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March 31	Sr. High Spring Formal		
April 20	<b>Ladies' Day</b> with Whitney Watson		
April 30	Fifth Sunday Night Cook Off		
May 5-6	<b>ET for Youth</b> with J.D. Schwartz		
May 20	<b>PBL Movie Night</b> "Is Genesis History?"		

#### Sobering Thoughts as You Begin Worship

If you asked

David why he

worshiped God,

The book of Psalms gives us such great insight into the deep emotions felt by David. It allows us to see how his soul felt when he walked through the valley of the shadow of death. It helps us to vividly see what he thought about as he stared into the firmament and the heavens and saw God's

By Dan Jenkins

glory. Have you ever considered what was in the heart of this godly man as he worshiped? Psalm 103 gives at least eighteen reasons he approached God with a heart filled with awe and reverence.

The psalm begins with the words, "Bless the Lord, O my soul." The Hebrew word for bless literally means to kneel, and when applied to us and our God, he could give you it specifically indicates an act of adoration toward Him. David came before God with his soul kneeling toward the Almighty. If you asked David why he worshiped God, he could give you the following reasons.

#### **Reasons to Kneel Before God**

- He forgives all my iniquities and heals me (v. 3). 1.
- 2. He redeems my life from destruction (v. 4).
- He crowns me with lovingkindness and mercy (v. 4). 3.
- 4. He satisfies my mouth with good things (v. 5).
- He renews me (v. 5). 5.
- He executes righteousness and justice for all (v. 6). 6.

- He made known His ways and actions (v. 7). 7.
- He is merciful and gracious to me (v. 8). 8.
- He is slow to anger and abounding in mercy to me (v. 8). 9.
- 10. He does not strive always with me or stay angry (v. 9).
- 11. He does not deal with me according to my sins (v. 10).
- 12. He does not punish me according to my iniquities (v. 10).
- 13. His mercy is great toward me (v. 11).
- 14. He has removed my transgressions from me as far as the east is from the west (v. 12).

15. He shows His compassion and pity to me like a loving father shows pity to his children (v. 13).

16. He knows my frame and remembers that I am dust (v. 14).

17. Man is like grass, the flower of the field, wind blows and it is gone and forgotten, but His mercy so many reasons toward me is from everlasting to everlasting (v. 16).

> 18. His righteousness reaches me and even to my grandchildren (v. 17).

As the psalm ends, David calls upon all the angels to bless Him, to kneel as an act of adoration toward God. He calls upon all the armies of heaven and the heavenly servants to bless Jehovah. He looks at all that God has done and calls upon all His works which manifest His power to bless him. The man after God's own heart then turns inward and calls upon himself to kneel before God. In doing this, he calls upon you. "Bless the Lord, O my soul!"



#### "Does Your Church?" (Part 1)—The Authority of the Bible

Do you "go to church"? Do you have a "church home"? Do you have a church that you would call "my church"? If you do, there are some vital matters that every "church goer" needs to consider.

By David Sproule

When one picks up the Bible and reads through the New Testament, a careful

Bible student will find a very precise plan and pattern for something the Bible describes as "the church." It is readily apparent to Bible readers that the church was purposed (Eph. 3:10-11), prophesied (Isa. 2:2-4; Dan. 2:44), promised (Matt. 16:18), purchased (Acts 20:28), established (Acts 2:1-47; Col. 1:13) and directed (1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Cor. 14:37) by the God of heaven! Therefore, to whom should we turn to know all that we need to know about this "church" but to God

Himself? And, where else would we go than to the Bible-God's inspired Word, revealing to us the full will of God in all matters, including the church (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 2:10-14)?

The design of this series of articles is for each of us to examine "our church." Jesus established His church in the New Testament. It was the only church in existence on the day of its establishment in Acts 2, and it was the only church known, addressed and approved in the pages of the New Testament. Truly, "there is one body" (church) (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23). Therefore, it is of eternal importance that each "church goer" honestly examine "his church" and be absolutely certain that it is the church of the Bible—the only one that belongs to Jesus.

Here's the first examination. The church of the New Testament had instilled within them a deep respect for the authority of God's Word. The teaching of the apostles and God's inspired men was not viewed as something "cute" or "fascinating" or "a good approach." The doctrine of Christ was

> absolutely essential (2 John 9-11). The church was taught not to "add to" or "take from" God's inspired word (Rev. 22:18-19). The first-century church was warned to not tolerate anyone who would preach "any other gospel" than what had been preached by inspired men (Gal. 1:8-9). The early church could not think beyond (1 Cor. 4:6), speak beyond (1 Pet. 4:11) or act beyond (1 Cor. 1:10) that which was written.

New Testament Christians understood that each person would stand before Christ on the day of judgment (2 Cor. 5:10), and it would be His Word that would be the standard of judgment on that day (John 12:48). The church was plainly instructed that their very entrance into heaven was dependent upon their obedience to the will of God in His Word (Matt. 7:21-23).

The New Testament church respected the authority of the Bible and would not dare teach any other doctrine than what the Bible teaches (1 Tim. 1:3). Does your church?

The New Testament church respected the authority of the Bible!



#### **It Pays to Serve**

"'Your words have been arrogant against Me,' says the LORD. 'Yet you say, "What have we spoken against You?" You have said, "It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked in mourning before the LORD of hosts?""" (Mal. 3:13-14).

It is a definite fact that we are obligated (and privi-

leged) to serve God. The Lord stressed, "For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY" (Matt. 4:10). Because of the great sacrifice of the Christ Himself, we are in a position to effectively "serve the living God" (Heb. 9:14). The apostle Paul often referred to himself as being a "servant of Jesus Christ" (Rom. 1:1, 9). We must also strive to imitate Paul (Phil. 3:17) as he followed Christ.

In connection with serving God, the question is often asked, "Does it pay? Is it worthwhile?" In the days of Malachi, the wicked said: (1) "It is vain to serve God." (2) "What profit is it that we have kept His ordinances?" (3) "What profit is it that we have walked mournfully before the Lord?" Is it possible that we could be guilty of the same thing?

I don't think we say these words, but we are quick to evaluate what we invest our time and efforts into. We may

think things like: "Is it worth it to get up on a Sunday morning and worship?" Or "I don't think I get much out of the lessons and Bible classes." Or "It doesn't pay to practice my faith, no one else does, and they are doing fine." We cannot afford to be so short-sighted. We are falling into the same lies that Satan spun with Eve all those many years ago. Another aspect is that we are consumers. If we are not careful, we could change our faith into a consumer faith. "What's in it for me?" "What is

the pay off?" We must remember that what we are **What will you do** promised is long term.

what will you do to show your obedience to the Father this week?

The prophet Malachi emphasized, "It does pay to serve God!" He stressed: (1) That God delights in the fellowship of His people; (2) That God hears and hearkens to His people; (3) That God has before Him a "book of remembrance" for those who fear Him; (4) That in the day when God makes up His jew-

els, He will spare those who have loved Him and served Him (Mal. 3:16-18). In serving God, there are wonderful blessings both now and in the hereafter.

The reward lies before us. That is why He went to prepare a place. The reward of service can only be reaped when the service is done. As long as it is still called today, we must serve with obedience. He is the Creator of all living things. Does He not deserve our service? What will you do to show your obedience to the Father this week?

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

# Jesus had to pass through Samaria. Don't you?

When Jesus left Jerusalem following the Passover (John 2:23) and headed back to the more fertile soil of souls in Galilee (John 4:3), the Bible records that Jesus "needed to go through Samaria" (4:4), or that He "had to pass through Samar-

ia" (NASB). For us, that may not sound unusual, but for a Jew, that was highly unusual, for no Jew ever "had to pass through Samaria." In fact, many Jews traveled on the east side of the Jordan to avoid Samaritans altogether. But, Jesus knew there was a woman there who would hear and a whole city ready to believe. Jesus was not going to avoid lost and searching souls because of some long-held prejudice.

When the story of your life is recorded, will there be a sentence written that said you had to pass by a certain person? It may not sound unusual to some, but perhaps there would be other readers (who knew your situation) who would think, "No way! He/She didn't have to go that way! There must have been some compelling reason!" There are lost and searching souls who need the gospel! We must put aside every prejudice and "pass through Samaria"! -DS

#### Turning a curse into a blessing

If there was ever anyone who was absolutely fixed on cursing the people of God, it was Balaam in Numbers 22-24. In an effort to satisfy his materialistic heart and receive a reward from the king of Moab, Balaam attempted three times to pronounce a curse upon Israel, but every single time Balaam ended up blessing the people instead. Why? What happened?



"Nevertheless the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam, but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you" (Deut. 23:5).

How often do you think God does that for you? If God turned a potential curse into a blessing for His people more than 3,000 years ago, how often do you think He is taking a curse today and turning it into a blessing for you? There is no way for us to know the answer to that question, but here is something in which we can absolute confidence—"the Lord your God loves you!" Do you believe that? Do you trust Him to know and to do what is best for you? -DS

# Keep in Your Prayers

### **Pray for These PBL Members**

Maria Hackshaw	undergoing medical testing
Carol Hardman	recovering from neck surgery
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from surgery on fractured pelvis (no visitors)
Ruth Milton	has a blood clot in her leg
Joyce Parker	continues to slowly improve
Kay Richardson	awaiting test results on nodules in both lungs
Sherrick Thomas	ICU at Lawnwood Regional Medical Ctr. (no visitors)
Cherylann Wineinger	dealing with a severe ear infection

Silas Moses upon the passing of his sister,

Ampathy Sadie Pearl Davis, on Monday in New York

#### **Long-Term Health Issues**

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

#### **Pray for Our Shut-Ins**

Millie Ames	Shelton Howell
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**

is extended to ....

Connye Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease
Annie Faison's son, recovering from stroke
Kay Richardson's sister, cancer, has flu and step throat
June Pack's son, possible surgery on neck and back
Ophelia Holmes' husband, recovering from a stroke
Jenisa Kenty's mother, recovering at home, heart issues
Carolina Medina's sister, remains in the hospital
Micky Affron's father, still undergoing testing
Marcia Walker's sister, recovering from a stroke
Jimmie Banks' stepfather, knee replacement on April 7
Jimmie Banks' sister, undergoing medical testing
Betty Sanders' brother, Ft. Pierce hospital, heart attack



# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, March 26

• "Fortifying Your Faith" Class at 5:00 p.m.

#### Monday, March 27

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

#### Tuesday, March 28

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

#### Sunday, April 2

- Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.
- "Fortifying Your Faith" Class at 5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 9

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

#### Thursday, April 13

• Family Group 1 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown.

#### Sunday, April 16

- Mount Dora Children's Home Supply Deadline. A supply list can be found on the Welcome Desk. Please place donated items in the Lobby. Gift cards to Wal-Mart and Publix are also appreciated.
- Fortifying Your Faith" Class at 5:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 20

- Ladies' Day hosted by Palm Beach Lakes. Whitney
  - Watson will be speaking on "Ambassadors for Christ."5:45 p.m.Registration6:00 p.m.Opening Comments
    - 6:30 p.m. Dinner Served by PBL Men
    - 7:30 p.m. Lesson: "Ambassadors for Christ"

#### Friday-Sunday, April 21-23

• Father/Son Retreat at CFBC. This year's theme is "Living Life On Par." Cost is \$40 per person. Josh Blackmer is the retreat coordinator. See the bulletin board for more details.

#### Saturday, April 22

• **13th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament at CFBC.** See the bulletin board for more details.

# Young Adults

#### Tuesday, March 28

- Meat Night for YA Men at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Sproule.
- Ladies' Dinner Night at Relish in WPB at 6:30 p.m. See Rachel Fuller or Cindy Nelson 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. at the home of Rachel Fuller. See Rachel for details.

#### Friday, April 14

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

#### Saturday, April 15

 Young Adults Go to the Escape Room. Location TBD. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details. Palm Beach Lakes

#### Sunday, March 26

• 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. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

#### Sunday, April 2

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

#### Sunday, April 9

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

#### Friday, April 14

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

## PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - April, 2017

		April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Morning	Worship Serv	vice				
Song Lead	der	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening F	Prayer	Dan McLeod	Joe Maloney	Jeff Goodale	Jerry Pittman	Freddie Gadson
Scripture	Reading	Tim Fry	Dick Kelley	Morris McDaniel	Richard Lerro	Kevin Weeks
Presiding	at Table	Eugene Williams	Phil Porter	Rick Hall	L.H. Richardson	Jerry Hopkins
Serving at	Table:	Doug Carrick	Jordan Beasley	Henry Bass	Stephen Beliech	Shea Brown
		Ed Gager	Harrison Crotts	Kane Campbell	Josue Charles	Cam Crotts
		Eddie Gooden	Mike Erickson	Lance Collier	Tim Cox	Brett Lau
		Errol Gower-Winter	Bobby Ingraham	Namdidie Ikon	Gorman Ericksen	Ken Long
		Wallace Jones	Gary Jenkins	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Andy Fernandez	Tim Mahlbacher
		Orlando Lolo	Darin Summerlot	Jim Rogers	Chris Thompson	Vincent Rogers
		Kevin Weeks	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Micah Trujillo	Mike Trujillo	Carmen Ruckman
		Austin Williams	Marty Wiliams	Lawrence Williams	Shaun Tyson	Richard Watson
Closing Pr	rayer	Mike Archer	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Brent Leslie	David Holaday	Henry Williams
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Song Lead	Norship Serv	Ken Tipton	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	1
Opening F			-			
Scripture I		Kirk Crews	Justin Maloney Deltom Leguernague	David Brown	Gary Friedly	N
Presiding		Dan Fuller Jimmie Banks	Josh Blackmer	David Lord Glen Dawson	David Thorpe	Young Men Conducting
Serving at					Ken Tipton	Service
Serving at	Table.	Josiah Blackmer	Jeremy Maloney	Tom Dolan	Eddie Gooden	
		Bob Higbee	Scott Lewis	Gary Seames	Jeff Leslie	
Closing P	raver	Jacade Reynolds Daniel Swayne	Clayton Trujillo Charles Hayes	Leonard Williams Chuck Clark	Nick Pietro Nate Nelson	
Closing Pr	layer	Daniel Swayne	Charles Hayes	Chuck Clark	Nate Nelson	
Alternate	s:					
		Victor Colage	Johnny Davis	Jim Davis	Lynn Parker	Mike Damron
		Jeff Leslie	Richard Watson	Dirk Summerlot	Scott Studer	Paul Metzkes
Technical	Assignment	S				
Morning:	Computer	Shea Brown	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
-	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	Daniel Swayne	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
•	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	Daniel Swayne	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD
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Ushers -	Morning & E	vening Services (Sund	lay & Wednesday) Apr. 9 & 12	Ame 10.9.10	Amr. 00.9.00	Ame 00 8 March
	or	Apr. 2 & 5	Apr. 9 & 12	Apr. 16 & 19	Apr. 23 & 26	Apr. 30 & May
Head Ush	er	Novel Brown	John Lattic	Time First	Dah Wiskas	Kana Osmahali
		David Brown	John Loftis	Tim Fry	Bob Higbee	Kane Campbell
		Marvin Dozier	Taylor Reeves	Simon Tyson	Eugene Williams	Dan McLeod

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)

Thank You are

It is a humbling and yet powerful experience to become the subject of this wonderful congregation's prayers and expressions of real concern for my health. During each of the 45 treatments, I concentrated on thanking our Father for each of you, knowing that He listens to our supplications. What an encouragement you have been to Luann and to me! My heartfelt thanks to God for you.

Dan & Luann McLeod



Sunday March 19

LOCAL VISITORS: Alice Bassal; Jim & Cindy Beard; Larry & Judy Beard; Taylor Caster; Terry & Regina Crews; Sterling Frederick; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Linda Harker; Ms. Evangeline Harper; Ms. Karen MacDonald; Miss Jaena Smith; and Michael Staley.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Jerry & Nancy Berry, Akron, OH; Miss Danielle Dixon, Daytona Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Nick Dodd & family, Corinth, MS; Jeff & Amber Hammond, Brentwood, TN; Odot Ikon, Legend & Edison, Tampa, FL; Miss Janet Johnson, Jamaica; Mrs. Karen Jones, Aylett, VA; Scott Kelley, Jacob & Cole, West Broward, FL; Ms. Nancy Lackford, Newark, DE; Mrs. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Brad Lewis, Columbia, TN; Barbara McBride, Murphysboro, IL; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Massey & family, Signal Mountain, TN; Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. Conner Porter, Newburgh, IN; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Mrs. Roberta Thees, Stuart, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David Thompson, Marion, IL; Mr. & Mrs. Leon Weeks, Valdosta, GA; and Buddy & Linda Williams, Nashville, TN.



<u>Sunday (Mar. 26th)</u> Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham (Ann.) Matthew King Carmen Ruckman

<u>Monday (Mar. 27th)</u> Danielle Carter Jerry Hopkins Monday (Mar. 27th cont.) Jerry Pittman

Wednesday (Mar. 29th) Cruz Fernandez

Friday (Mar. 31st) Bryce McDaniel

#### 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 26

Lead Singing	Jerry Hopkins		
Opening Prayer	Rick Hall		
Scripture Reading	L.H. Richardson		
Presiding at Table Deltom Lequernaqué			
Serve at Table:			
Andy Anderson	Brent Leslie		
Lance Collier	Carmen Ruckman		
Mike Damron	Mike Trujillo		
Namdidie Ikon	Nahum Villard		
Alternates			
Kenneth Long	Phil Porter		
Closing Prayer	Joe Maloney		

#### Sunday Evening, March 26

Sunday Evening, when	20
Lead Singing	Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer	Ken Tipton
Scripture Reading	Robert Lupo
Presiding at Table	Chris Thompson
Tom Dolan	
Tim Mahlbacher	
Scott Studer	
Closing Prayer	Micah Trujillo
Wednesday Evening, Ma	arch 29
Lead Singing	Ivan Villard
Invitation	Dan Fuller
Family Prayer	Dan McLeod

#### **Our Record**

Attendance	<u>Mar. 19</u>	<u>Feb. Avg.</u>	
Sun. Bible Study	223	249	
Sun. A.M. Worshi	ip 364	374	
Sun. P.M. Worshi	p 178	165	
Wed. Bible Study	180	186	
Contribution S	\$14,556	\$14,896	
2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065			
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +1,832			

Ushers for the week of Mar. 26: Head Usher: Glen Dawson; Jim Davis & Dick Kelley



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#### Service Schedule

Sunday:	
Bible Classes	0.00 a m
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	
Bible classes	7:00 p.m.

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"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...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. 1:16-18; 3:17).

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