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- Joe Holland ..... 626-2809
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- Josh Blackmer ..... 319-1418

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# Welcome New Members



**Maisano, Sue**

Group 4

*Baptized July 12*



# ICE Cream SOCIAL

## Sunday, August 13

After evening worship in the Family Room.  
 Sign up on the bulletin board to bring ice cream.  
 Bring toppings and drinks, too!



By Dan Jenkins

## It Takes a Village . . . Maybe

A few years ago, Washington reminded us of an African proverb about rearing children. Evidently, it was part of the Igbo culture in Nigeria from centuries ago. You may recall the emphasis that says, "It takes a village to raise a child." There is some obvious truth in this concept, but there may be some inherent dangers. Let's think about it together.

There is no doubt that the community in which children are reared plays a powerful role in the spiritual development of every child. The fact that some fail to understand this is seen by the opening words of Paul in 1 Cor. 15:33. "Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals." The fact that Paul begins with this warning about being deceived shows that this truth can be hidden from us.

The world that existed when many of our older members were young no longer exists. The culture of those days is not the culture of our day. So, what might have been a truth years ago is not necessarily a truth today. What if parents fail to realize this today? They can unconsciously give their children to the "village" where the school system is forbidden to teach morals and tie them to Jesus. The majority of the hours each day is spent in that "village."

Then, there is the "after school village." With both

parents working, or even where there is a single parent situation, making a living means children have to spend time somewhere. I do not have a perfect solution, but wise parents should think about the impact those hours have on their own children. Sports have their place, but do we not realize the impact that the language and attitudes shown by coaches and players has on our children? To do nothing to counter this influence is to let this "village" rear our children.

**The "village" that raises your children may be a village controlled by Satan**

Be aware of the "village" of media. Do we really want the lifestyle of actors, actresses, singers and filthy comedians to mold our children? Are we content to have our children, who know of the immoral lives of leaders in media, make those individuals their heroes and idols? The same could be said of the influence of smartphones and the internet.

There is another side to the words of Paul about the impact of ungodly friends, and that is the impact of the influence of godly friends. It is so easy to get so busy that we fail to get our children to spend as much time as possible with other children who have real values.

There are two God-given "villages" we have to help us. One of the blessings of the church is its influence as a "village" today. The other is our homes. Not just houses where the family finally gets together to sleep in the same house—but a real home—God's "village" where He is present!



By David Sproule

## Elementary Principles—Are They Elementary?

Those Christians to whom the book of Hebrews was addressed were not growing as they should and had "become dull of hearing" (Heb. 5:11). They had gone backwards and needed someone to teach them "again the first" or "elementary principles of Christ" (5:12; 6:1-2). Are you a Christian who has matured beyond the basic rudiments of Christian doctrine?

**Elementary Principle: "repentance from dead works."** Do we understand that the works of the old man of sin have no place in the life of a Christian (Col. 3:1-14), and that we must forsake all sin and turn to righteousness? May we never forget!

**Elementary Principle: "faith toward God."** Do we understand that movement "from" sinful works must be combined with movement "toward" God (1 Thess. 1:9-10), which involves an obedient faith to God's revealed will (Heb. 11; Jas. 2)? May we never forget!

**Elementary Principle: "the doctrine of baptisms."** Do we understand the different baptisms mentioned in the New Testament? John's baptism involved believing in Jesus "who was coming after" John (Acts 19:4), and is no longer a valid baptism. Holy Spirit baptism was administered by Jesus (Mark 1:8) on only two occasions (on the Jews in Acts 2:1-4 and on the Gentiles in Acts 10:44-11:18). Baptism of fire is to take

place in hell's lake of fire (Matt. 3:10-12; Rev. 20:15). The baptism of suffering involved the sufferings that Jesus and His disciples would endure (Matt. 20:22-23). The baptism of Jesus' Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16) is the "one baptism" (Eph. 4:5) that still remains today, which is a burial (Col. 2:12) in water for the express purpose of obtaining the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). May we never forget!

**Elementary Principle: "laying on of hands."** Do we understand that in the first century the apostles were able to lay their hands on Christians to impart a miraculous measure of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-19), by which those early Christians were able to prophesy, speak in tongues, heal diseases, etc. (1 Cor. 12:4-11), in order to confirm the spoken word (Mark 16:20), but those gifts ceased when the New Testament was completed (1 Cor. 13:8-13)? May we never forget!

**Elementary Principle: "resurrection of the dead."** Do we understand that at the return of Jesus, in the very "same hour," all of the dead will be raised to either "life" or "condemnation" (John 5:28-29). May we never forget!

**Elementary Principles: "eternal judgment."** Do we understand that all of us will stand before Christ (Rom. 14:10) and be judged by His Word (John 12:48), according to how we have lived (2 Cor. 5:10). May we never forget!

Are we growing as we should? As our God desires?

**Are you a Christian who has matured beyond the basic rudiments of Christ?**



By Josh Blackmer

## Righteous Warfare

A list of names and deeds begins in 2 Samuel 23:8 with these words, "These are the names of the mighty men whom David had..." As I read this list and the exploits of these men, I longed to be named among them. The romanticized ideas of a time long gone, when men defended their faith with sword and shield, with spear and buckler. When one could stand flat-footed on the field of battle confident that the Lord would bring about a great victory by your hand alone, and those that came after you would only be there to strip the slain. God was glorified in battle.

That was another age. The Holy Spirit now tells us, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12). The face of the enemy has changed, and the battle field has changed (Eph. 4:22-23; Rom. 12:2). This puts things into perspective when Christ said, "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28). Some of the fiercest battles are waged in the mind, and we deal with temptations and issues that come from putting off the old man—issues that can destroy both body and soul.

**God is glorified in our righteous warfare, don't give up!**

In my youthful desire to be a mighty man of valor, I knew nothing of the wars that people wage in their own minds. I knew nothing of the strength it took to draw a line in the sand with the tip of the sword of the Spirit and shout out to the temptations of sin, addictions and darkness, "This far and no more!" The courage it takes to stand up and say, "I need help, my strength is fading." In that moment, your fellow brothers and sisters at arms rally around you and pull you from the encroaching darkness. Remember this, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us" (Rom. 8:31, 37). We all have battles, and we are all warriors. So, arm yourselves as for war and fight (Eph. 6:10-18)! Fight for all you hold dear: for sons, daughters, spouses, friends, family and your own soul.

A list of names and deeds is found in heaven that, perhaps, begins with these words, "These are the names of the mighty servants whom God has..." Keep fighting, "Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called" (1 Tim. 6:12). So when the end comes you can say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day" (2 Tim. 4:7-8). God is glorified in your righteous warfare, don't give up!

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### "Stupid" is in the Bible

When I used to drive my girls to school in the morning, we would listen to a chapter of Proverbs on the way each morning. I remember the first couple times we listened to chapter 12 that there were a couple chuckles after the reading of verse one. The girls thought it was funny (and surprising) that the word "stupid" was in the Bible. Well, don't you?

In some households, the word "stupid" is not permitted. So, why would God choose to use such a strong word? Read the verse. "Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction is stupid." Correction may not be very pleasant, but it is a learning experience. With correction comes knowledge and a "smarter" path in life. But, those who hate correction will never learn from it and will continue in their ignorance and irresponsibility--that's "stupid"!

How do you respond to correction? The Bible itself is our greatest source of "correction" (2 Tim. 3:16). If you hate it when the Bible seeks to correct your life, guess what God calls you? -- DS



### "Jesus knows my every weakness"

In the midst of a crowd that the Bible says was "thronging Him," a woman pushed her way through the mob in order that she might simply touch the garment of Jesus. When she touched the hem of His garment, Jesus knew that power had gone out from Him, but He didn't keep walking. He stopped and talked with the woman.

Why this woman? In a crowd that was "thronging Him," His disciples were amazed that He would be concerned about one touch, which was surely one among many. But what Jesus knew was something that no one else in that multitude knew--He knew what that woman had been going through for twelve years.

In a song aptly titled, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," the second verse says, "Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness: take it to the Lord in prayer." -- DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	severe pain in legs, awaiting course of treatment
<b>Bonnie Arthur</b>	recovering from a fall, doing a little better
<b>Patricia Hackshaw</b>	recovering from surgery
<b>Jeannie Hamilton</b>	recovering at home from a fractured hip
<b>Mary A. Jackson</b>	recovering at home
<b>Judie Jenkins</b>	recovering from foot surgery, improving
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	dealing with severe hip pain
<b>Silas Moses</b>	ICU at the VA Hospital, dialysis port surgery, pneumonia
<b>Joyce Parker</b>	dealing with multiple health issues
<b>Cathy Seay</b>	Jupiter Medical Center (room 327), fluid in her lungs
<b>Julie Williams</b>	undergoing medical tests



**Les McQuinn** upon the passing of **Betty**, on Monday night. The Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 5 at 2:00 p.m.

**Traci Sproule**, upon the passing of **her sister, Donna Turner, and two nieces, Tori & Sierra**, in a house fire in Henderson, TN on Thursday. Keep this entire family in your prayers.

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	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

<b>Debra Dagostino</b>	David Lord's sister, cancerous tumor on her kidney
<b>Chrissie Dimas</b>	Carol Hardman's daughter, recovering from major surgery
<b>Thelma Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's mother, hospitalized with fluid on brain
<b>Shirley Franklin</b>	Kay Richardson's sister, hospitalized, undergoing testing
<b>Pat Pittman</b>	Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip
<b>Catherine Seay</b>	Cathy Seay's daughter, now at home, gallbladder surgery
<b>Amy Wombough</b>	Micky Affron's daughter, recovering at home
<b>Jane Woodruff</b>	Jackie Stout's sister, stage 4 pancreatic cancer
<b>Twyla Wright</b>	Trina Wright's mother, Jupiter Med. Ctr. in ICU (rm 213)

*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, August 6

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

Monday, August 7

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study** this week.

Tuesday, August 8

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.

Thursday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 13

- ◆ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring ice cream. Bring ice cream toppings and drinks, too.

Sunday, August 20

- ◆ **Baby Shower for Nate & Cindy Nelson** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon and Target. *It's a boy!*

Tuesday, August 22

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

Saturday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 27

- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Eli Dye & Kristen Fuller** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Target, Wal-Mart and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Sunday, September 3

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, September 8-10

- ◆ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.**

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

Monday, August 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. The main dish will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts.

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.

Saturday, August 19

- ◆ **Young Adult Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, September 8

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, September 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Taylor & Natalie Reeves.



**Palm Beach Lakes**  
**Youth**

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.

Saturday, August 12

- ◆ **Jr. High Game Night** at 5:00 p.m. at the building. Bring finger foods and games. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, August 27

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

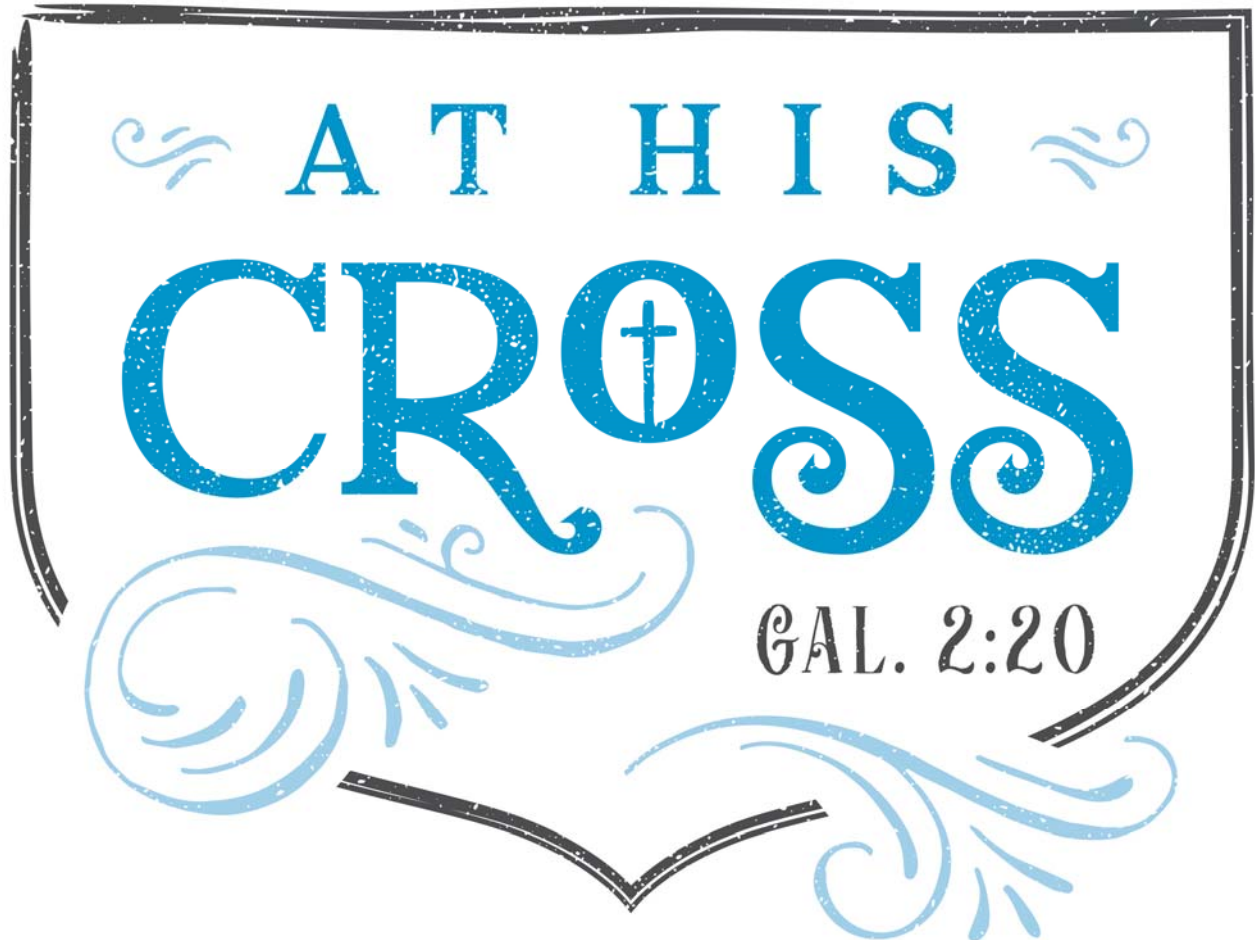
Friday, September 8

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Sunday, September 10

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

AUGUST:



## I Find Belonging

*"Jesus loves me!  
This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong!"*

*(Anna B. Warner, 1860)*

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



Sunday  
July 30

I wish to thank you for all the loving, prayerful support and cards in the passing of my twin sister, **Bonnye Cox**. Also, I appreciate the many cards and prayers lifted up on my behalf for my chronic back pain. What a wonderful church family.

In Christian love,  
Connye Plouffe

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Alice Bassal & Joshua; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. D'Andrea Dawkins; Miss Jamie Granino; Ms. Terri Hahn; Stephon & Brianna Hill; Gabriella Jones; Mrs. Corinn Miller, Linley & Ellie; Ms. Pat Patterson; Mr. Wendy Remy; and Mr. Terry West.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mrs. Karen Arthur, Ringgold, GA; Terry & Sherri Cheshier, Duncanville, TX; Miss Conley Clouse, Jackson, TN; Ms. Stacy Farrington, Plano, TX; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Savanna McQueen Nassau, Bahamas; Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David & Cathy Payne & David, II, Oneida, TN; Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, Ringgold, GA; and Mrs. John Summerlot, Xander, Toby & Caleb.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Monday (August 7th)

Jeff & Jennifer Goodale (Ann.)  
Kirk Crews

Tuesday (August 8th)

Silas & Debora Lynch (Ann.)  
Mary Porter  
Gary Seames

Thursday (August 10th)

Phil & Mary Porter (Ann.)  
Chris & Brittany Thompson (Ann.)  
Paulette Cole

Thursday (August 10th) cont.

Loretta Holaday  
Hayden Lau  
Dan McLeod  
Paul Metzkes  
Wesley Williams

Friday (August 11th)

Letha Anderson

Saturday (August 12th)

Loretta James

**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, August 6**

Lead Singing .....Jerry Hopkins  
Opening Prayer .....Charles Hayes  
Scripture Reading..... Jim Davis  
Presiding at Table .....Eugene Williams  
Serve at Table:  
Doug Carrick      Austin Metzkes  
Glen Dawson      Vincent Rogers  
Namdidie Ikon      Mike Trujillo  
Kenneth Long      Lawrence Williams  
Alternates  
Jeff Goodale      Paul Metzkes  
Closing Prayer .....Chad Brown

**Sunday Evening, August 6**

Lead Singing .....Jerry Pittman  
Opening Prayer .....Mike Erickson  
Scripture Reading..... Scott Studer  
Presiding at Table..... Chuck Clark  
Lance Collier  
Clayton Trujillo  
Leonard Williams  
Closing Prayer .....Jim Rogers

**Wednesday Evening, August 9**

Lead Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Invitation..... Heath Johnson  
Family Prayer .....Lawrence Richardson

**Our Record**

Attendance	July 30	June Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	202	256
Sun. A.M. Worship	312	368
Sun. P.M. Worship	183	183
Wed. Bible Study	179	211
Contribution	\$11,925	\$15,111
2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -8,417		

Ushers for week of **Aug. 6** Head Usher: Tim Cox; Jimmie Banks & Taylor Reeves

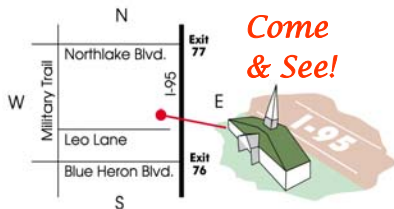




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### Service Schedule

#### 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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# Upcoming Events

## August 13

Back-to-School Ice Cream Social

## September 3

PBL Family Photos Updated

## September 10

Super Sunday with Kirk Brothers

## October 8

Robert Martin Mission Report

## October 13-15

Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

## October 28

PBL Work Day

## October 29

Fifth Sunday Night Cook Off