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A Place TO COME Home TO

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By Dan Jenkins

“Labor Day” Since the First Century

The history of the beginning of the celebration of Labor Day is not widely known. In the late nineteenth century, working conditions were far different from what we have today. In the industrial world, men were working six days each week, and the workday was usually ten hours. At first, there was opposition for the idea of giving workers an extra paid day each year where they were honored for the work they were doing. There were actually riots with individuals being killed. However, the idea was finally accepted, and this week many will enjoy this day.

There are far too many who labor in America. I am not speaking of the hardship of earning a living which came about in the Garden of Eden as the result of sin (thorns and sweat), but about that which Christ offers to all mankind. “Come to Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28). There is no need for Christians to carry the burden of the guilt of sin and the anxiety of worrying about food and clothing, for the Lord has promised His children freedom and rest from these burdens. Why would anyone not choose to follow Him?

There is labor for a reward which will never perish. “Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give

you, because God has set His seal on Him” (John 6:27). He has taken our worldly burdens on Himself, but He has rewards awaiting us. The rest of His invitation mentioned in the previous paragraph says, “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me...for My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” His yoke for us results in eternal life for each of us.

There is labor we do for Him, for we have been saved by His blood to do His work. Paul described this new relationship with God in these words, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:10). We are His hands, His eyes, His feet, and we stand in the place where Christ once stood to let our lights shine to lead others to Him.

For the time will come when we shall celebrate the real “Labor Day”

There is labor for Him which we do every day. Hebrews chapter four described it this way. God gave the Jews the Sabbath as a day of rest since they had been slaves in Egypt (see Deut. 5:15), but He had something far better in mind for us, and that is a rest (a Sabbath) which awaits us in heaven. Think about these words, “There remains therefore a rest for the people of God...Let us therefore labor to enter into that rest” (Heb. 4:9-11).

Let’s serve Him. Let’s labor for Him. Let’s labor for Him every day. For the time will come when we shall celebrate the real “Labor Day.”



By David Sproule

The Secret to Paul’s Success

The apostle Paul had the opportunity to stand before powerful men and proclaim the precious message of Jesus Christ. In Acts 26, after being imprisoned in Caesarea for more than two years and preaching to two governors, Paul was brought before King Agrippa II (cf. Acts 9:15). Paul presented his early life (26:4-8), his zeal as a persecutor (26:9-11), his encounter with Jesus and call to preach (26:12-18).

Imagine being Saul of Tarsus, a faithful and zealous Jew, and you are sent out to preach by Jesus Himself. Jesus said, “I now send you” to “the Jewish people” and “the Gentiles” (26:17). When you go to these lost individuals (esp. the Gentiles, Acts 9:15; Rom. 13:11), you are going, Jesus said, “to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me” (26:18). If you hated the Gentiles (and they hated you), can you imagine being called to preach to them and convert them, so that they could be saved?

Notice carefully Paul’s response. He told Agrippa, “I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first” to the Jews, “and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance” (26:19-20).

The very people to whom Jesus sent Paul are the very people to whom he preached. The very message that Jesus told Paul to preach is the exact message he preached.

Can you imagine how challenging that must have been for Paul? He wasn’t a robot. He had emotions, too. But the text says that he “kept” on and on and on (the emphasis of the Greek imperfect tense) “declaring” (NASB) that the people must stop doing wrong and turn to God. The message was not only challenging to Paul himself, it was highly unpopular among the people. The Jews “seized” Paul and “tried to kill” him (26:21).

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But Paul did not compromise his message. He did not water it down to be more pleasing and acceptable. He did not change it one iota. He took a firm “stand,” testifying “both to small and great, saying no other things than those which” Scripture foretold and affirmed (26:22). He preached “Christ” (26:23)!

How do we compare? We have been sent to people we don’t know and may not like. Have we gone...without exception? We have been sent with a message that is challenging and unpopular. Have we spoken it...without compromise? The secret to Paul’s determination and success is tucked into verse 22—“To this day I have had the help that comes from God” (ESV). So do we! Do we trust God? Do we realize how much we need Him...and how much He will do to help us?



By Josh Blackmer

Are You Listening?

Jesus often concluded a lesson by crying out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” (Matt. 11:15; 13:9, 43). Also, in the letters to the churches of Asia, Jesus concludes each with a similar saying, “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22). This should call attention to what was said and make sure people were listening (Mark 4:23-24). It appears that Jesus faced a problem we face today. Many people don’t listen. You may want to ask yourself, “How well do I listen?”

The Bible tells us of three types of listeners. There are those who are dull of hearing. Jesus pointed out what Isaiah also prophesied, “For the heart of this people has become dull...” (Matt. 13:13-15). The writer of Hebrews also accused those receiving his letter of the same (Heb. 5:11). Paul described those with “itching ears” (2 Tim. 4:3-4), those that deliberately turn their ears from truth and listen to only what pleases them. As a result, they do not listen to healthy teaching. In contrast, there are those that hear with an honest and good heart (Luke 8:15), much like the Bereans who received the word with eagerness (Acts 17:11). They are great examples of how we should listen.

Your eternal reward might depend on your ability to listen.

Good listening is essential to our growth and walk with Christ. We are blessed for truly listening and hearing the word (Matt. 13:16-17). We are blessed to hear many of the things that those faithful of the Old Testament were not able to hear—things pertaining to wonderful blessings that are now available in Christ (Eph. 1:3). Being a good listener is essential to our faith, for “faith comes by hearing...” (Rom. 10:17). Our salvation depends on that very thing (Rom. 1:16-17; John 20:30-31). In the parable of the sower, the only soil that bore fruit was the soil that “hears with an honest and good heart” (Luke 8:15). It is essential to our ability to bear good fruit. It will continue to do so “since the day you heard it” (Col. 1:6), if you continue in those things that you heard. Only by listening well can we “understand” God’s grace and be motivated to bear fruit to His glory! It is essential to preventing apostasy. There is a real danger of drifting by neglecting “so great a salvation” (Heb. 2:1-3). The only solution is to “give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard.” Poor listening is often the first step to slipping. Proper listening is also essential to avoiding judgement (Matt. 10:14-15).

Do not “become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer” of the word (Jas. 1:25). Your eternal reward might depend on your ability to listen, hear and put into action the word of power. Please, “in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls” (Jas. 1:21).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

God is faithful!

When catastrophe strikes, where is God? When the unexpected happens, where is God? When your world has been upended, turned upside down and then shaken really hard, where is God? We have been trained by our society to look for someone to blame when bad things happen, and so God is often the object of unfounded censure and criticism in hard times.

But, would you take a moment to read these verses? “The Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God” (Deut. 7:9). “God is faithful” (1 Cor. 1:9). “God is faithful” (1 Cor. 10:13). “God is faithful” (2 Cor. 1:18). “He who calls you is faithful” (1 Thess. 5:24). “The Lord is faithful” (2 Thess. 3:3). “He remains faithful” (2 Tim. 2:13). “He who promised is faithful” (Heb. 10:23). “He is faithful” (1 John 1:9). Our Lord is our “faithful High Priest” (Heb. 2:17) and “faithful Creator” (1 Pet. 4:19). He is “called Faithful and True” (Rev. 19:11).

Where is God? “He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’” (Heb. 13:5). He is right where He promised to be—WITH YOU! He is FAITHFUL! – DS



No place in the heart of a Christian

It is perhaps not a word that we think of very often, but it should have our attention. Christians are specifically commanded at least three times in the New Testament to “put off...malice” (Col. 3:8). In the other two passages, we are commanded to “put away...all malice” (Eph. 4:31), “laying aside all malice” (1 Pet. 2:1). Underscore the word “all” in these verses.

The Greek word for malice involves “ill-will” and “desire to injure.” One writer summarized the term as “bad-heartedness.” Paul reminded Titus that such must remain in the past for children of God, when we were “once...living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another” (3:3).

Think about the definition. Malice is a “desire to hurt someone.” The root of that desire (in Titus 3:3) is “hate.” Hurting someone certainly could involve a physical injury, but it could also be an attempt to hurt someone emotionally, socially, financially and even spiritually. Brethren, we need to look inside of us. There can be no place given to malice! All of it must go! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Marie Achille | undergoing rehab on her shoulder |
| Mike Archer | scheduled for a back procedure this month |
| Adrienne Banks | UF Health Shands Hospital, recovering from bypass surg. |
| Samantha Eutsey | recovering from dental surgery, improving |
| Lynne Jorgensen | recovering at home from hip replacement surgery |
| Les McQuinn | Heartland Healthcare for rehab (no visitors) |
| Silas Moses | Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405) |
| Charles Norton | JFK Hospital, recovering from open heart surgery |
| Winifred Patterson | awaiting results from procedure |
| Mary Reeves | recovering from a back procedure |
| Sharon Reitz | scheduled for outpatient surgery on September 13 |
| Cathy Seay | recovering at home, improving |
| Kyle Sink | scheduled for shoulder surgery on September 6 |
| Robert Swayne | fell and injured his hip, undergoing rehab |
| Patricia Ventress | recovering from oral surgery |

Long-Term Health Issues

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 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

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 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

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|-------------------------|---|
| Debra Dagostino | David Lord's sister, cancerous tumor on her kidney |
| Shirley Franklin | Kay Richardson's sister, hospitalized, lesion on her brain |
| Bob Hanna | Sandi Hanna's husband, not healing well after leg surgery |
| Iris Massey | Inell Ingram's sister, hospital, congestive heart failure |
| Pat Pittman | Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip |
| Clarence Tipton | Guadalupe Tipton's son, recovering from hernia surgery |
| Jane Woodruff | Jackie Stout's sister, stage 4 pancreatic cancer |
| Twyla Wright | Trina Wright's mother, still in rehab at St. Mary's, stroke |

Remember
Our Mission Works

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

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

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.
- ◆ **"Fortifying Your Faith" Class** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. There's plenty of ice cream left from our last gathering, so come and enjoy more. *Please bring ice cream scoops.*

Monday, September 4

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 5

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

Thursday, September 7

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown.

Friday, September 8

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jim & Jo Ann Rogers.

Friday-Sunday, September 8-10

- ◆ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.** Cost is \$90. Visit www.cfbiblecamp.org for more details or to register.

Saturday, September 9

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This year's theme is "Here Comes the Bride." See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, September 10

- ◆ **Super Sunday with Kirk Brothers.** The theme is "A Place to Come Home to."

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| 9:00 a.m. | "The Family" |
| 10:00 a.m. | "The Church" |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lunch |
| 12:45 p.m. | "Heaven" |

Sunday, September 17

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday, September 8

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Taylor & Natalie Reeves. BBQ, mac & cheese and drinks will be provided. See Ivan Villard to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

Monday, September 11

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. Bring a soup, sandwich, salad, drinks or a dessert. See Rachel Fuller for more details.

Friday, September 15

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

Monday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 30

- ◆ **Young Adult Hangout.** See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Friday, September 15

- ◆ **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 23

- ◆ **Jr. High Movie Night.** Location TBD. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Sunday, September 24

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

Friday, September 29-Sunday, October 1

- ◆ **RUSH Weekend at FHU.** See Josh Blackmer for details.

Friday, October 6

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

SEPTEMBER:



I Find Hope

*“My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand!”*

(Edward Mote, 1834)

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



Sunday
August 27

Jim Beard placed membership Sunday, August 27. He is the husband of **Cindy Beard**, who was baptized recently.

Sharon Banks was restored Sunday, August 27.



Directory Changes

Kristen Fuller moved to Dallas, Texas.

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Mrs. Lisa Campbell; Ms. Tresha Fletcher & Miles; Ms. Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Jennifer King; Ms. Shirley Lynch; Mrs. Janet MacDonald; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. John & Corinn Miller, Linley, & Ellie; Ms. Pat Patterson; Mr. & Mrs. Jay & Beth Robb; and Ms. Susan Sutton.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Cynthia Chery, Boca Raton, FL; Mr. Eli Dye, Hohenwald, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL; Andrew, Denise, Michelle & Lucas Nee, Silver Spring, MD; Mrs. Roberta Thees, Stuart, FL; and Enid Youngman, Stuart, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (September 3rd)
Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts (Ann.)

Wednesday (September 6th) cont.
Amanda Fetting

Monday (September 4th)
Gary & Doris Friedly (Ann.)
Nate Nelson
Marty Williams

Thursday (September 7th)
Ariana Aristy
Bill Ingram, Jr.
Scott Lewis
Daniel Wagner

Tuesday (September 5th)
Chuck & Trish Clark (Ann.)

Friday (September 8th)
Verdell March
Katie Sproule

Wednesday (September 6th)
Brett & Hayden Lau (Ann.)
Derrick Banks

Saturday (September 9th)
Jennifer Carver

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, September 3

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Chris Thompson
Scripture Reading..... Johnny Davis
Presiding at Table Glen Dawson
Serve at Table:
Chuck Clark Jim Rogers
Bob Higbee Scott Studer
Bobby Ingraham Nahum Villard
Tim Mahlbacher Austin Williams
Alternates
Orland Lolo Taylor Reeves
Closing Prayer Henry Bass

Sunday Evening, September 3

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Darin Summerlot
Scripture Reading..... Jeff Goodale
Presiding at Table..... Daniel Swayne
Josiah Blackmer
Jeremy Maloney
Mike Trujillo
Closing Prayer Freddie Gadson
Wednesday Evening, September 6
Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Invitation..... Josh Blackmer
Family Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Our Record

| Attendance | Aug. 27 | July Avg. |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 239 | 201 |
| Sun. A.M. Worship | 361 | 324 |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 168 | 155 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 190 | 175 |
| Contribution | \$14,049 | \$12,861 |
| 2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065 | | |
| Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -13,350 | | |

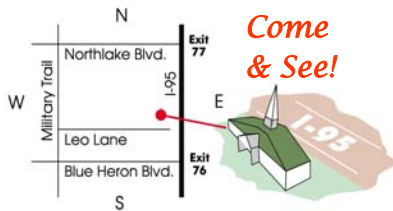
Ushers for week of **Sept. 3** Head Usher: Rick Hall; David Brown & Bill Ingram, Jr.



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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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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).