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Jenkins Week: July 23-29



By Dan Jenkins

A Hard Lesson for Many Sowers to Learn

When I was a young preacher, I had an important lesson to learn about people responding to my teaching and preaching. In those years, I tended to measure the impact of my efforts by the numbers who responded immediately. I failed to see the many different ways the Bible describes how individuals respond when they are taught.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus describes some who turned to the Lord when they first hear the gospel. Jesus spoke of the seed, the word, which fell upon this kind of listener. "But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles" (Matt. 13:20-21). We have all seen this happen in His kingdom. Immediate response is not always a blessing. The truth is that it takes longer to plant the seed and have a hundredfold response.

Mark records a parable of Jesus which is not found in the other gospel accounts. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields

crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head" (Mark 4:26-28). The spread of the kingdom involves far more than just sowing the seed. It involves sowing the seed and the waiting day and night before it begins to grow.

However, even after it begins to germinate there is first the blade, then the head and then later there is the grain fully grown and ready to harvest. Paul described the planting of the church in Corinth as him sowing and Apollos watering. Time is so often involved in these matters. Then Paul adds, "God gave the increase" (1 Cor. 3:6).

Sometimes we get frustrated when we try to teach others and there is no immediate response. We need to spend more time meditating on this parable in Mark. Our work is to sow the seed and remember that it is God who gives the increase. The power of conversion does not lie in us. Inherent in the seed is the power to change the lives of those we teach. The increase comes from God and not from us.

This is not to say that we should not think there will never be times when individuals immediately obey the gospel. How wonderfully fulfilling is this event when we teach others. But may we never forget that God does not measure us by whether individuals respond to our teach. The point is that God did not send us to be harvesters, but to be sowers!

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By David Sproule

What Can God Do with You?

Some of us may look at ourselves and think, "What good am I to God?" Some of us may look around at others who are so very skilled and think, "I will never be able to make as much of a difference as that person! I'll never be as good as them! What good am I to God?" Some of us may look at Christians

who seem to know so much and have the Bible practically memorized and think to ourselves, "I will never know was much as they do! I feel like such a dummy when it comes to the Bible! What good am I to God?"

Look at Gideon—God used him! When God's people fell into oppression to the Midianites, God used a man named Gideon to lead an army of 300 to defeat the massive army of 135,000. Who was Gideon? Here's how he saw himself: "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house" (Judg. 6:15). Have you ever felt that way? God took a man like Gideon and used him! He can use you, too, if you'll let Him!

Look at Esther—God used her! When God's people were on the verge of obliteration at the hand of Haman, God used a woman named Esther to shed light on the truth and deliver His people. Who was Esther? She was a Jewish orphan who was raised by her cousin. Her Jewish name was Hadassah

(2:7), meaning "myrtle," a very common indigenous shrub all over Palestine. Her heritage and family were of such little value (and would even have been harmful to her reputation in Persia) that she initially kept that information hidden (2:10, 20). Have you ever felt less than impressive compared to others around you? God took a woman like Esther and used her! He can use you, too, if you'll let Him!

Look at Peter—God used him! When God needed someone to preach on Pentecost and then take the gospel to the Gentiles, God used Peter. Who was Peter? He was a lowly fisherman, who did not always have the best control of his tongue, his temper or his conduct. His fellow Jews viewed him as "uneducated and untrained" (Acts 4:13). Have you ever felt like you didn't measure up? God took a man like Peter and used him! He can use you, too, if you'll let Him!

Do you want to be used by God? First, humble yourself. Even Paul viewed himself as "less than the least of all the saints" (Eph. 3:8). Second, make yourself pliable in the hands of God. View God as the Potter and you as the clay in His hands (Jer. 18:1-11). Submit yourself to Him and let Him mold you into a Gideon, an Esther, a Peter, an Epaphroditus, a Tabitha, or whoever He wants you to be! Pray this prayer, "Mold me and make me, after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still!" God can use you! Will you let Him?

"Mold me and make me, after Thy will!"



By Josh Blackmer

In a Godly Home, the Parent... (Family Series Part 3)

Oh, to be a parent! To be an involved and caring parent is the most joyous thing in life and the most painful. We have been given such a great responsibility when we are blessed with children. We are to bring up our children in the Lord. Then let them go and make their own choices and live their own lives. I would like to suggest three things we can do as parents in preparation for that day, when they leave.

First, we must teach them. It may go without saying but we must realize that they are learning whether we are teaching them or not. They are like sponges soaking up everything. We must be diligent in grooming and filtering what is absorbed. God stresses the importance of passing on the knowledge we have received from Him to future generations (Deut. 4:9; 6:4-7). By age seven, most of the “how” the child perceives self, the world around them and their relation to others has already been formed. The building blocks for self concepts are set. What have you done to help shape what that is going to look like?

Second, we must be leading by example. Remember the sponge concept. This is true here as well. “O be careful little eyes what you see” should be a solemn reminder to us that we must model what we want to see in our children.

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4) This applies in so many areas but here, leading by example, how is our life with the Lord? I have never met a parent that ever said, “Well, we were just too plugged into the church and too devoted to God,” or “If I could change one thing, we would not have been so devoted to church work.” I have heard a lot to the contrary. “Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you” (1Tim. 4:16). This is not just true in the work of the church, but in the rearing of children it is most poignant.

Lastly, we must discipline. I am not telling you how—I could give you some ideas—but it must be in place. Loving discipline with enforced boundaries are vital to the growth of our children. Hebrews 12:5-8 highlights the need for discipline. God does it to those He loves. Those children with out discipline are not loved. As soon as a child can grasp the concept, they should understand that it is love that disciplines and guides them to righteousness. We will reap what we sow.

Here are three not-so-simple keys to parenting. These are vital if we want our children to be Godly. It is never too late to make some changes if these keys have been neglected.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The best thing about living in America

In your opinion, what is the best thing about living in America? Freedom of speech? Freedom of religion? The abundance of food available? The advanced technology all around us? There are many great things about living in this country! But, if your favorite thing(s) disappeared or was taken away, would that mean that living here would not be worthwhile?

May I get you to think about a different answer than those already proposed? May I get you to think about an answer that would apply to living in any country? In fact, may I get you to realize that the “best thing about living in America” is found right in the question itself? It’s “living”!

The best thing about living in any part of the world is LIVING! The Declaration of Independence got it right—“...all men...are endowed by their Creator with...Life.” The apostle Paul said it first, “God...gives to all life” (Acts 17:25). You are alive! That is a gift from God! Every moment of every day is a blessing from above! Now, what are you doing with that remarkable gift? – DS



Working together as a team

Working as a team can be tough. Not everyone thinks like you. Not everyone has the same skills as you. Not everyone works the same way as you. Not everyone sees things like you. So, when you are on a team, you have to decide: (1) how much you will press your wishes, (2) when to back off and let others have a part (even if it is different or inferior to your preferences), (3) is “doing it your way” really that big of a deal? and (4) what can I learn from someone else?

You are on several teams—the people you work with are “a team,” the people in your family are “a team,” the people in the church are “a team,” the people on the committee with you are “a team.” If you’re an elder, a deacon or a preacher, you’re on “a team.”

What does the Bible have to say about working together as a team? “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord...Do not be wise in your own opinion” (Rom. 12:10-16). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	severe pain in legs, awaiting course of treatment
Jordan Beasley	undergoing rehab at home, continues to improve
Ellen Gager	recovering from surgery
Patricia Hackshaw	scheduled for surgery on July 7
Jeannie Hamilton	fractured hip, Manor Care in Boynton (room 181)
Charles Hayes	recovering from surgery
Judie Jenkins	recovering at home from foot surgery
Joyce Parker	improving from bronchitis
Mary Reeves	procedure on her back on July 12
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	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease
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, July 9

- ◆ **No "Fortifying Your Faith" Class today.**
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, July 10

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

Tuesday, July 11

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

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.
- ◆ **No "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.**

Sunday, July 16 (cont.)

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

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.

Sunday, July 30

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

Wednesday-Saturday, August 2-5

- ◆ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, August 6

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 10

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Johnny & Betty Davis.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Monday, July 10

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

Monday, July 17

- ◆ **Young Adult Bowling** at 7:00 p.m. at Jupiter Lanes. Cost is \$11.65/person. 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

- ◆ **No Youth & Family Singing** tonight.

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.

Friday, August 11

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout.**

Equipping & Edifying Families



10 Common Communication Breakdowns in Marriage

How are you at communicating? Good? Bad? Terrible? Marriages that struggle with communication will just continue to struggle, if it is not addressed. As your communication goes so goes your marriage. Here are 10 common communication breakdowns in marriage.

1. Not really listening.

The biggest problem to communication is just not listening. Many of our communication problems would go away if we just intently listened to one another.

2. Speaking before thinking.

How many of us are guilty of that? All of us! So many times we say things as a reaction, and those times it usually doesn't go well. Take your time and think before speaking and responding to your spouse.

3. Only talking about what you want to talk about.

This has been called "throwing up on each other." Sometimes we overload our spouse with things that we're dealing with and not caring to hear what they're dealing with. Too many of those conversations and you might be calling your marriage mentors for help.

4. Raising your voice.

You can help yourself in this area when you think before speaking as mentioned above. You may need to take a breather to gather yourself, but raising your voice doesn't serve you or your spouse well.

5. Negative non-verbal communication.

Your non-verbal communication — facial expressions, gestures, etc. — will impact your conversations as well. Maybe you didn't say anything wrong, but you sure did say something wrong with your negative body language, which can be received worse.

6. Speaking in superlatives.

You always. You never. Every single time. Ever uttered those words? There are few things, if any, that your spouse always does, never does, or does every single time. Using these words can be harmful to your marriage.

7. Degrading your spouse.

This should go without saying, but I'll say it anyway. Never ever degrade your spouse. You should look to build him/her up, to encourage him/her, to love him/her as you love yourself. Degrading him/her has no place in your marriage.

8. Playing the blame game.

If a miscommunication or a mistake is made, don't let your first instinct be blaming your spouse (even if it is his/her fault.) The blame game or pointing fingers doesn't work. You are one. That means you both have a joint responsibility in whatever happened. Talk through it together, find the learning opportunity for both of you.

9. Seeking to be understood first rather than to understand.

Strive to know what your spouse is thinking, what your spouse is feeling, what your spouse is dealing with. Before you try to get your spouse to understand you, first understand him/her and his/her point of view. It just may change your point of view before you even share it.

10. Bringing up the past.

Do not keep score and do not bring up your past victories or your spouse's past losses (mistakes). There is no positive purpose in that. It is a losing strategy when it comes to communication in marriage.

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



Sunday
July 2

Thank you so much to Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ for the visits, calls, and cards regarding the passing my mom, **Marie Watson**. Palm Beach Lakes is a special place, with special people. We love you dearly.

Richard and Debi Watson

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Lori Armstrong; Jim & Cindy Beard; Mrs. Judy Beard; Miss Dazmine Capre; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Tresha Fletcher & Mike; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mrs. Janet MacDonald; Ms. Sue Maisano; Sasha Miller; Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Thomason; and Ms. Linette Umana.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss Bridget Cook, Tampa, FL; Mrs. Linda Baker, Ryan & Sean, Centreville, VA; David, Kenna, & Kyri-en Hardy, Nashville, TN; Mike, Barbara, & Steve Hardy, Durant, OK; Bethany Leslie (Orlando); Robert & LaShun Medlock, Mansfield, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morning, Port, St. Lucie, FL; Cami Norsworthy, Crofton, MD; Ms. Sarah Ramer, Sebring, FL; the Reames family, Franklin, TN; Ellis Richardson; Mr. & Mrs. Scott Shanahan, & Violet, Dunlap, TN; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Mrs. Tabby Thomason, Mariana, FL; Reginald Thorpe, Galesburg, IL.



Monday (July 10th)

Jimmy Burney
John Loftis
Mary Reeves
Sarah Smedley

Thursday (July 13th)

Novel Brown
Sam Simpkins

Tuesday (July 11th)

Cheryl Floyd
Karen Friesner

Friday (July 14th)

Jason Hales
Kassandra Jones
Chris Thompson

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 9

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Orlando Lolo
Scripture Reading..... Henry Bass
Presiding at Table Victor Colage
Serve at Table:
Novel Brown Scott Lewis
Doug Carrick Austin Metzkes
Harrison Crotts Lynn Parker
Dick Kelley Lawrence Williams
Alternates
Tim Fry Bobbo Lupo
Closing Prayer Marvin Dozier

Sunday Evening, July 9

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Kevin Weeks
Scripture Reading..... Jeff Leslie
Presiding at Table..... Jim Davis
Chad Brown
Simon Tyson
Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Tom Martens

Wednesday Evening, July 12

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Invitation..... Austin Metzkes
Family Prayer Gary Jenkins

Our Record

Attendance	<u>July 2</u>	<u>June Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	172	256
Sun. A.M. Worship	284	368
Sun. P.M. Worship	136	183
Wed. Bible Study	163	211
Contribution	\$13,872	\$15,111
2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +1,410		

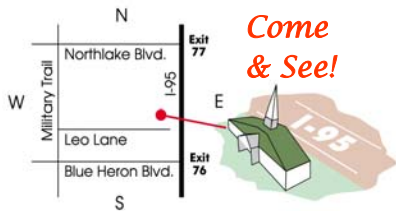
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Service Schedule

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: **Johnny & Betty Davis**

