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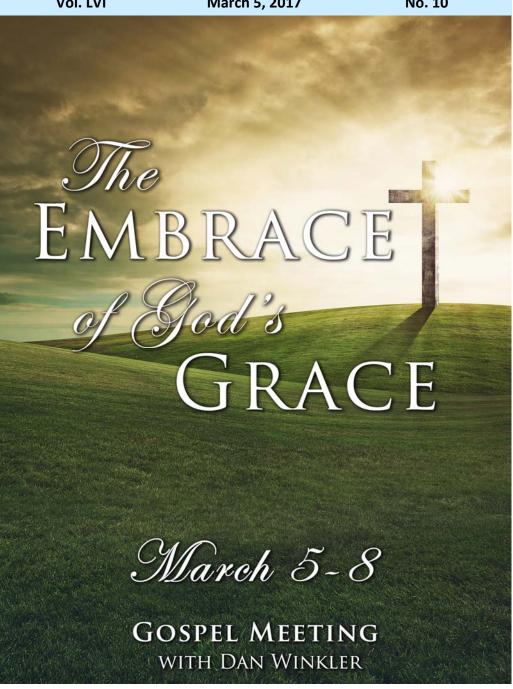
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Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m. The Face of God's Grace

10:00 a.m. The Embrace of God's Grace

11:45 a.m. Potluck Dinner-on-the-Grounds (All Family Groups have setup & cleanup.)

12:45 p.m. The Showcase of God's Grace

Monday, March 6

12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: The Prodigal Son

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Family Groups 1-2 have setup & cleanup.)

7:00 p.m. The Taste of God's Grace

Tuesday, March 7

12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: The Passionate Father

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Family Groups 3-4 have setup & cleanup.)

7:00 p.m. The Race of God's Grace

Wednesday, March 8

12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: The Pitiful Son

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. All Family Groups have setup & cleanup.)

7:00 p.m. The Disgrace of God's Grace



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: Dan Winkler

Dan Winkler has been preaching the gospel since 1969. He is the author of more than ten books, including a series on the New Testament which he co-authored with his father, Wendell Winkler, and his brother, Mike Winkler. Dan currently preaches for the Huntingdon church of Christ in Huntingdon, Tennessee, and he also serves as an adjunct professor in Bible at Freed-Hardeman University. Dan and his wife, Diane, have three sons and seven beautiful grandchildren.

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Maggie Dozier undergoing physical therapy for severe back pain

Carol Hardman recovering from neck surgery

Lynne Jorgensen recovering from surgery on her finger

Kathy Kelley having surgery on March 7

Dan McLeod radiation treatments for prostate cancer

Silas Moses has not been doing well

Joyce Parker recovering at home, continues to slowly improve

Connye Plouffe recovering from injections to alleviate back pain

Sherrick Thomas ICU at Lawnwood Regional Med. Ctr., slowly improving

Nelson Watts dealing with hip problems

Cherylann Wineinger scheduled for surgery in March to repair sinus cavities

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankstondialysis treatmentsSilas Mosesdialysis treatmentsCharles Nortondialysis treatmentsNorm Smedleybreathing problemsPatricia Ventressdialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bonnye Cox Connye Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease

Ray Faison Annie Faison's son, Good Sam., recovering from stroke

Jack Jimmerson Louise Phillips' grandson, Ft. Pierce ICU, broken vertebrae

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

Rocky Meess Micky Affron's father, mass between kidney & bladder

Pat Pittman Jerry Pittman's brother, hospitalized with dementia

Edward Sims, Sr. Jimmie Banks' stepfather, upcoming knee replacement





Thank God for "Common People"

As our Lord came near to the end of His life, the religious leaders saw that they were losing their place of prominence in the sight of most of the people. The ordinary Jews who heard Him showed how fascinated they were by Jesus. They asked the question, By Dan Jenkins "How does this Man know letters, having

never studied" (John 7:15)?

The religious leaders "...heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him" and "...sent officers to take Him" (John 7:32). The soldiers returned empty-handed saying, "No man ever spoke like this Man" (John 7:46). The leaders tried to use their influence as religious leaders to persuade men by saying, "Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him" (John 7:48)? This had no impact on

the multitudes. Those leaders could not deny His power shown in the resurrection of Lazarus and in their frustration, "...the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death" (John 12:10).

The very next day, Jerusalem was in an uproar as Jesus made that triumphant entry into the city. He had been totally rejected by the "godly" leaders, yet His popularity was so evident. The leaders confronted Him in the temple, and He dealt with every one of their questions. "And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him any more" (Matt. 22:46). They had failed! How did the multitude respond? "And the common people heard Him gladly" (Mark 12:37).

"The common people heard Him..." Thank God for "common people," for the kingdom of God did not attract nobility, but it was built upon the response of "common people" (1 Cor. 1:26; Jas. 2:5). "Common people" loved Jesus.

> Jesus spent His life dealing with the "common people." He ate with sinners and publicans; He helped Legion with the demons; He was part of the life of the woman who had seven demons; He touched the lepers; He felt the touch of a poor woman who touched His garments; He spent time with a woman who had had five husbands and was now living with a man outside of any marriage; He ignored the multitude to heal that blind man who

was despised by most; He chose a "terrorist" (Zealot) to be an apostle and chose ignorant and unlearned fishermen to proclaim Him to the world. Thank God for "common people."

The lesson to be learned from this should be obvious. Our world is filled with those religious leaders and their blind followers, but there are still "common people" who are searching for the meaning of life. As we sow the seed we must never overlook the "common people." If Jesus were here He would definitely see the "common people" as future saints!



By David Sproule

Why Should I Look at the Church of Christ?

Jesus spent His

life, not with the

"rich & famous,"

but with "com-

mon people"

So, your friend invited you to come to the church of Christ for a worship service. Or, maybe you were surfing the web and came across a site for the church of Christ. Or, maybe you saw a building with the words "Church of Christ" on a sign in the front yard. And maybe you're wondering, "Why should I

look at the church of Christ?" That's a great question, which deserves a multi-chapter book to fully address, but consider these thoughts for a moment. To restore Chris-

It may encourage you to know that the destianity as it was ignation "church of Christ" is one that you can read originally in the New Testament (Rom. 16:16), and not one that we came up with on our own. In fact, that prin- designed to be at ciple is a good way to explain the "church of Christ" to you. Our aim and purpose is to follow the same rationale for determining the name we wear as we use to determine everything else that we teach and practice.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 14:37; 2 Pet. 1:20-21). The Bible teaches us that Christ has all authority (Matt. 28:18), and that it will be the words of Christ that will judge us in the end (John 12:48). The Bible teaches that we are not to "add to" or "take away from" the Word of God (Rev. 22:18-19), and that we are not to "go beyond" or speak beyond what is written (1 Cor. 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:11). The Bible teaches that one's entrance into heaven is dependent upon doing the will of God (Matt. 7:21).

Since the Bible teaches that mankind is to have Biblical authority for everything that we say or do (Col. 3:17), our goal is simply to teach whatever the Bible teaches, without addition or subtraction or modification. We strive to call Bible things by Bible names and to do Bible things in Bible ways.

> Therefore, using the same rationale for determining the name that we should wear, we go to the New Testament to know everything else that we need to teach and practice. We are not interested in what we might be able to come up with on our own, or going along with what other groups are teaching, or being tied to a long-standing church tradition.

its inception We are endeavoring to be the very church that you read about in the New Testament—the very one that Jesus promised to build (Matt. 16:18), that Jesus shed His blood to purchase (Acts 20:28), that was established in Acts chapter 2, that grew throughout the pages of the book of Acts, that received numerous letters from inspired writers, and that Jesus said would never be destroyed (Matt. 16:19; Dan. 2:44).

> If you would like to go back to the church of the Bible and to follow the pattern of the New Testament and to restore Christianity as it was originally designed to be at its inception, you should grab your Bible and look at the church of Christ!



By Josh Blackmer

"Watchman, how far gone is the night?"

The duty of the watchman is oft a lonely task. Safety demanded his role, yet none longed for his cry. His was only a message of warning, danger or certain peril. It was to this image that God called the prophet Ezekiel. "Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever

you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me" (Ezek. 3:17).

The role of the watchman, as divinely defined by God, is given twice in the book of Ezekiel. It Watchman, is the watchman that must deliver the warning. If he will you answer receives a warning from God and does not deliver the news to the intended recipient and that person the call? dies, the blood will be required of the watchman. If, however, that message is delivered and the intended person still does not change and dies in their iniquity, the watchman has delivered himself from the blood of that man. So it is with both the wicked and the righteous, as both are in need of the Word of God (3:18-21; 33:7-9). It is this image that Paul identifies with in his last visit to the elders of Ephesus, "Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God" (Acts 20:26-27). From those words it can be inferred that we too must stand on the wall and give the warning, "Thus says the Lord God."

God's message to prepare Ezekiel as a watchman can encourage and empower us to do the same (Ezek. 2:1-3:21). God said to Ezekiel, "Son of man,..."

Stand on your feet! The place to start is on your feet. Decide to take a stand with the Lord of hosts. We are to stand firm in the full armor of God (Eph. 6:11, 13).

I am sending you! God knows who He is sending and to whom He is sending you. He told Ezekiel, "I know they are stubborn and will not listen but do not fear them or their words. You will speak My words whether they listen or not" (paraphrased Ezek. 2:3-7). God never placed on us the burden of conversion, just the burden of the message. So, we sow it (Matt. 13:3-9).

Listen to what I am speaking! God is to be the origin of the message. Neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit spoke anything in their own behalf (John 12:49; 16:13). They listened and delivered the message. Should we be so different?

Eat what you find! Consume the message to make it a part of who you are. "I ate it and it was sweet" (3:3).

Go! God sent Ezekiel to his own people, "not to a people of unintelligible speech" (3:5), and so He is sending you. You bear the message of reconciliation: one of peace and good news. Will you deliver God's message to those who need it?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The more faithful the Lord is, the more I should...?

Every translation I checked for 2 Thessalonians 3:3 begins the verse with the word "But." What's the big deal about that? The chapter begins with Paul asking his brethren to "pray for us." First and foremost, Paul wanted "the word of the Lord" to be able to "run swiftly and be glorified." Then, he longed to

"be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men," who do not "have faith." There were perverse and powerful individuals who were trying to thwart the efforts of Paul and hinder "the faith." It would be easy to focus on those detractors. Paul did not!

"BUT the Lord is faithful!" Some men are not faithful, BUT the Lord is faithful! Some men are wicked and corrupt, BUT the Lord is faithful! Some men will disappoint you, BUT the Lord is faithful! The contrasting conjunction "but" is there to help us to see the Lord in a different light than we see anyone else or anything else! He is ALWAYS faithful! So, what should I do?

Go back to verse 1. The more faithful the Lord is, the more I should... "pray!" – DS

"When you were little in your own eyes"

How big (or little) are you in YOUR OWN eyes? How do you see yourself compared to God?

In First Samuel 15, the Lord told King Saul, "Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them" (15:3). "**But** Saul and the people spared Agag

and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them" (15:9). Amazingly, after the Lord told Samuel that Saul "has not performed My commandments" (15:11), then the king told Samuel, "I have performed the commandment of the Lord" (15:13). By way

of censure, and perhaps to capture his attention, Samuel began his rebuke of Saul with these words, "When you were little in your own eyes..." (15:17). Samuel's purpose who to wake the king to the reality that he was now so "big in his own eyes" that he set his will above the Lord's will! He was NO LONGER little in his own eyes!

Are you still "little in your own eyes" (cf. Mt. 5:3; Jas. 4:10)? Or have you outgrown God? – DS

Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday-Wednesday, March 5-8

 Gospel Meeting at Palm Beach Lakes. Dan Winkler will be speaking on "The Embrace of God's Grace."

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship12:45 p.m. Evening Worship12:15 p.m. Midday Bible Study

Mon.-Wed.12:15 p.m.Midday Bible StudyMon.-Wed.7:00 p.m.Evening Bible Study

Sunday March 5

• Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, March 10-12

• Scrap the Weekend at CFBC. Cost is \$90 per person.

Sunday, March 12

- Daylight Savings Time Begins. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- Troy Spradlin Mission Report at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- Single Ladies' Luncheon after morning worship at Paddy Mac's on Military Trail & PGA Blvd. RSVP to Joan Holloway.

Sunday, March 12 (cont.)

- "Fortifying Your Faith" Class at 5:00 p.m.
- Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- Family Group 2 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Thursday March 16

 Family Group 1 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins.

Friday-Sunday, March 17-19

Singles' Retreat at CFBC. Cost is \$40 per person. See the bulletin board for more details.

Young Adults Young Adults

Friday, March 10

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

Monday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 18

 Young Adult Cookout for Kids from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Amelia Earhart Park in Miami. See Rachel Fuller or Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, April 1

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

Monday, April 3

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



Friday, March 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, March 11

• Jr. High Bike Riding at 10:00 a.m. at Bradley Park in Palm Beach (Sunset Avenue). Bring your bike and lunch.

Sunday, March 12

 Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room.

Sunday, March 26

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

Friday, March 31

 Sr. High Spring Formal from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at The Kane Center in Stuart. Cost is \$35 per person. RSVP to Josh Blackmer by March 10.

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



Sunday February 26

LOCL VISITORS: Gail Archer; Larry & Judy Beard; Mr. Jean Charles; Tom Garrison; Ms. Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Jennifer King; Madeline Lee; Daniel Newsome; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Smith; Miss Emma Teed; Andrea Ventress; and Mrs. Machelle Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Dorcas Francois, Corpus Christy, TX; Juanita Guilford, Cincinnati, OH; James & Ginger Lee, Tuscaloosa, AL; Rick Lee, Harrison, MI; Mrs. Sandy McElhaney, Macomb, MI; Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Jenifer Segal, St. Louis, MO; Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne & Nancy Walton, Lancaster, SC; Mrs. Julie Watson & Jonah, Bartlesville, OK; and Ms. Kay Williams, Tuscaloosa, AL.



Sunday (Mar. 5th) John Hoelzer

Monday (Mar. 6th)
Susie Cox
Linda Studer

Tuesday (Mar. 7th) Justin Maloney Bob Swayne Wednesday (Mar. 8th)
Henry Bass
Bereather Williams

Thursday (Mar. 9th)
Bonnie Quigley

Saturday (Mar. 11th)
Godfrey & Norma Pratt (Ann.)

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FAMILY GROUP MEETINGS

Family Group 1: Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins.

Family Group 2: Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Family Group 3: Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

Family Group 4: Friday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot.

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, March 5

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Lead Singing	Gary Friedly	
Opening Prayer	Tim Cox	
Scripture Reading	Jimmie Banks	
Presiding at Table	Taylor Reeves	
Serve at Table:		
David Brown	Wallace Jones	
Josue Charles	Nate Nelson	
Tim Fry	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	
Jeff Goodale	Lawrence Williams	
Alternates		
Bill Ingram, Jr.	Gary Jenkins	
Closing Prayer	Jeff Leslie	

Sunday Evening, March 5

Lead SingingGary Fr	riedly	
Opening PrayerJohnny	Davis	
Scripture ReadingKirk C	rews	
Presiding at Table Kevin W	/eeks	
Eddie Gooden		
Richard Lerro		
Dirk Summerlot		
Closing Prayer Bob Hi	igbee	
Wednesday Evening, March 8		
Lead SingingBobbo	Lupo	
InvitationDan Wi	inkler	

Family PrayerDavid Sproule

Ushers for the week of Mar. 5: Head Usher Glen Dawson; Orlando Lolo & Morris McDaniel

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Feb. 26</u>	Jan. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	246	273
Sun. A.M. Worshi	p 344	369
Sun. P.M. Worshi	p 152	182
Wed. Bible Study	184	201
Contribution \$	313,868	\$14,733

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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes...... 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible classes 7:00 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

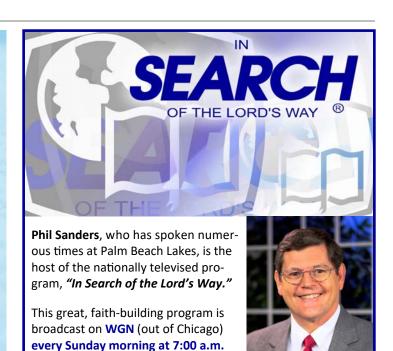
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

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).



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