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By Dan Jenkins

The Arrows of God

In our day of modern warfare, when a skilled sniper can kill an enemy from two miles away, we tend to forget in Bible times how devastating a skilled marksman could be with nothing more than his bow and quill filled with arrows. An unexpected volley of arrows from a troop of warriors could bring immediate death when it arrived.

One event from ancient history illustrates this so well. Alexander the Great came against the enormous Persian army and was told that when the Persians shot their arrows there were so many that it would darken the sun. (Such did not faze Alexander. He replied, "Wonderful, today we get to fight in the shade"). The constant threat of death from the arrows of the enemy is why the Bible describes the wrath of God using the imagery of His arrows.

In the seventh Psalm, David described the anger of the Lord manifesting His justice. "God is a just judge, and God is angry with the wicked every day...He bends His bow and makes it ready...He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts." There is no way to compare the arrows of the Persian army and the fiery arrows of the army of God. In the midst of great adversity, David found such peace when he thought of God's arrows.

**When you see
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The eighteenth psalm was penned by David on the very day God delivered him from all of his enemies, especially King Saul (2 Sam. 22:1). In his distress, the shepherd boy had cried out to God, and his cry entered into the ears of God. Read the words of the psalmist in the vivid, poetic words given by the Holy Spirit. "He heard my voice...the earth shook and trembled...because He was angry. Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth...The Lord thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice."

Then, David mentioned the arrows of the Lord. "He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, lightning in abundance." Who has not been startled by the flashing of lightning and its attendant thunder! David saw these as manifestations of God's arrows coming to his deliverance. Forget the Persian arrows, forget the arrows of Saul's army—God comes to the aid of His children who call out to Him.

Do you want to be find peace when surrounded by life's storms? Just take time to read about God's arrows prepared to come to your aid. Let me also suggest that when you see the lightning and hear the thunder in the summer storms and those preceding hurricanes and tornados you take time to look at them as David did. God's arrows are awaiting your cry for His help. Meditate on these things.



By David Sproule

Influenced By a Crowd from the Past

If you do not know, where do you think the following verse would be found in the Bible? "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil." It would make sense for that particular verse to be in a letter written to Christians in the immoral city of Corinth, but that's not where this verse is found. (Although there is a verse very similar in 1 Corinthians 15:33.)

At least a couple million of God's people had just been delivered from Egypt, crossed the Red Sea on dry ground, and were camping at Mount Sinai. At Mount Sinai, the ONLY people there (to our knowledge) were God's people. All of these Jews had just witnessed multiple miraculous manifestations of the power of God, and now they are only in the presence of fellow Jews. Why, in that context, would God need to tell them, "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil"? Could there have been "evil" men among them who they needed to avoid? Perhaps. Or, is it possible that God was concerned that they still had a little Egypt in them?

Does one have to be in the presence of an evil crowd to actually follow that evil crowd? Consider Lot's daughters for a moment. These two young ladies witnessed the divine destruction of their hometown and everything that they had ever known. What a life-changing experience! What would ever

cause Lot's daughters to get their father drunk, so that they could "lie with him" and provide him with a "lineage" (Gen. 19:30-32)? Would this not be a reflection of the environment in which they had been raised and was now manifesting itself, even when they had escaped that evil place?

Go back to Exodus 23:2—"You shall not follow a crowd to do evil." These Jews had spent their entire lives in the pagan nation of Egypt. They had been surrounded by idolatry and immorality for centuries. It is hard for that not to have a lasting impact on individuals, even after they have escaped that land.

Make the application. What ungodly influences have there been in our lives in the past that still have their seeds lodged in our hearts? What crowds might we be following, although we haven't been around those "crowds" in years? Consider this Bible principle: "Do you not know that a little leaven," even some that stays lodged in our hearts after many years, "leavens the whole lump?" God then instructs, "Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump" (1 Cor. 5:6-7). While this is written to a church, there is application even to the life of an individual Christian today. What "old leaven" (i.e., remnants of your own Egypt) do you need to search out in your heart and "clean out" (NASB)? Is there a better day to start that cleaning than today?

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By Josh Blackmer

In a Godly Home, the Wife... (Family Series Part 2)

None could argue with the importance of the wife and mom in the family dynamic. It is this role that embodies so much of the heart and soul of what it means to be family. "He who finds a wife finds a good thing" (Prov. 18:22). "An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels" (Prov. 31:10).

When we look to the Bible to define the role of the wife, we see that she is to subject to the husband (Eph. 5:22). As we studied before, this is not a demotion or a position of lesser estate. It does not mean that there should be a rivalry between the sexes or that either sex intends to walk on the rights of the other. We understand that nothing can have two heads and succeed. Someone must take the lead, and someone must follow. The wife's role is a partnership. She is to be a supporter, a helper, a confidante. If these roles are switched it doesn't work. If the man is not taking the lead, the woman takes up the reigns and it doesn't work. We were programmed for these roles.

God has specified several other responsibilities of the wife not necessarily connected to the role of submission. Wives should love their husbands and children. "[Older women] that they may encourage the young women to love their

husbands, to love their children" (Tit. 2:4). I would propose to you that this is not emotional love but how to agape love in the family setting. That is a learned love.

Wives should be one with their husbands. It is a defining aspect of the marriage relationship (Gen. 2:24). It is also something that both are responsible for in the relationship (1 Cor. 7:3-5). Neither is to deny it of the other.

Wives should also respect their husbands. I understand that guys don't always make this easy, but there should be a mutual respect. "Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband" (Eph. 5:33; 1 Pet. 3:4-5).

Wives should be virtuous. Older women are to teach the younger "to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored" (Tit. 2:5). The "proverbial woman" also portrays these virtues in the example we are given in Proverbs 31:10-31.

It is easy to see the importance that the role of the wife and/or mother plays in the family. It is important for the emotional health of everyone in the family. It is for this reason that the Proverbs speak so highly of an excellent wife. When God made woman, it could be said that He crowned His creation with that which is most precious.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Who's on first?

It is THE funniest bit in comedy—Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First?" It is one of those classics that never gets old and shows how real humor doesn't have to be vulgar.

Now, when it comes to your prayer list, "Who's on first?" Who is on your prayer list? If you'd like a creative way to remember and keep up with your prayer list, without even writing it down, then assign everyone on your prayer list a position on the baseball field. Put someone on first base, second base, third base and shortstop. Put someone on the pitcher's mound and behind home plate. Put someone in left field, center field and right field. Now, when you get ready to pray, just go to each position and pray for that person. If someone comes off the list, then you bring in a replacement. If you have more than nine people on your prayer list, create a second team (you need two teams to play a game), but put them in a different color uniform. And if you have more than 18, start a "Prayer League" and pray around the field. Now, who's on first? —DS



Profanity—a permeating and putrid pest!

"Frankly, my dear, I don't give a..." Unfortunately, you know the rest of that line. Little did anyone know in 1939 what an impact that one profanity would have in movies and television in the years that followed (and the impact it would have in our lives). We are surrounded by vulgar language almost daily, and too often it creeps into our own speech. Brethren, watch out!

Scripture teaches plainly that "no corrupt word" or "filthy language" has any business coming "out of your mouth" (Eph. 4:29; Col. 3:8). The language of a Christian is to emulate Christ!

Consider this quote from Wayne Jackson on ChristianCourier.com: "Profanity is such an invasive influence; it's a mind-maggot. It gnaws its way into the recesses of one's thinking, and, if harbored, will make its presence spontaneously felt at the slightest provocation. This is what happens when we allow ourselves to be unnecessarily and regularly exposed to its vileness. We may soon begin to 'cuss' mentally even if we don't verbalize profanity outright." —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
Carolyn Cullom	recovering from an accident, bruised and in a lot of pain
Ellen Gager	scheduled for surgery on June 30
Patricia Hackshaw	scheduled for surgery on July 7
Charles Hayes	recovering from surgery
Judie Jenkins	recovering at home from foot surgery
Joyce Parker	now has bronchitis
Julie Williams	undergoing medical tests

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	



Annie Faison upon the passing of **her daughter, Peggy Faison**, on Tuesday evening.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bonnye Cox	Connie 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





Church Family Calendar of Events

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.

Monday, July 3

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

Tuesday, July 4

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.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.

Saturday, July 15

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

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!
- ♦ **"Fortifying Your Faith" Class** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, July 10

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

Friday, July 21

- ♦ **Young Adult Bowling.** 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.

Saturday, August 5

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 7

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

Friday, August 11

- ♦ **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 Youth

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.

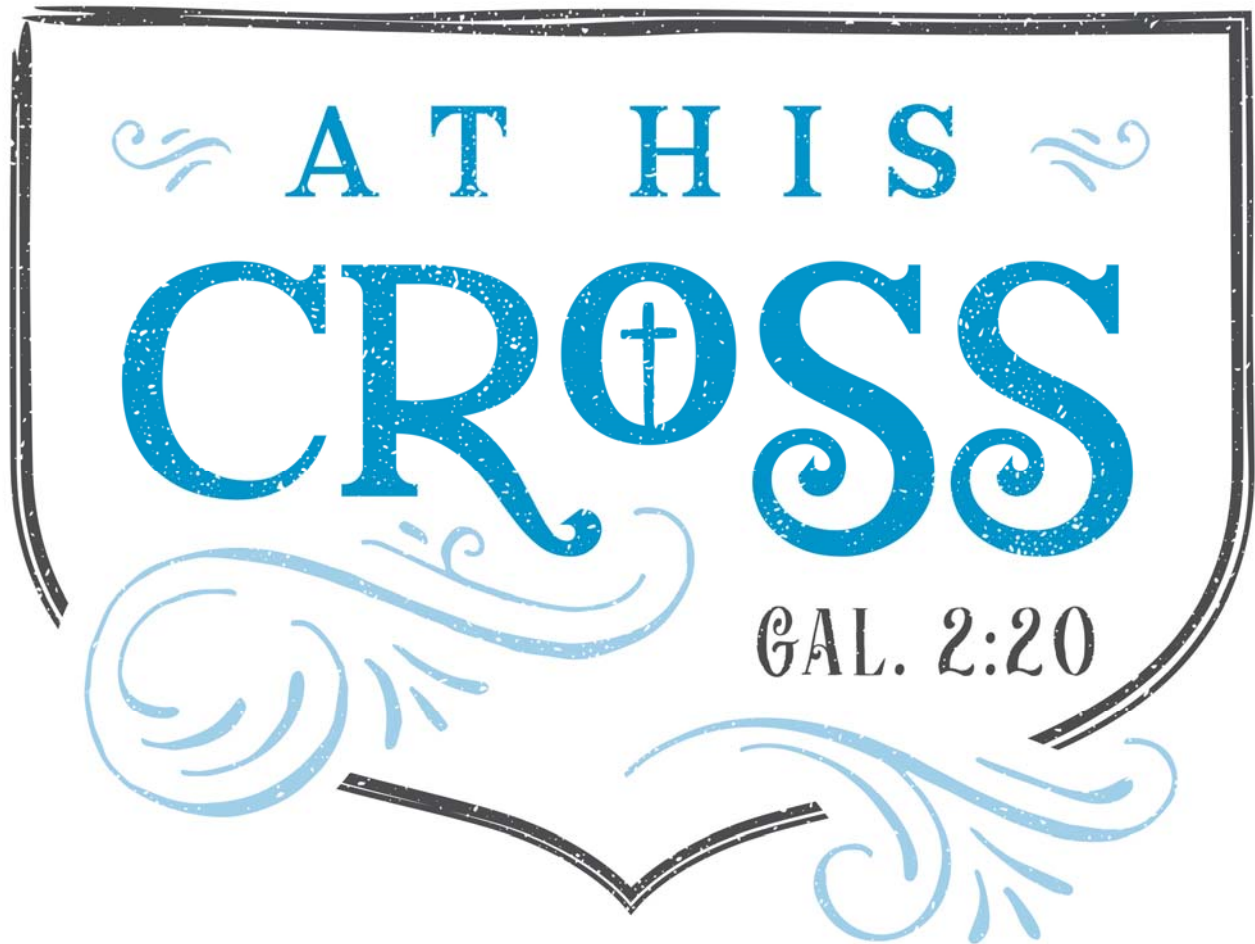
Sunday, July 16

- ♦ **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.

Sunday-Saturday, July 23-29

- ♦ **Jenkins Week at Central Florida Bible Camp.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

JULY:



I Find Peace

*"When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
'It is well, it well with my soul.'"*

(Horatio G. Spafford, 1873)

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

Thank You Notes

We want to express our deep appreciation for all of the love and concern you have shown us during our long journey with Jason as he battled with his illness. Your support, prayers and cards were greatly appreciated, and the orchid will grace our home for a long time.

In Christian love,
The family of Charles Jason Mann

Dear brothers and sisters of PBL,

Thank you so very much for the graduation ceremony! It was indeed an absolute marvel! I love you all. God bless you!

Sincerely yours,
Cruz Fernandez



Sunday
June 25

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Tim Lamb, Boynton Beach; Mrs. Janet MacDonald; Ms. Sue Maisano; Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Oneil Morgan; Ann Marie Robinson; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Nijelle Senior; Chris Smith; Ms. Linette Umana; and David Whipple.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Sherri Cheshier, Duncanville, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Justin Collier & family, Durham, NC; Mrs. Kay Ester, Alachua, FL; Abe, Miranda & Olivia Inetianbor, Lauderdale Lakes, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Don & Tracy Jamison, Warren, MI; Savanna McQueen, Nassau, Bahamas; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL; Cami Norsworthy, Crofton, MD; Ms. Mary Redman, Columbus, MS; and Mr. & Mrs. Mauricio & Kayla Yegros, Coral Springs, FL.



Sunday (July 2nd)

Richard & Debi Watson (Ann.)

Monday (July 3rd)

Cornelius Henderson

Tuesday (July 4th)

Andrea Henderson
Charles Norton

Wednesday (July 5th)

Rachel Byerly
Enrique Chow
Deborah Lynch
Jim Rogers
Amy West

Thursday (July 6th)

Derrick & Stahia Banks (Ann.)
David & Carol Hardman (Ann.)
Jeff Goodale

Friday (July 7th)

Jon & Jenny Jordan (Ann.)
Ted & Laura Schuemann (Ann.)

Saturday (July 8th)

Paul & Lisa Metzkes (Ann.)

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, July 2

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Morris McDaniel
Scripture Reading.....David Brown
Presiding at TableMike Erickson
Serve at Table:
Josue Charles Richard Lerro
Jeff Goodale Jerry Pittman
Bob Higbee Tyrone Tyson
Wallace Jones Marty Williams
Alternates
Nate Nelson Scott Studer
Closing PrayerDan Fuller

Sunday Evening, July 2

Lead SingingJohn Loftis
Opening PrayerGlen Dawson
Scripture Reading.....Micah Trujillo
Presiding at Table.....Ivan Villard, Jr.
David Lord
David Thorpe
Mike Trujillo
Closing PrayerDirk Summerlot

Wednesday Evening, July 5

Lead Singing Chad Brown
Invitation.....Mike Erickson
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	June 25	May Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	257	258
Sun. A.M. Worship	364	329
Sun. P.M. Worship	184	158
Wed. Bible Study	176	194
Contribution	\$13,373	\$15,110
2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +2,603		

Ushers for week of **July 2:** Head Usher: Chris Thompson; Chuck Reeves, Sr. & Jim Rogers



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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.

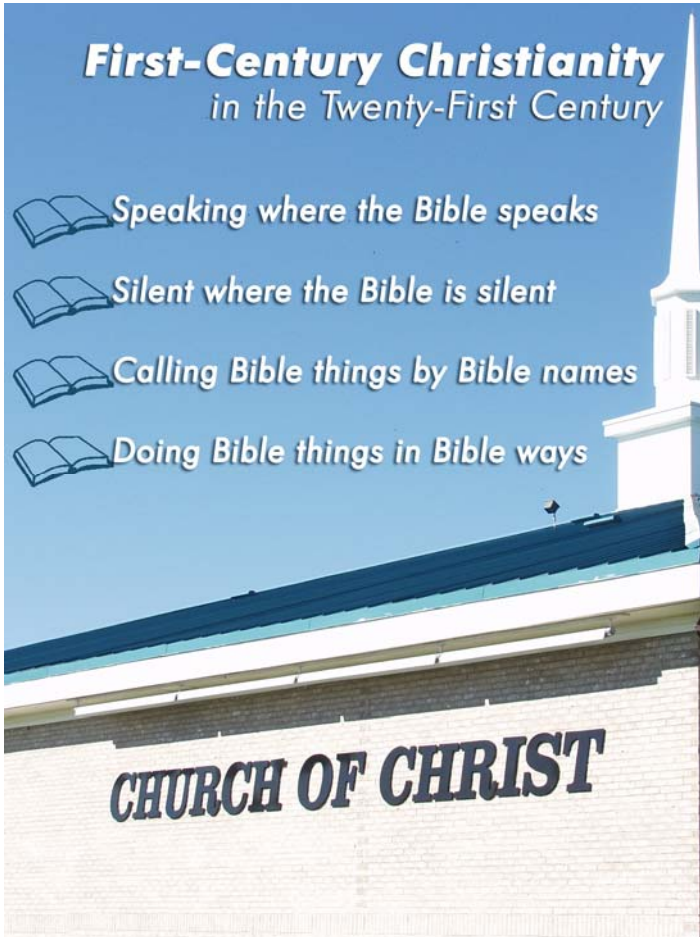
Wednesday:
Bible classes 7:00 p.m.



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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

-  Speaking where the Bible speaks
-  Silent where the Bible is silent
-  Calling Bible things by Bible names
-  Doing Bible things in Bible ways



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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