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April 15	Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under
April 23	Jr. High Family Devo
April 23	Sr. High Devo
May 5-6	ET for Youth w/ J.D. Schwartz
May 12	Sr. High & YA Guys' Movie Night
May 13	Jr. High Family Picnic
May 14	Youth & Church Family Singing



By Dan Jenkins

"Giving Your Testimony" or Preaching Christ

response, but

preaching Christ

will!

Our religious world has lost sight of the power of the story of the coming of the Messiah, His death, His resurrection and the establishment of His kingdom to bring salvation to the world. This was the message that began at Pentecost and spread around the world. In this day, far too many give their

"testimony" about their past life and how they have changed. The message that will convert the world is not the story of our life, but the story of His life.

In Acts chapter eight, we read how Philip will not bring this lead lost men to Jesus. It was not the "testimony" of Philip's past life that changed the world. It was the story of the Savior. Imagine the following story. It never happened. It is simply an illustration showing God's plan of evangelism versus the modern plan used by some.

Philip ran to the chariot and heard the Ethiopian reading the scriptures and asked him if he understood the Bible. The man responded saying that it so hard to understand, and then Philip got into the chariot and gave his "testimony."

Philip said, "You are so right about the difficulty of understanding the Bible. I used to be exactly where you are. I attended worship at the local synagogue, and the lessons presented there made me think that no one could ever find God. They often spent hours trying to decide just how far one could walk on the Sabbath before walking would violate the command not to work on the Sabbath. They talked about eating with unwashed hands and talking to Gentiles. Synagogue worship seemed to never talk about mercy and faith in God."

"Those leaders in the synagogue were not serious. They used their position to gain fame. They loved having the chief seats in the assembly but did not seem to love people.

Their religion was outward and never seemed to Your "testimony" change. I was so discouraged."

> "I remember one time when these same leaders caught a man and a woman sinning and decided to let the man go free, but wanted to stone the woman. It was rather strange that they would do this, for just the previous week we had read the words of Moses saying both should be stoned."

"I also was such a sinner in my own life. Let me preach to you my favorite sermon, What a Sinner I Used to Be. I have changed, and you need to change."

This story never happened. What did Philip preach? He preached about the authority of Jesus and the kingdom of heaven (Acts 8:12), and he taught about Jesus (8:35). The Ethiopian said, "See, here is water. What prevents me from being baptized?" Giving one's testimony will never bring such a response. Preaching Christ and His kingdom will!



"Does Your Church?" (Part 3)—The Singularity of the Church

of division was

never desired or

If you jumped in a car at your house, how many different "churches" would you find if you drove for 20 miles? What about 50 or 100 miles? Your answer will easily be in double digits and could even approach triple digits. Now multiply that by every ur-By David Sproule ban area around the world. Of course, you

realize, without even stepping foot inside any of their facilities, that every single one of those groups teaches and practices something different than the others. If you Such a condition were looking for a church, how confusing would that search be with all of those different "churches," different doctrines and different practices.

approved by Would it interest you to know that such a condition of division was never desired or approved God! by God? Read 1 Corinthians 1:10 carefully. "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." The point could not be more emphatic! The church was developing human divisions (in verses 11-12), and the Holy Spirit made it clear that such was completely unacceptable (in verses 10 and 13)!

There is one church in the Bible! Jesus promised to build His singular "church" (Matt. 16:18). Inspired Scripture establishes repeatedly and unequivocally that "there is one body" (Eph. 4:4; 2:16; Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-13, 20; Col. 3:15). That "body" is the one "church" (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18) of which Christ is the one Head (Eph. 5:23). It is His church—Christ's church!

There is one doctrine to be preached by the one church of the Bible! Jesus announced, "You shall know the truth" (John 8:32). Inspired Scripture establishes repeatedly

> and unequivocally that "there is one faith" (Eph. 4:5), one "gospel" (Gal. 1:6-9), one "doctrine" (2 John 9-11; 1 Tim. 1:3; 6:3). Christians are to "all speak the same thing" (1 Cor. 1:10; cf. 1 Pet. 4:11). There is one acceptable doctrine for the church to proclaim!

There is one practice to be followed by the one church of the Bible! Jesus made it clear that only the one "who does the will of My Father" can

"enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Inspired Scripture establishes repeatedly and unequivocally that the authority of Christ must govern everything that we do (Col. 3:17). We must ensure that we have book, chapter and verse for everything that we practice in the church (Acts 17:11). There is one acceptable practice for the church to follow!

How does your church view these matters? The church of Christ recognizes there is one church, with one doctrine and one acceptable practice. Does your church?



By Josh Blackmer

No Child

"No child should have to look into the face of death. No parent should have to watch their child die. Children are dying every day from hunger and sickness. Children just like these are facing death every day, but with your support and just fifty cents a day we can save them." The United Nations In-

Children are

dying every day

of a spiritual

hunger and soul

ternational Children's Emergency Fund, or UNICEF, runs these commercials to raise millions of dollars in support for relief efforts around the world. Usually, a famous celebrity will solemnly report this information to try and persuade you of the great need to donate to the cause. While I do not deny that there is a need, I do wonder what we would see if this was in a spiritual context.

Jesus saw the multitudes of people and, "He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). Jesus saw a woman by a well. When she declared that she waited for the Messiah, He said, "I who speak to you am He" (John 4:25-26). Jesus saw a man up in a tree. When Zacchaeus confessed his sin, Jesus responded, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:9-10). It is obvious that Jesus is able to see into the minds and souls of people. He was able to see past the

exterior and get to the hearts of those around Him. Even with the religious elite He said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness" (Matt. 23:27-28). They also needed to repent and serve God rather than men or their own self-righteousness.

If we were able to see as the Father sees, would our prayer be like that of Paul's? "Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation" (Rom. 10:1). Please consider this. The world around you is starving, but they don't know it until it is too late. You hold in your hands and in your heart the very information they need. You know it to be as sweet as honey (Ezek. 3:3). Our

job is to convince them of the need and the cure. Because of free will, not all will heed the call (2 Thess. 2:14). Those that do will glorify your Father in heaven.

Every child will have to look into the face of death (Heb. 9:27). The Father is not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9). Children are dying every day of a spiritual hunger and soul sickness. Children just like yours. He has done everything, what are we doing? If we would serve Him daily and sow the seed, He will save them.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Are you a false balance?

Picture an old-fashioned balance scale used in commerce, with

two weighing dishes suspended from chains that are connected to a beam that is balanced on a stand at its center (fulcrum). The dish on the left would have the various weights, and the item to be weighed for purchase (like produce) would be placed on the dish on the right. Now, imagine that the beam at the top was made a little longer on the left (favoring the weights), but no one could notice. Imagine that one of the weights had been hollowed out. Whatever a customer wanted to purchase would weigh more, and

It is interesting that the book of Proverbs addresses this. "A false balance is an abomination to the Lord" (Prov. 11:1). "Unequal weights are an abomination to the Lord" (20:23). Even making the slightest change to your benefit, and to the loss of another, was detestable to God.

therefore cost more, than it should. But, who

would actually notice?

Make the application. Are you honest, fair and truthful with others? Who would notice? -DS

Christ is the one you're looking for!

As Paul was explaining how the wisdom of man is inferior to the wisdom of God and how man needed to seek his fulfillment in Christ, he observed that "Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. 1:22-23). Then, he showed them that what they were seeking could only be found in what he was preaching. To the

Jews who seek a "sign," Christ is "the **power** of God," and to the Greeks who seek "wisdom," Christ is "the **wisdom** of God" (1:24). Why don't more people seek their fulfillment in Christ?

Today, folks are trying to "find themselves." Have they looked to Christ? Folks are wanting

to know "what their purpose is." Have they looked to Christ? Folks are looking for "the meaning of life." Have they looked to Christ? That is why Paul said, "For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (2:2). When Christ is the one who "fills all in all" (Eph. 1:23) and is "all and in all" (Col. 1:23), why would we look anywhere else? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Cora Lee Dennis recovering from a fall

Maria Hackshaw awaiting medical test results

Adelene Honore awaiting results from CAT scan

Ruth Milton has a blood clot in her leg
Harriet Morris recovering from a fall

Charles Norton recovering at home from pneumonia

Joyce Parker continues to slowly improve

Leigh Puckettrecovering from a fall, doing wellMary Reeveschronic tendonitis in shoulderMarie Thorpeundergoing therapy for back pain



Mary, Brandon & Chris Thomas upon the passing of Sherrick Thomas, on Monday. The Funeral will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00 a.m. at our building.

Betty Sanders upon the passing of her

brother, Jim Slone, on Wednesday in Ft. Pierce.

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankstondialysis treatmentsSilas Mosesdialysis treatmentsCharles Nortondialysis treatmentsNorm Smedleybreathing problemsPatricia Ventressdialysis treatments

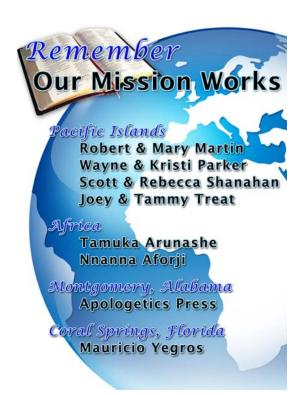
Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Karen Brennan Julie Trujillo's sister, diagnosed with Graves' Disease **Bonnye Cox** Connye Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease **Shirley Franklin** Kay Richardson's sister, cancer and other health issues Clara Medina Carolina Medina's sister, remains in the hospital **Jacklyn Modery** Sharon Reitz's sister, recovering from back surgery **Joel Owens** Cindy Nelson's father, recovering from a heart attack **Yvonne Palmer** Teresa Williams' sister, recovering from eye surgery Pat Pittman Jerry Pittman's brother, now under Hospice Care **Hyacinth Robinson** Marcia Walker's sister, recovering from a stroke **Edward Sims** Jimmie Banks' stepfather, knee replacement on April 7

Jimmie Banks' sister, undergoing medical testing



Monika Sims

Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, April 9

- NO Fortifying Your Faith" Class.
- H2H Congregational Labeling Night after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Sunday-Friday, April 9-14

 Gospel Meeting hosted by Carol City in Miami Gardens each night at 7:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday). Mark Copeland from Kissimmee will be speaking on "Come Now, and Let Us Reason Together."

Monday, April 10

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

Tuesday, April 11

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

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. Registration
6:00 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.

Friday, April 21

 Family Group 4 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.



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.

Tuesday, April 18

 Meat Night for YA Men at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Sproule.

Monday, May 1

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

Saturday, May 6

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod.



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

Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. High Youth. Jr. High arrive at the building at 8:45 a.m. Bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs (no chocolate; it will melt). <u>Grades 5 & Under</u> children should arrive at 9:30 a.m. to hunt for eggs. Sign up online to bring a food item. See Sarah Collier, Ivan & Amber Villard or Mendy Crews for more details.

Sunday, April 23

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

Friday-Saturday, May 5-6

 Evangelism Training for Youth with J.D. Schwartz beginning Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

24 Bible Reasons to Congregate with My Brethren Every Week



- 1. To express and prove my love for the Lord (John 14:15)
- 2. To obey the command of God (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7)
- 3. To consider my brothers and sisters in Christ (Heb. 10:24)
- 4. To stimulate my brothers and sisters to love and good works (Heb. 10:24)
- 5. To encourage and build up my fellow brethren (Heb. 10:25; Rom. 1:11-12)
- 6. To express and prove my love for my brethren (1 John 4:7-12; John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:9-11)
- 7. To do my part as a member of the body (1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 4:16)
- 8. To exhibit the priorities that Christ wants me to have (Matt. 6:33)
- 9. To be where Jesus is and to commune with Him (Heb. 2:12; Matt. 26:29; 18:20)
- 10. To remember Jesus just like He told me to do (Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24-25)
- 11. To have an opportunity to praise God as He desires and expects (John 4:24; Matt. 4:10)
- 12. To draw closer to God, which is what I long to do (Jas. 4:7-10; Psa. 122:1)
- 13. To enjoy a foretaste of heaven (Rev. 5:9-14; 14:1-3; 15:1-3)
- 14. To guard against falling away (the whole book of Hebrews; 2 Pet. 2:20-22)
- 15. To be the priest God expects me to be (Rev. 1:6; 1 Pet. 2:5; Heb. 13:15)
- 16. To satisfy my hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matt. 5:6; 1 Pet. 2:2-3)
- 17. To show the deep sincerity of my faith, that I'm not just pretending (1 Pet. 1:7-9; 2 Tim. 1:5)
- 18. To make sure that I don't sin willfully and suffer the consequences (Heb. 10:25-31)
- 19. To focus my heart and mind on what is most important (Matt. 22:37-40)
- 20. To follow the example of the early church (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2)
- 21. To show the elders that I want to make their shepherding a joy (Heb. 13:17)
- 22. To set a good example for others and not give an occasion for stumbling (Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Tim. 4:12; Matt. 18:6; Rom. 15:1-2)
- 23. To strengthen my faith and my resolve and to not deprive myself (2 Pet. 3:18; Rom. 10:17; Psa. 119:9-16; Rev. 2:10; 1 Tim. 4:16; Heb. 5:12-6:1)
- 24. Because Jesus died on the cross for me (Gal. 2:20). Where else would I want to be?

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



Congratulations to Jerry & Lorena Pittman upon the birth of another grandson. Mason James Rosenblum was born to Michael & Beth on Monday, March 27.



Congratulations to our missionaries, **Mauricio & Kayla Yegros**, upon the birth of their daughter, **Emily Marie**, Monday, March 27.



Sunday April 2

LOCAL VISITORS: Jim & Cindy Beard; Larry & Judy Beard; Ms. Taylor Caster; Mr. Jean Charles; Terry & Regina Crews; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Evangela Harper; Ms. Karen MacDonald; Mrs. Sharon Mann; David Marzahn; Mrs. Corinn Miller, Linley & Ellie; Ms. Pat Patterson; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. Angel Santiago; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Smith, III; and Miss Jaena Smith.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Evelis Findley, Brooklyn, NY; Mr. Rene Forrest, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Leslie Higbee, Concord, NC; Mr. & Mrs. Harold & Billie Hodnett, Clarkesville, GA; Mr. Scott Kelley, West Broward, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Brenda McLeod, Tallahassee, FL; Mrs. Sarah McElhaney, Macomb, MI; Mrs. Sarah McMillen, Jackson, MS; Ms. Linda Meese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Jennifer O'Hannon, New Albany, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond & Ethel Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. David & Bette Sproule, Anderson, SC.



Monday (Apr. 10th)

Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.) Anthioda Charles Jennifer Higbee Rose Martens Stephanie Weeks Wednesday (Apr. 12th) cont. Kaylani Carmona

Mendy Crews

Wednesday (Apr. 12th)
Bill & Inell Ingram (Ann.)

Thursday (Apr. 13th)
Henry & Bereather Williams (Ann.)
Marcia Clough-Moss

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, April 9

Lead Singing	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Joe Maloney
Scripture Reading	Dick Kelley
Presiding at Table	Phil Porter
Serve at Table:	
Jordan Beasley	Gary Jenkins
Harrison Crotts	Darin Summerlot
Mike Erickson	Ivan Villard, Jr.
Bobby Ingraham	Marty Williams
Alternates	
Johnny Davis	Richard Watson
Closing Prayer	Bill Ingram, Jr.

Sunday Evening, April 9

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening PrayerJustin Maloney
Scripture Reading D. Lequernaqué
Presiding at TableJosh Blackmer
Jeremy Maloney
Scott Lewis
Clayton Trujillo
Closing Prayer Charles Hayes
Wednesday Evening, April 12
Lead Singing Harrison Carter
InvitationJohn Hoelzer
Family Prayer Chuck Clark

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Apr. 2</u>	Mar. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	223	248
Sun. A.M. Worsh	ip 364	373
Sun. P.M. Worsh	ip 162	198
Wed. Bible Study	168	204
Contribution	\$16,552	\$16,290

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Ushers for the week of April 9: Head Usher: Novel Brown; John Loftis & Taylor Reeves



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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes.........9:00 a.m.
Worship6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible classes7:00 p.m.

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