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Welcome New Members



Gadson, Adrienna

Group 3

Baptized April 2



MacDonald, Karen

Group 2

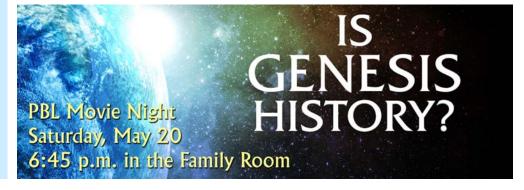
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Johnson, Heath

Group 4

Identified April 30



By Dan Jenkins

The Power of Short Prayers

Sometimes you hear Christians say, "I do not know how to pray." If by this they mean they could not pray the long, flowery prayers we sometimes hear, there is a sense in which this is a blessing. Remember what Jesus said about praying. "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the hea-

then do. For they think that they will be hard for their many words" (Matt. 6:7). Long prayers are not wrong, unless they are filled with empty words or unless the one praying them thinks the length of the prayer is a measure of how powerful a prayer is. Consider some of the powerful short prayers in the Bible.

"Lord, save me." The apostles had just been sweet minutes of "Three strikes and you are out." However, the Lord part of one of the most astounding miracles of Jesus. prayer He had taken five loaves and two small fish and fed 5,000 men (not counting women and children). That night (actually it was during the fourth watch—somewhere between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.) their boat was about to sink because of the storm. When they saw Jesus walking to them, Peter asked Jesus to bid him to walk to the Lord. It was an amazing step of faith which started his journey, but when he took his eyes off of Jesus and looked at the waves, he began to sink. His prayer was, "Lord, save me" (Matt. 14:30). It is the shortest prayer in the Bible. It was all that was needed.

"God, be merciful to me a sinner." Two men entered the temple to pray at the hour of prayer. One prayed "with himself" and the other prayed "unto heaven." The first told God what a good man he had been and how righteous he was. The other's humility would not even allow him to raise his eyes toward heaven. He pounded his chest as a sign of his distress and simply prayed, "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Think of the power of this short prayer.

> "Lord, increase our faith." Jesus had just described how His followers must forgive a penitent brother who sinned against them seven times in a single day. We may struggle to forgive a person who wrongs us once in a lifetime, or at best we may think, looked at seven events in just one day. The apostles' response was, "Lord, increase our faith" (Luke 17:5).

His response to them was to describe how the smallest faith can cast a mulberry tree into the sea. Having trouble dealing with your life? Their prayer should be your prayer.

Want to enhance your relationship with the Lord? Think of these short prayers (or others that fit your particular situation) and pray them throughout your life. We sing about the "Sweet Hour of Prayer," but it might help us all to spend more time in those "sweet minutes" of prayer in which our short prayers have such power!



By David Sproule

"Does Your Church?" (Part 8)—The Essentiality of Baptism

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When you are looking for a church, what are some of the crucial doctrines and practices that are vital to find? Is there anything more important than what a church teaches that a person lost in sin must do in order to be saved? It is so critical to find a church that teaches what the Bible teaches

about salvation! So here's the question: Does baptism have anything to do with one's salvation? Is it essential, optional or not even necessary? The only way

The teaching of the Bible about salvation is crystal clear. One who is lost in sin must believe that Jesus is the Son of God before he can be saved (John 3:16; 8:24). That faith must lead a person to repent of his sins before he can be saved (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30). But, is one saved at that point? Or is there anything else that is necessary? Is baptism necessary?

The Bible teaches that baptism is essential in order to be saved from the condemnation of sin. "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). "...Baptism doth also now save us" (1 Pet. 3:21). Baptism is essential (Rom. 6:3-7; Eph. 5:26; Col. 2:11-13)!

The Bible teaches that baptism is essential in order to enter into Christ. Is being "in Christ" that important? Scripture reveals that only "in Christ" will one find "every spiritual blessing" (Eph. 1:3), including "redemption" (Eph. 1:7), a "new life" (2 Cor. 5:17) and "eternal life" (1 John 5:11). Scripture affirms that the only way "into Christ" is by being "baptized into Christ" (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27), for only then can one wear the name of Christ (1 Cor. 1:12-13). Baptism is essential!

> The Bible teaches that baptism is essential in order to enter into the church and kingdom of Christ. Is that important? Scripture teaches that Jesus is the Savior only of those in His church (Eph. 5:23; 1:22-23) and will deliver them to His Father when "the end" comes (1 Cor. 15:24). Scripture establishes that the only way to "enter" "into" the kingdom of God (the church) is to be "baptized" (1 Cor.

12:13; John 3:3-5; Acts 2:41, 47). Baptism is essential!

The Bible teaches that baptism is essential in order to become a child of God. The process of being "born again" as a child of God into His family involves baptism (i.e., being "born of water and the spirit," John 3:3-5). "Sons of God" are those who, "through faith in Christ Jesus," are "baptized" (Gal. 3:26-27). Baptism is essential!

The church of Christ teaches that baptism is absolutely essential in order to be saved. Does your church?



By Josh Blackmer

What Is A Sheep To Do?

If you have watched National Geographic, you know nature can be a cruel place. You've seen the lion chase down the young zebra, the crocodile eat the unsuspecting gazelle, and the killer whale almost beach itself nabbing a seal snack. What I find interesting are the unlikely pairings that Je-

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sus uses to teach us about the mission that He has set out before us as disciples.

Jesus says to His twelve, "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves" (Matt. 10:16). In the context of this passage, Jesus, "Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). He tells His disciples to pray to

the Lord of harvest to send for reapers because the laborers are few (Matt. 9:37-38). He then calls them together and empowers them to do great things in His name (Matt. 10:1-4). Before sending them off on what is called the limited commission, as they were to only go to the "lost sheep of the tribe of Israel," He gives them some instruction as to the details of how they were to operate while they are out teaching that the kingdom was coming (Matt. 10:5-42). In the context of teaching, preaching and evangelism, we have two pair of animals: sheep and wolves, and serpents and doves.

What can we learn from this pair of pairs? With the sheep and wolves, it is rather clear who Jesus is talking about. He tells the disciples, "I send you out as sheep." He had previously considered the "un-pastorized" masses as sheep. The sheep are those that will be called to enter in (Matt. 25:32-34). Sheep are those that are obedient or at least true followers of Christ, the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14). Not everyone is a sheep. There are wolves. In the immediate context, the wolves

are shown to be those in contrary to the message—not in word and insult only but also in violent action against the disciples. The wolves are not just those unnamed "bad people," they are family members, brothers, sisters, parents and children who will turn against one another (10:21). What is a sheep to do?

serpent and as harmless as a dove. That is typically not what we would like to hear. Retaliation seems so much more rewarding in the moment. Jesus consoles them by saying, "Do not fear, whatever they do will be made known" (10:26); God knows you and cares for you (10:28-31); Don't deny Me, for when you have lost your life for Me, you will have found it (10:32-39). We learn from this pairing that we are sheep, and we should expect the wolves to come. When they do, be wise and harmless with our actions and words. If we live, we live for Christ. If we die, we will be with Christ. "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

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"From one blood"

When police arrive on the scene of an accident where there is a small pool of blood remaining behind from one of the victims, do you know what the police can tell about the person from that blood? Besides the fact that a person has been injured to cause them to bleed, there is nothing about that blood (by looking at it) that can help an officer identify or even discriminate anything about the person. They cannot distinguish the person's gender (cf. Gal. 3:28), ethnicity (cf. Acts 10:34), economic status

The apostle Paul told the idolatrous Athenians that God "made **from one blood every nation of men** to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26). Every human being finds a common origin in Adam and Eve, i.e., in God Himself.

(cf. Jas. 2:1-6), social class (cf. Eph. 6:5-9), etc.

(Look at those verses in the first paragraph.)

Think about that.

The next time you think about discriminating against someone based upon what they look like on the outside, remember that we are all designed identically on the inside! -DS

What's a sailboat without a sail?

A little boy crafted a small wooden boat and gently placed it in the neighborhood pond. After a few minutes he asked his dad (with confusion in his voice), "Daddy, why isn't my sailboat sailing?" The father tenderly replied, "Well, son, it's because your sailboat doesn't have a sail."

How many of us are trying to go through life like a sailboat without a sail? We are floating along but, really, we're not going anywhere. What purpose, what function, what good is a sailboat without a sail? It is just about useless.

Like the word "SAILboat" emphasizes it must have a SAIL to fulfill its function, the word "CHRISTian" emphasizes that we must have CHRIST to fulfill our function. If you, as a Christian, are going through life without CHRIST at the center of your boat and guiding you along, you're just floating aimlessly with no purpose and no direction. Fellow CHRISTian, it's time to stop trying to sail without our Sail (Luke 5:1-11; Matt. 4:18-22; 8:23-27)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer continues to suffer with back and leg pain

Jordan Beasley St. Mary's Hospital, undergoing medical tests

Cynthia Ingraham dealing with knee pain

Lynne Jorgensen recovering from another fall, six staples in her head

Ruth Milton in a lot of pain and not doing well

Charles Norton recovering at home, still very weak

Leigh Puckett dealing with very low INR levels

Mary Reeves severe back pain, will be fitted for a back brace soon

Betty Sanders scheduled for a stress test on Tuesday

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Carol Adkinson Patricia Harrington's sister, recovering from broken hip

Dione Bates Carole Graff's daughter, two hearts stents inserted

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

Shirley Franklin Kay Richardson's sister, cancer and other health issues

Ann Freseman Nicole Freseman's mother, recovering from shoulder surg.

Betty McDaniel Morris McDaniel's mother, ICU in Fort Pierce

Jason Mann Sandy Mann's son, Palms West Hospital, undergoing tests

Bill Mills Tasha Ellis' father, recovering from a car accident

Jacklyn Modery Sharon Reitz's sister, recovering from back surgery

Pat Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip

Tom Schuemann Laura Schuemann's father-in-law, serious health issues

Rhema Stewart Yolanda Stewart's father-in-law, Palms West Hospital

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 Helen Gardner Ruth Milton Margie Hardin **Godfrey Pratt** Janet Hickerson Leigh Puckett Loretta Holaday Ricky Smedley



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, May 14

- "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, May 15

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

Tuesday, May 16

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- Family Group 3 Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara King.

Friday, May 19

 Family Group 4 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

Saturday, May 20

 PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Saturday, May 20 (cont.)

- PBL Movie Night at 6:45 p.m. in the Family Room. We will be showing "Is Genesis History?" Bring your own snacks and drinks.
- Ladies' Day hosted by Suncoast beginning at 8:00

 a.m. Aretha Cleveland will be speaking on "Talking Faith, Walking Fear."
 See the bulletin board for more details.
- Fish Fry Fundraiser at CFBC. Games begins at 3:00 p.m. Food served from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Adults: \$10; Children 5 & Under: \$5. RSVP online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, May 21

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

Thursday, May 25

Family Group 2 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Saturday, May 27

- **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.
- Wedding Shower & Reception for Grant & Kathryn
 Fuller at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Room.



Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

• Young Adult Kayaking at 10:30 a.m. at Riverbend Park.

Tuesday, May 23

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

Saturday, May 27

VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.

Friday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 3

• VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon.



Sunday, May 14

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

Friday, May 19

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

Sunday, May 28

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

Friday, June 2

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

Sunday, June 4

 High School Graduates' Luncheon after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Equipping & Edifying Families

10 Ways Your Kids Are Watching You



Your kids are watching. As much as you might not want to admit it, they see how you treat your spouse and when you do the opposite of what you say. They learn more by observing than by being told what to do because your actions speak louder than your words. Ralph Waldo Emerson said it beautifully when he said, "Your actions speak so loudly that I can't hear your words."

It's a bit of a wake-up call to have your children stop you mid-sentence because you're talking with food in your mouth at the dinner table after you've told them that they shouldn't. Our children have a funny way of calling us out when we do something that is inconsistent with what we are teaching them. It's important to actually do what you say is the right thing to do.

Now comes the tough question: Are you a role model worth following? This is something that most parents don't think about. Take a moment. What areas of your life do you wish your kids would do differently than you? Unless you change first, your children are less likely to do it differently. Changing your children starts with changing you. Here are 10 ways your kids are watching you:

1. Your language

So watch what you say. Whether you think they are listening or not, they hear you. Be careful not to call other people names or curse if you don't want your kids doing the same things.

2. Your tone

How you talk to someone is just as important as the words that are used. Be careful to speak to your spouse and others with respect.

3. Your attitude

Negativity breeds more negativity. Have a can-do attitude for your child to be prepared to take on the world. Sometimes even the smallest attitude adjustment can go a long way.

4. Your manners

Are your elbows on the table? Do you hold doors for others when out in public? Your children will be little gentlemen and little ladies only if you model it yourself.

5. Your confidence

Exhibit confidence to your kids in doing what is good. Always do the right things for the right reasons.

6. Your work ethic

Life isn't just about entertaining ourselves. Get your kids involved in the chores and teach them the importance of hard work.

7. Your discipline

Who likes a half-cleaned room? Stick with a task until it is complete and your kids will hopefully do the same.

8. Your forgiveness

We all make mistakes. Are you modeling the Father's forgiveness for your children? And do you apologize when you are in the wrong?

9. Your shelter

Are you someone your kids know they can run to when they're having a rainy day? Or, do you leave them out in the storm to fend for themselves?

10. Your love

The greatest gift that you can give your children is love. Be a model of love to your kids. Show and tell your children that they mean the world to you. They will learn to love the way that you do.

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



To the Palm Beach Lakes congregation,

A great big thank you to all the men who prepared and served the Lakes Day dinner. So lovely! The spiritual message was fantastic and encouraging.

With love from,
The Stuart church of Christ



Sunday May 7

LOCAL VISITORS: Joseph & Patrice Aristhome; Ms. Lori Armstrong; Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Judy Beard; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Cindy Beard; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Ms. Chrissy DeStefano; Carlos Destin; Miss Audrey Freeman; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Sue Maisano; Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Pat Patterson; and Miss Jaena Smith.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Aufiero, Oklahoma City, OK; Miss Kinsey Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Eddy Cezalien, Orlando; Ms. Dianelys Chancey & Judy, Belle Glade, FL; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. Rhone Jadis & Wisenie, Orlando; Mrs. Patricia Kato, Chattanooga, TN; Miss Sabrina Lolo; Michael Morning & Quinia Henry, Port St. Lucie, FL; Miss Lakesha Moore, Nashville, TN; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mrs. Roberta C. Thees, Stuart, FL.



Sunday (May 14th)

Mattie Cox Carolyn Cullom Judy Lerro

Monday (May 15th)
Pete Brown

Wednesday (May 17th) Greg Bland

Thursday (May 18th)
Josh & Cara Blackmer (Ann.)
Rick & Peggy Hall (Ann.)
Jerry & Lorena Pittman (Ann.)

Thursday (May 18th) cont.

Joan Holloway Rick Price

Friday (May 19th) Linda Wolfe

Saturday (May 20th)

Jimmy & Helen Burney (Ann.) Lovetta Harmon Austin Reeves Alex Romigh Sheena Sink

Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,
But a woman who
fears the Lord, Proverbs
she shall be praised. 31:30

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>

Sunday Morning, May 14

Lead Singing	Robert Lupo	
Opening Prayer	Richard Watson	
Scripture Reading	Jim Rogers	
Presiding at Table	Freddie Gadson	
Serve at Table:		
Andy Anderson	Rick Price	
David Brown	Scott Studer	
Marvin Dozier	David Thorpe	
Joe Maloney	Clayton Trujillo	
Alternates		
Bobby Ingraham	Darin Summerlot	
Closing PrayerRichard Lerro		

Sunday Evening, May 14

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Lead SingingJerry Pittman	ı	
Opening PrayerDick Kelley	,	
Scripture Reading Ivan Villard, Jr.		
Presiding at TableJeff Goodale	4	
Gorman Ericksen		
Nick Pietro		
Carmen Ruckman		
Closing Prayer Gary Seames	,	
Wednesday Evening, May 17		
Lead Singing Harrison Carter		
Invitation Cam Crotts	,	
Family PrayerPhil Porter		

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Attendance	<u>May 7</u>	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	261	243
Sun. A.M. Worsh	ip 357	389
Sun. P.M. Worsh	ip 163	170
Wed. Bible Study	186	189
Contribution	\$17,531	\$15,187

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Ushers for the week of May 14: Head Usher: Lance Collier; Edward Gager & Wallace Jones



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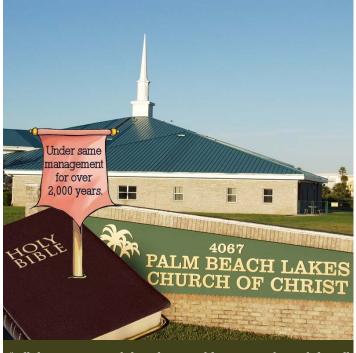
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Service Schedule

Sunday:

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

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"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).

