ingram	3 b Jennifer Goodale	4 ☆ Share a Home- Cooked Lunch ☆ Young Fami- lies' Event ☆ YA Devo a Novel & Mary Brown a Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter b Rashana Green b Lilly Lolo b Deidra Miley er Retreat (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> )
5 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit ☆ No "Fortifying	6 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Kenneth Long	<b>7</b> b Connye Plouffe	<b>8</b> b Sallie Moses	9 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting a Joe & Janice Maloney	10 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout a Pete & Pat Brown	11 ☆ Sweetheart Banquet hosted by Jr. High Youth b David Brown
Your Faith" Class a Glen & Josie Dawson a Mike & Tasha Ellis b Maurine Reed	b Sherrie Tibbetts			a Rudolph & Verdell March	b Shea Brown b Warren Porter b Emily Tyson	
12 ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Dave Holaday	<b>13</b> a Eugene & Penny Williams	<b>14</b> a Marty & Leslie Williams	15	16 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting b Laura Schuemann	<b>17</b> b Julie Williams	18 ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street
				b Pat Parnell	Gospel Meeting he (17 <sup>th</sup>	osted by Sebastian -19 <sup>th</sup> )
Gos	pel Meeting hosted	by Belle Glade (12 <sup>th</sup> -1	.5 <sup>th</sup> )		Young Adult Camping Trip (17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> )	
19	<b>20</b> b Robyn Landen	21 ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting b Lillian Bankston	<b>22</b> b Lester Galloway	23 b Ricky Smedley	24	<b>25</b> b Kaitlyn Donahue b Lisa Eutsey
					YES Weeker	nd (24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> )
26 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo	<b>27</b> b Chuck Milton	<b>28</b> a Marvin & Maggie Dozier b Shelton Howell				

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



Tom Dolan was baptized on Tuesday morning, January 17.



Sunday January 15

LOCL VISITORS: Andy & Letha Anderson; Gail Archer; Jim & Cindy Beard; Larry & Judy Beard; Mr. Jean Charles; Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Susan Crosswhite; Tom Garrison; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Jennifer King; Dennis & Sharon Mann; John & Corinne Miller, Linley & Ellie; Ann Marie Robinson; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Aliyah & Ali Kay Senior; Michael Staley; Cynthia Ware; and Miss Iman White.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Larry & Nancy Hansel, Paris, IL; Abraham Inetianbor, West Broward, FL; Jayly & Jennifer Jackson & family, Del Rio, TX; Mrs. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Tenille & Sydney McLeod, Stuart, FL; Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Miss Holly Richmond, Nashville, TN; and Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA.



Congratulations to Ivan & Amber Villard upon the birth of their baby boy on Friday, January 20, weighing 8 lbs., 8 oz. Proud grandparents are Jerry & Lorena Pittman.



Thank you for your thoughtfulness and sympathy at a time when it was needed and deeply appreciated.

Sherrick & Mary Thomas

#### **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, January 22

00	Jerry Hopkins
, ,	Jim Rogers
	Lawrence Williams
Presiding at Table	Johnny Davis
Serve at Table:	
Henry Bass	Morris McDaniel
Chuck Clark	Rick Price
Tim Cox	Mike Trujillo
Paul Hensel	Nahum Villard
Alternates	
Jim Davis	Dick Kelley
Closing Prayer	Phil Porter

Sunday Evening, January 22

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Lead SingingDan McLeod
Opening Prayer Gary Seames
Scripture Reading Harrison Carter
Presiding at TableDirk Summerlot
Gorman Ericksen
Nick Pietro
Carmen Ruckman
Closing PrayerDan Fuller
Wednesday Evening, January 25
Lead SingingJohn Loftis
Invitation Marty Williams
Family Prayer Richard Watson

#### Our Record

Attendance	<u>Jan. 15</u>	Dec. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	288	226
Sun. A.M. Worshij	o 393	342
Sun. P.M. Worship	o 194	143
Wed. Bible Study	208	160
Contribution \$	13,695	\$15,061
2017 Weekly Budget: TBA		

Ushers for the week of Jan. 22: Head Usher: Victor Colage; Marvin Dozier & Gary Jenkins



Sunday (Jan. 22nd) Cora Lee Dennis Andrea Leslie

<u>Monday (Jan. 23rd)</u> Jaquá Lewis Luther Robinson

<u>Tuesday (Jan. 24th)</u> Keila McLeod <u>Thursday (Jan. 26th)</u> Jimmie Banks Winifred Patterson Andrea Spradlin

<u>Friday (Jan. 27th)</u> Christene Bean Ed Buonadonna

Saturday (Jan. 28th)

Joyce Parker Lana Smith



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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).



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.*