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# Revive Us Again



## What a Great Lectureship Weekend!





By Dan Jenkins

## Hope For the Future

It is impossible for us to imagine the emotional rollercoaster endured by young Daniel and his three friends. They had lived all of their lives in one of the most spiritual times in the history of the Jews. In the six decades before they were born, king Manasseh and king Amon, had brought idols into Solomon's glorious temple. Yet Daniel grew up knowing only of the temple worship which Josiah had restored. For the two decades before they were taken to Babylon, the worship of God had been restored—they knew nothing of idolatrous worship. If you marvel at Daniel's faith, remember that the world in which he lived was a world where the Jews faithfully served God.

Three years after Josiah's death, Daniel was taken by Nebuchadnezzar to serve him in Babylon. That "rollercoaster of faith" descended into a pagan world saturated with immorality. After Daniel and his friends arrived in Babylon, idol worship began to flourish once again because of the new kings, sons of Josiah. Nebuchadnezzar would soon make two more assaults against Israel and finally destroy the holy city. Jeremiah was in Jerusalem and watched as Jerusalem was filled with false prophets. They prophesied that Nebuchadnezzar would return the holy temple vessels taken from the temple and be defeated by the Jews. These prophets were courageously confronted by Jeremiah for twenty-three years

(Jer. 25:3). The world in which Daniel had been reared no longer existed. Sin had returned to Judah and God had sent the sword, famine and pestilence to try to get the Jews to see His judgment and return to Him.

Jeremiah sent a letter to those Jews who had already been taken to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. It specifically told them they would be in Babylon for seventy years, but then the prophet told them of God's promise. "I know the thoughts I have toward you...to give you a future and a hope" (Jer. 29:11). Two chapters later, God said, "There is hope in your future...that your children shall come back to their own border" (31:17).

How could there possibly be hope? The temple was destroyed, the city was leveled and the only physical connection Daniel could have with Jerusalem was to go to his window and pray in the direction of the ruins of the temple. How could there be hope when Nebuchadnezzar demanded all those in Babylon worship his golden idol. (Remember the fiery furnace?)

There was no physical evidence there would ever be a return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. How could there be hope when they were in a hopeless situation? The answer is simple. God promised them a future and God cannot lie. Are you on a "rollercoaster of faith"? Has your world collapsed around you? Have hope, for God cannot lie about your future!

**How could they hope—their temple was destroyed and they were captives?**



By David Sproule

## Jesus Is Jehovah!

Who is Jesus? Some in the so-called "religious world" have relegated Jesus to an inferior status in relationship to God. They look at Jesus as having been created by God or holding a position as "a god" but certainly not "the God." What does the Bible say?

Every reliable English translation begins the book of John with these words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (1:1). The Bible reader is not left to wonder who (or what) this Word was! Verse 14 declares, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John is clearly affirming that Jesus (who came in the flesh) was and is God!

But was Jesus just "a god" or did He hold a lower rank than God? He couldn't really be THE GOD OF GODS, could He? The Bible identifies the divine, self-existing, eternal God as "Jehovah" (a fact which is asserted even by many who degrade Jesus as a created god). Does the Bible ever identify Jesus as Jehovah? Even if it did just once, that would prove that He truly is who He claimed to be (cf. John 8:58). The Bible does identify Jesus as Jehovah, and not just once.

**Jesus is Jehovah, because He is Creator of all things!**

The Bible teaches that "Jehovah...maketh all things" (Isa. 44:24, ASV), and it teaches that by Jesus "all things were created" (Col. 1:16). Therefore, Jesus is Jehovah!

**Jesus is Jehovah, because He is Savior!** The Bible teaches that "besides" "Jehovah...there is no savior" (Isa. 43:11), and it teaches that Jesus is the "Savior" (Tit. 2:13). Therefore, Jesus is Jehovah!

**Jesus is Jehovah, because He is Redeemer!**

The Bible teaches that "Jehovah" is "your Redeemer" (Isa. 43:14), and it teaches that Jesus "redeemed us" (Rev. 5:9). Therefore, Jesus is Jehovah!

**Jesus is Jehovah, because He is the first and the last!**

The Bible teaches that "Jehovah" is "the first, and...the last" (Isa. 44:6), and it teaches that Jesus is "the First and the Last" (Rev. 1:17). Therefore, Jesus is Jehovah!

**Jesus is Jehovah, because John prepared the way for Him!**

The Bible teaches that "the voice of one...in the wilderness" would prepare "the way of Jehovah" (Isa. 40:3), and it teaches that "the voice" came to "prepare" the way of "Jesus" (Mark 1:1-4). Therefore, Jesus is Jehovah!

Jesus is deity (Col. 2:8)! Jesus is God (John 1:1)! Jesus is Jehovah, the great "I AM" (John 8:58; cf. Ex. 3:14). "Let us exalt His name together" (Psa. 34:3)!

**Even if it did just once, that would prove that He truly is who He claimed to be!**



By Josh Blackmer

## Everything Is Awesome

We use the word “awesome” a lot. I say “we” because I’m guilty also. A wise Spaniard once said, “You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means.” If you look into the etymology of the word, you can clearly see the change in its use. It began to be used in the English language in

the 1590s and was used in the context of something that was “profoundly reverential” or “that which inspires awe.” It was in the 1960s that it started getting used as something good or great. In 2013, the Lego Movie further degraded the word by giving us the song, *Everything Is Awesome*. Let’s think about this: If everything is awesome then nothing is truly awesome.

What is wrong with that? Let’s read a few verses to see if I can illustrate. Jacob was given a dream from God in the place that would later be called Bethel or house of God. After the dream, the Bible says, “He was afraid and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven’” (Gen. 28:17). Now if you read that passage again and think of awesome in the context of today’s meaning, it has a different idea. “How cool/great is this place” is very different than “How profoundly reverential or awe inspiring is this place.” In another place, Moses was encouraging the people concerning their imminent conquest of Canaan. He said, “You

shall not dread the [inhabitants of Canaan], for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God” (Deut. 7:21). A great and “totally tubular” God does not inspire one as much as the awesomeness of God. We lose so much of the impact of God’s awesomeness if we use today’s Merriam-Webster’s version or common use of the word. The King James Version translates the word as “fearful,” “terrifying,” “dreadful.”

### What is wrong with that?

Consider these things. It was the Awesome God that spoke the world into existence. It was the Awesome God that spoke from Mt. Sinai and caused the people to tremble saying, “Let not God speak to us or we will die” (Ex. 20:19). It was the Awesome God that filled the temple with His presence before Isaiah which caused him to say, “Woe is me, for I am ruined!” (Isa. 6:5). “Say to God, ‘How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power

Your enemies will give feigned obedience to You. All the earth will worship You, and will sing praises to You; they will sing praises to Your name.’ Selah. Come and see the works of God, Who is awesome in His deeds toward the sons of men” (Psa. 66:3-5).

Will I/we stop using the word awesome when we mean great or cool? Probably not. However, will we stop and consider the true awesomeness of God? That which inspires a sense of wonder, dread and profound reverence for Him? Yes.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Can God get me out of this?

In fulfillment of prophecy, as Jesus was hanging on the cross, the religious leaders in voices of derision and blasphemy, jeered, “He trusted in God; let Him **deliver** Him now if He will have Him” (Matt. 27:43; cf. Psa. 22:8). But, on that day, in order that we might be delivered by God one day in the future, the Father did not deliver the Son. Think about that for a moment!

When the devil tests us, are we on our own? When temptations round you gather, is it hopeless? They mocked Jesus for not being delivered, but what a blessing we enjoy as a result. God wants to “**deliver**” us and bids us to pray for such (Matt. 6:13). God has already “**delivered**” us (Col. 1:13), and with confidence we know that He “**will deliver**” us in the future (2 Tim. 4:18). Here’s a comforting text: “The Lord **knows how to deliver** the godly out of temptations” (2 Pet. 2:9). He has the will, the power and the knowledge to deliver you!

Do you trust God to deliver you? Open your eyes! Look! He always provides an escape! – DS



### Resist the vortex

Some people are like a vortex, in that they seem to catch you in their swirl and gradually draw you into them. Sometimes it’s their personality that sucks you in and drives you to please them. Sometimes it’s their beauty, sometimes it’s their popularity, sometimes it’s their power, sometimes it’s their wealth. And, before you know it, you are thinking like them, talking like them, wanting what they want, and swirling in fluid and synchronized motion with them.

In some cases, this may not be a bad thing. A Christian husband and wife could be said to be in a vortex together. God joined them together as one (Matt. 19:4-6), and they must stick together as “joint-heirs” (1 Pet. 3:7). But there are others, including some brethren, of whom we must be cautious. It is so easy to get drawn into certain people and situations that we do not evaluate our thoughts, our steps, our words, our desires, etc. And, before you know it, we are swirling around in perfect unison...with them. Friend, be careful! Resist the vortex! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	being moved to rehab, slowly regaining strength
<b>Pat Brown</b>	lymphedema in arm and hand
<b>Tom Martens</b>	undergoing therapy at home
<b>Silas Moses</b>	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405)
<b>Godfrey Pratt</b>	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 414B)
<b>Angie Seames</b>	neck surgery on Dec. 1

## Long-Term Health Issues

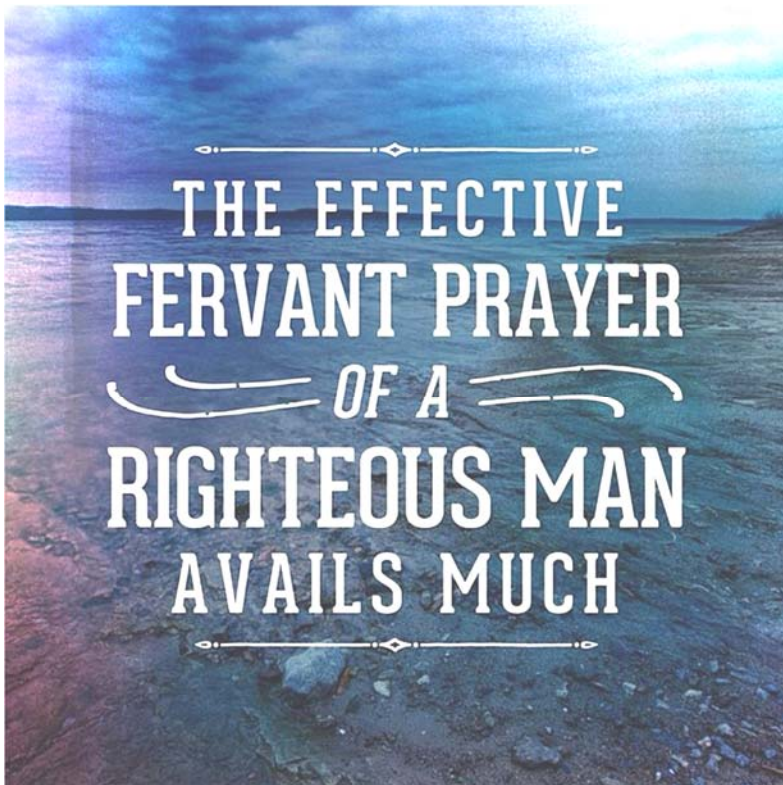
<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Elaine Back</b>	Jenny Jordan's mother, undergoing medical tests
<b>Evelyn Ellis</b>	Mike Ellis' mother, La Posada, recovering from surgery
<b>Donna Preston</b>	Carolyn Preston's sister, internal bleeding
<b>Twyla Wright</b>	Trina Wright's mother, now at home, still very weak





# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, November 19

- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m.

## Monday, November 20

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

## Tuesday, November 21

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume in January.

## Wednesday, November 22

- ◆ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. All classes (including children) will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

## Saturday, November 25

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

## Friday-Saturday, December 1-2

- ◆ **Blast Weekend for Men** (18 years & older). See Josh Blackmer for details.

## Sunday, December 3

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

## Thursday, December 7

- ◆ **Ladies’ Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or drinks. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

## Saturday, December 16

- ◆ **PBL Ladies’ Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring a \$10 gift for the holiday gift exchange. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

## Sunday, December 17

- ◆ **2-Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.

## Sunday, December 24

- ◆ **“Evening” Worship** will be at 1:00 p.m.

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

## Friday, December 1

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

## Friday-Saturday, December 1-2

- ◆ **Blast Weekend for Men** (18 years & older). See Josh Blackmer for details.

## Thursday, December 7

- ◆ **Ladies’ Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or drinks. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

## Saturday, December 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier.



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

## Sunday, November 19

- ◆ **Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for the day and meet in the Family Room after morning worship. Will return around 4:00 p.m.

## Sunday, November 26

- ◆ **Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

## Friday, December 1

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

## Saturday, December 9

- ◆ **Jr. High Holiday Party hosted by 55+ Members** at 11:00 a.m. See Ivan, Amber or Sarah for details.

## Sunday, December 10

- ◆ **Sr. High Visitation** following morning worship until 5:00 p.m. to deliver cookies and hang out.



# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> ☆ Sr. High & YA <b>Ladies' Hangout</b>	<b>2</b> b Pat Brown b Steward Lynch
						<b>Blast Weekend for Men (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>
<b>3</b> ☆ <b>Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit</b>	<b>4</b> b Sandra Daniels b Guadalupe Tipton	<b>5</b> b Adrienna Gadson b Janice Osborne	<b>6</b> b Cara Blackmer b Clayton Trujillo	<b>7</b> ☆ <b>Ladies' Soup Supper</b> b Sharon Banks b Jeannie Buonadonna b Deltom Lequernaqué	<b>8</b> b Harriet Morris	<b>9</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High Holiday Party</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Holiday Party</b> a Michael & Jean Archer
<b>10</b> ☆ <b>Youth &amp; Family Singing</b> b Judy Beard b Carolina Medina	<b>11</b> b Tasha Ellis	<b>12</b> a DeAndrea & Lovetta Harmon b Charlene Knowles b Jo Ann Rogers b Tyrone Toson	<b>13</b> a Kevin & Stephanie Weeks b Jim Beard	<b>14</b> b Tim Fry b Patricia Hackshaw b Daisy Lord b Juliette Mauvais	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> ☆ <b>Ladies' Prayer Meeting</b> ☆ <b>Sr. High Holiday Party</b> b Julie Fontaine
<b>17</b> ☆ <b>2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin</b>	<b>18</b> a Ted & Karen Friesner a Rick & Melinda Price	<b>19</b> a Victor & Sandy Colage b Mary Quinn b Angie Seames b Brittany Thompson	<b>20</b> b Eugene Williams	<b>21</b> b Casey Bound	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> a Sam & Peggy Simpkins b Kinney Dozier b David Lord
<b>24</b> ☆ <b>Evening Worship at 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> b Kim Hensel	<b>27</b> a Benny & Sarah Rodgers	<b>28</b> b Dick Kelley b Ken Tipton	<b>29</b> a Vince & Lovella Rogers a Ricky & Sarah Smedley b Linda Coe b Teresa Williams	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> ☆ <b>New Year's Eve Gathering</b> ☆ <b>Sr. High Lock-In</b>						

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



Sunday  
November 12

Thank you to all of those who volunteered to help with this year’s lectureship—registration and greeting, teachers, ushers, AV operators, breakout session coordinators, and the corn roast. Everyone’s collective efforts made our lecture-ship a complete success. It is so good to know that we are part of the family that works so well together.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Lori Armstrong; Mrs. Caroline Wedges Black; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Jeffrey Davis; Adrienne Gatlin; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. LaVon Kinsey, Sr.; R.K. & Lorraine Kliebenstein; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Norma Mariano; Miss Patricia Patterson; Mr. Anthony Spino-ga; Miss Trinity Wells; and Mr. Morris Williams.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Jay Campbell, Inverness, FL; Ms. Sabrina Clayton, Port St. Lucie, FL; Dr. & Mrs. Bill Davis & Pearl El, Jacksonville, FL; Jay Lockhart, Whitehouse, TX; John & Carla Moore, Dripping Springs, TX; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker; Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Frankie Porter, Brandon, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Ben & Leslie Ross, Davie, FL; Mrs. Andrea Spradlin, Milton, FL; and Mr. Leslie Szakacs, Parkland, FL.



Sunday (November 19th)  
Buzz & Kathy Nelson (Ann.)  
David Thorpe

Wednesday (November 22nd)  
Elizabeth Carter  
Rose Jean-Baptiste

Monday (November 20th)  
Freddie Gadson  
Matthew Jones  
Leonard Williams

Thursday (November 23rd)  
Dick & Marcia Kelley (Ann.)

Tuesday (November 21st)  
Karen Bibbee

Saturday (November 25th)  
Kevin & Leesa Schenk (Ann.)  
Sue Hoelzer  
Kayanna Richardson

**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, November 19**

Lead Singing ..... Bobbo Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Daniel Swayne  
Scripture Reading..... Jeff Leslie  
Presiding at Table ..... Morris McDaniel  
Serve at Table:  
Jordan Beasley Orlando Lolo  
Doug Carrick Jerry Pittman  
Jim Davis Tyrone Toson  
Andres Fernandez Simon Tyson  
Alternates:  
Kirk Crews Bill Ingram, Jr.  
Closing Prayer ..... Deltom Lequernaque

**Sunday Evening, November 19**

Lead Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Taylor Reeves  
Scripture Reading..... Johnny Davis  
Presiding at Table..... Heath Johnson  
Gorman Ericksen  
Richard Lerro  
Lawrence Williams  
Closing Prayer ..... Ted Friesner  
**Wednesday Evening, November 22**  
Lead Singing ..... Thanksgiving  
Invitation..... Thanksgiving  
Family Prayer ..... Thanksgiving

**Our Record**

Attendance	<u>Nov. 12</u>	<u>Oct. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	324	227
Sun. A.M. Worship	402	339
Sun. P.M. Worship	170	181
Wed. Bible Study	175	162
Contribution	\$13,520	\$14,579

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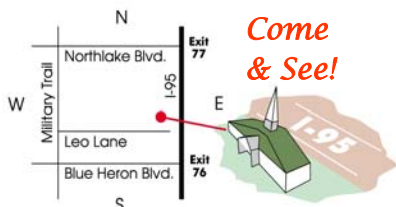
Ushers for week of **Nov. 19:** Head Usher: Jimmie Banks; Edward Gager & Tim Mahlbacher



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*Come  
& See!*

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#### 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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