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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL





By Dan Jenkins

Beware of “Cotton Candy”

I remember the very first time I ever saw cotton candy. When I was very young the highlight of every year was the county fair in Huntsville, Alabama. Today when there is Disney World, Universal Studios and “Six Flags Over Everywhere,” it is hard for anyone to imagine just how special those “scary” rides were at the fair and how much I loved cotton candy!

I do not remember how old I was, but I vividly remember that stand which sold this new, amazingly sweet treat. I did not know that cotton candy had been introduced to the world at the 1904 World Fair in St. Louis and was called Fairy Floss. (No, I was not at that fair—not that old). At that fair, more than 68,000 boxes were sold for the equivalent of six dollars in today’s money. I do know how much I loved it.

My impressions of it? (1) It was so fascinating and attractive. (2) Everyone was talking about how good it was. (3) At first taste, it was so sweet, but then it disappeared in my mouth. (I did not know it was mostly air mixed with two table-spoons of sugar). (4) It promised so much and gave such instant gratification that I wanted more and more.

Now think of the many parallels between my impression of cotton candy and the nature of sin. Sometimes great lessons come from the simplest sources.

Isn’t it strange how great spiritual lessons come from such simple sources!

Sin and cotton candy are so fascinating and attractive. Think about the fruit in the first garden. Think of David’s view of Bathsheba from his rooftop. We so often sin when our hearts lust for what we see (Jas. 1:14). However, there is far more to sin when we look at the larger picture.

Sin and cotton candy are enjoyed by so many. That expensive cost of the floss in St. Louis did not keep individuals from buying it. So many thought that if others found it so “rewarding” they just had to try it, regardless of the cost. There are many on that broad way toward destruction (Matt. 7:13-14). There is that Divine instruction about following the multitude (Ex. 23:2).

Sin and cotton candy both promise so much and deliver so little. There is almost no nutritional value to cotton candy—it is nothing but air. Sin properly understood is in reality nothing but “fluff” that brings eternal destruction. When sin is finished it brings death and bondage (Jas. 1:15; 2 Pet. 2:20).

Sin and cotton candy both create a longing to have more and more. Every sin can become an addiction which brings us into bondage and is so addictive. Sin seems to satisfy but only for such a short time. The real choices are instant gratification or eternal reward.

Isn’t it strange how often great spiritual or eternal truths come from such simple sources!



By David Sproule

A Logistical Nightmare for Man But Not For God

In Exodus 13, it states that “when Pharaoh had let the people [of Israel] go... God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt...And the Lord went before them” (13:17-21). Chapter 14 states that when they came to the Red Sea at night that the Lord parted the waters—“So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand on their left” (14:21-22). What would that have been like?

At Mount Sinai, the Lord instructed Moses to number the people, and it was found that the males, who were 20 years old and above and who were able to go to war (Num. 1:2-3), numbered 603,550 (1:46). This did not include any males under 20 or any women or the tribe of Levi. Therefore, it has been estimated that there were at least 2-3 million Jews who came out of Egypt. That is a huge nation that was on the move.

Have you ever stopped to think about what it must have been like for that many people to leave Egypt, cross the Red Sea, make their way to Mount Sinai and have any semblance of order about them? What about the logistics of just making sure everyone had food and water?

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At one time, the Quartermaster General in the Army gave the following statistics. He determined that Israel would have needed 1,500 tons of food each day—which would require two freight trains a mile long each to carry. They would have needed 4,000 tons of firewood per day to cook their meals—which would require at least 2-3 more freight trains a mile long each to carry. In order to have enough water to drink, cook and wash, they would have needed 11,000,000 gallons each day—which would require a freight train of tank cars that was three miles long every day.

For that many people to cross the Red Sea, the opening would have to be huge. If it was narrow and they only crossed double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would require 35 days and nights to pass. The opening had to be a good three miles wide, so that they could march across 5,000 abreast in one night. And, when they got ready to camp at the end of each day, it would require a campground that was 750 square miles (two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island).

This would have been an absolute logistical nightmare for Moses to figure out. But, with God, we read the events as if it was the easiest thing in the world. Do you realize that the God who did this is your God? When things in your life seem to be insurmountable and you feel overwhelmed, just remember what God did for Israel. He will do it for you, too!



By Josh Blackmer

In a Godly Home, the Husband... (Family Series Part 1)

The relationship between man and woman and the subsequent family is one of the oldest relationships on earth. Only slightly older is the relationship between man and God.

It was God that placed the husband as the head of the family. "Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord" (Eph. 5:22-25; 1 Cor. 11:3). Being the head of the family does not mean that the man is superior to woman. Nor is the husband to lord over his wife. It is simply the role that was placed on the males. In regard to submission, it is something that is reciprocated and a sign of mutual respect (Eph. 5:21). The wife is not to be treated in any way less than the way Christ loves and is concerned for His church. It also does not necessarily mean that the husband "makes all the decisions." (There is more to headship than simply making decisions).

Headship gives direction. Your head gives your own physical body a sense of direction, without which life would be impossible. Christ as the head of His spiritual body, the church, provides it with a direction for action. The husband as the head of his family is to provide direction for all under his guidance. In Joshua's declaration, "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (24:15), he was setting the stage for what was

expected of his family. As the head of the family, he was setting the standard for how the household should be governed in light of a belief in God. Noah is another example of one who was obedient to God. That obedience was able to save his family and the future of mankind. In both cases, direction is given to the family through example and instruction.

Another part of being the head of the household is rendering service. This was exemplified to us by Jesus. He showed us that the role of the master (teacher, leader, head) involves service to his people. On the night of His betrayal, He washed the feet of the disciples and concluded with this statement, "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you" (John 13:15). When some of the disciples tried to exalt themselves over others Jesus said, "and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave" (Matt. 20:27). We must follow the example of Christ-like servant leadership.

God has specified several other responsibilities for the husband not necessarily connected to the role of headship. Husbands should love their wives (Eph. 5:25-30). Husbands should treat their wives with respect and consideration (1 Pet. 3:7). Husbands are to care for their families (1 Tim. 5:8). In doing this, the husband can fulfill the role that was set out for him since its creation. How is the leadership in your home?

How is the leadership in your home?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

An ant shall lead them

Have you ever walked through your kitchen and noticed a single ant just walking across the floor or across the counter? Did you feel sorry for him, thinking that he might be lost? Of course not! You probably suspected that he was the scout ant, out looking for tasty morsels.

You know what a scout ant does, don't you? He goes out in search of a glorious feast. When he finds something, he dines to his delight and then takes a sample back to the colony. Before long, there is a steady stream of ants marching to the banquet table and joining in the feast.

You may have never been asked this question before but, "Are you a scout ant?" Have you gone out in search of a glorious spiritual feast? Did you find it? Did you find the good news about Jesus Christ? Did you find the blessed promise of eternal life? Did you find the beauty of His church? If so, have you gone to tell everyone else what you found? Have you led others to the banquet table to join in the feast? That's what scout ants (and faithful Christians) do! – DS



Profanity in worship? Not me!

While some of us may have trouble controlling our tongues, would you ever consider using profanity in the presence of or in the face of God? I'd suspect that all of us would be very cautious with our words if we were speaking one-on-one with our God.

Some years ago I heard a statement that has stuck with me—"Singing without making melody in your heart is profanity!" Think about it. Is that true? By definition, profanity involves blasphemous language that treats something sacred with irreverence or contempt.

The Lord specified that your worship is to involve "singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). If you sing words (i.e., words are coming from your lips in a melodic tone), but those words are not first generated and then exclaimed from a heart that has contemplated those words and intends those very words, what would you call it? May we focus our hearts while we sing, lest we speak profanity to the face of God (cf. Ezek. 22:26)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	suffering with severe pain in legs
Jordan Beasley	undergoing rehab at home, continues to improve
Pat Brown	recovering from oral surgery
Carolyn Cullom	recovering from an accident, bruised and in a lot of pain
Patricia Hackshaw	scheduled for surgery on July 7
Charles Hayes	undergoing treatment, surgery rescheduled for June 28
Dave Holaday	carotid artery surgery cancelled
Joe Holland	recovering at home, improving
Judie Jenkins	recovering at home from foot surgery
Connye Plouffe	dealing with constant pain in her back
Julie Williams	undergoing medical tests



Richard Watson and family upon the passing of **Marie Watson** last Sunday during the night. The funeral service was on Friday morning in Texas.

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	Godfrey Pratt
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Janet Hickerson	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bonnye Cox	Connye Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering from eye surgery
Mark Freseman	Nicole Freseman's brother, hip replacement surgery
Jackie Handspicker	Brett Lau's grandmother, diagnosed with lung cancer
Bill Mills	Tasha Ellis' father, recovering at home from rehab
Pat Pittman	Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip
Jane Woodruff	Jackie Stout's sister, stage 4 pancreatic cancer

Remember
Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 25

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Brookdale Senior Living on Prosperity Farms Road. Food will be provided. Please RSVP to Joan Holloway by Friday, June 23.
- ◆ **"Fortifying Your Faith" Class** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, June 26

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, June 27

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

Sunday, July 2

- ◆ **Scott Shanahan Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **"Fortifying Your Faith" Class** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Sunday, July 9

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

Sunday, July 16

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet together for a special presentation.
- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **No "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.**

Sunday-Saturday, July 23-29

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at Central Florida Bible Camp.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.
- ◆ **No "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.**

Sunday, July 30

- ◆ **Mount Dora Coin Cans** will be available in the Lobby. Start saving your coins now!

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Saturday, July 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 21

- ◆ **Young Adult Bowling.** Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday-Saturday, July 23-29

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at Central Florida Bible Camp.** Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Saturday, August 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, June 25

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

Sunday, July 9

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

Saturday, July 15

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Bowling Transition Event** for students and families of those currently in Grades 5-8. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Sunday, July 16

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet together for a special presentation.
- ◆ **Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. All incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - July, 2017

July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23

July 30

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Morris McDaniel	Orlando Lolo	Darin Summerlot	David Thorpe	Jerry Hopkins
Scripture Reading	David Brown	Henry Bass	Taylor Reeves	Phil Porter	Joe Maloney
Presiding at Table	Mike Erickson	Victor Colage	L.H. Richardson	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Kirk Crews
Serving at Table:	Josue Charles	Novel Brown	Lance Collier	Mike Damron	Jordan Beasley
	Jeff Goodale	Doug Carrick	Andres Fernandez	Ed Gager	Tim Cox
	Bob Higbee	Harrison Crofts	Eddie Gooden	Bobby Ingraham	Marvin Dozier
	Wallace Jones	Dick Kelley	Ken Long	Brent Lau	Errol Gower-Winter
	Richard Lerro	Scott Lewis	Paul Metzkes	Tim Mahlbacher	Brent Leslie
	Jerry Pittman	Austin Metzkes	Vincent Rogers	Carmen Ruckmen	Rick Price
	Tyrone Toson	Lynn Parker	Shaun Tyson	Nahum Villard	Scott Studer
	Marty Williams	Lawrence Williams	Richard Watson	Austin Williams	Lawrence Williams
Closing Prayer	Dan Fuller	Marvin Dozier	Chuck Clark	Clayton Trujillo	Rick Hall

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	John Loftis	Jerry Pittman	Bobbo Lupo	John Loftis	
Opening Prayer	Glen Dawson	Kevin Weeks	Jim Rogers	Jimmie Banks	
Scripture Reading	Micah Trujillo	Jeff Leslie	Freddie Gadson	Gary Seames	Young Men
Presiding at Table	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Jim Davis	Deltom Lequernaque	Morris McDaniel	Conducting
Serving at Table:	David Lord	Chad Brown	Josiah Blackmer	Gorman Erickson	PM Worship
	David Thorpe	Simon Tyson	Cam Crofts	Jeremy Maloney	Service
	Mike Trujillo	Leonard Williams	Nick Pietro	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	
Closing Prayer	Dirk Summerlot	Tom Martens	Heath Johnson	Jerry Pittman	

Alternates:					
	Nate Nelson	Tim Fry	Johnny Davis	Mike Trujillo	Novel Brown
	Scott Studer	Bobbo Lupo	Mike Ellis	Eugene Williams	Bob Higbee

Technical Assignments						
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	TBD	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	TBD	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crofts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	TBD	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crofts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	July 2 & 5	July 9 & 12	July 16 & 19	July 23 & 26	July 30 & Aug. 2
Head Usher	Chris Thompson →				
	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Gorman Erickson	John Loftis	Namddie Ikon	Cam Crofts
	Jim Rogers	Gary Jenkins	Micah Trujillo	David Lord	L.H. Richardson

- 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)



Sunday
June 18

Thank you so much for your many acts of love and kindness given to me and my family during my recent loss. I am most thankful for your continued prayers. It is a joy being a part of such a special family. I love you all.

Debora Lynch

Dear PBL family,

Thanks so much for the nice send-off, the cards, calls, and encouragement. It meant so much to me. I'll do my best to keep in touch. God bless!

Love, Shea Brown

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Mrs. Ava Dexter; Miss Jamie Granino; Tim Lamb, Boynton Beach; Scott & Janet MacDonald; Dennis & Sharon Mann; Miss Alexis Owens; Ms. Pat Patterson; Mr. Major Roman; and Ms. Linette Umana.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. David & Irena Bozdogan & Daniel, Miami Beach, FL; Matt, Olivia & Lilliana Ellis, Hendersonville, TN; Mrs. Nan Feeser, Inverness, FL; Ms. Ashley Gibbs, Stuart, FL; Russell Henson, Vero Beach, FL; Casey & A.J. Irvin & Theresa Limegrover, Kingwood, TX; Mrs. Sheri Jenkins, Lilburn, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Adam Killion & Jacob Haffner, Paris, TN; Savanna McQueen, Nassau, Bahamas; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Michelle Post, Chamblee, GA; Ms. Mary Redman, Columbus, MS; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Beth Rosenblum & family, Huntsville, AL; Mrs. Paula Solorzano Leon, Stuart, FL; Mrs. Martie Veverka, Murphy, NC; Leon & Marie Weeks, Valdosta, GA; and Mrs. Karen R. Wray, Mineral Bluff, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (June 25th)
Tom & Rose Martens (Ann.)

Thursday (June 29th) cont.
Dorothy Savage

Tuesday (June 27th)
Joe & Marian Holland (Ann.)
Mary Thomas

Friday (June 30th)
Edward & Ellen Gager (Ann.)
Adrienne Gadson
Marcia Walker

Wednesday (June 28th)
Cam Crotts
Cheryl Milton

Saturday (July 1st)
Andres & Angelica Fernandez (Ann.)

Thursday (June 29th)
Steven Livergood

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at 9:50 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Morning, June 25

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening PrayerChad Brown
Scripture Reading.....Orlando Lolo
Presiding at Table Chris Thompson
Serve at Table:
Lance Collier Jerry Pittman
Gorman Ericksen Vincent Rogers
Namdidie Ikon Nahum Villard
Brett Lau Austin Williams
Alternates
Edward Gager L.H. Richardson
Closing PrayerPaul Metzkes

Sunday Evening, June 25

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening PrayerGary Jenkins
Scripture Reading..... Chuck Clark
Presiding at Table..... Novel Brown
Andres Fernandez
Jim Rogers
Shaun Tyson
Closing PrayerDavid Holaday

Wednesday Evening, June 28

Lead Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation..... Tyrone Toson
Family PrayerTaylor Reeves

Our Record

Attendance	June 18	May Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	256	258
Sun. A.M. Worship	359	329
Sun. P.M. Worship	197	158
Wed. Bible Study	236	194
Contribution	\$13,658	\$15,110
2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +4,295		

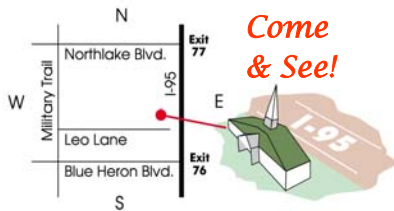
Ushers for week of **June 25**: Head Usher: Kane Campbell; Kirk Crews & Errol Gower-Winter



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Come & See!

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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT

NOTHING

— CAN —

SEPARATE US

— FROM THE —

LOVE OF GOD.

ROMANS 8:39

Upcoming Events

July 2

Scott Shanahan Mission Report

July 16

Promotion Sunday

July 23-29

Jenkins' Week at Central Florida Bible Camp

August 13

Back-to-School Ice Cream Social

September 10

Super Sunday with Kirk Brothers

October 8

Robert Martin Mission Report

October 13-15

Spiritual Enrichment Weekend