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"Go into ALL THE WORLD and preach the gospel to every creature."

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14 years of Mission Sundays

How will the Lord continue to use us in 2018?

And in His law he meditates ... 28 days

suggestions to

help us are

ing psalms



The title above is a combination of the words of the first psalm and a life changing experience happening at Palm Beach Lakes. That psalm sets the tone for all of the rest of the psalms and describes the man God sees as being blessed. David said, "And in His law he meditates day and night." Do

vou want to have all the blessings God can give to you? Hear these words—he meditates in the law of the Lord.

of January is to encourage every member to spend the month reading a daily psalm and thinking about what it says and how it applies to life. (The reason we have chosen a twenty-eight day period is to give spend time readuniformity to each month's emphasis, and February has fewer days.) The design of the program is not to

speed read through many chapters, but to slowly read and reflect on each word God uses. Meditating on His words brings blessings, and it changes every person who does it.

Let me give some suggestions which might help you as we spend this month reading the Bible together.

Make the reading of the psalm a priority. Every person's life is different. Some may choose to start each day while others may choose to end the day reading the Bible. You might decide to read the psalm together as a family and talk about how it applies to your lives. Because God says that what we think determines who we are (Prov. 23:7), we must set aside time to spend thinking about what really matters.

Read the passage slowly. Make sure that you understand the meaning of every word in each psalm. Look at each word. Is it singular or plural? What is God saying? What other words could God have used to teach the same lesson? Ask yourself why He chose to use a particular word. After you have

read the passage slowly, read it again. One of the Because of this, the emphasis for the month Let me give some things I have done some days is to let my computer/ smartphone read the passage to me. I have listened to some of them five times, and almost every time I see a new truth.

> Take phrases from a psalm and think about how it helps you. This is what meditation is. It is very simple: God speaks. We listen. We listen careful-

ly. Then, those words which help us most at this point in our lives can be taken and thought about often every day. Think about that phrase. Perhaps, share it with someone else. Then, determine that you will let His words become your words.

There are many other suggestions which could be given, but I wanted this week to share with you how blessed I have been as I have read and then thought about what God says about my life. I wanted to encourage you to be part of this effort. It has changed me, and I believe it will change you!



"Dear Friend, I Found Salvation"

Friend, the things that I'm sharing with you that I have found are not inconsequential. These are significant matters, and I trust that you have perceived that yourself.

I want you to know that I've found By David Sproule something particularly exciting—salvation.

I'm not sure what that might mean to you, for I know it means different things to different people, but I hope you will consider this vitally important subject.

First, I found how desperately I need salvation. The Bible teaches that all have sinned, including me and you (Rom. 3:23), which has created a barrier between me and God (Isa. 59:1-2), and will lead me to an eternity in hell (2 Thess. 1:8-9) if that barrier is not removed.

Second, I found how much God has done to

save me. God sent His perfect, holy and only begotten Son into this wretched, sinful world, in order "that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:16-17).

Third, I found how much Jesus has done to save me. When the debt of my sin (i.e., death, Rom. 6:23) needed to be paid, Christ "loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20), as "an offering and a sacrifice to God" (Eph. 5:2).

Fourth, I found the instruction manual for how to be

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saved. The Bible gives us "all things that pertain to life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3), including "the truth" that I need to "know" in order to be made "free" from sin (John 8:32). There is a lot of confusing (and conflicting) information out there today that people and organizations have taught about how to be saved. Fortunately, I have the Bible, which is "the power of God" to save me (Rom. 1:16), if I will just follow what it says.

> Fifth, I found in the Bible how to be saved. In the New Testament, people were saved from their sins by [1] "hearing" the gospel (Rom. 10:14, 17); [2] "believing" that Jesus truly is the Son of God (Acts 8:12-13; 16:31); [3] "repenting" of their sins (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30); [4] "confessing" their faith in Jesus (Acts 8:36-38; Rom. 10:9-10); and [5] "being baptized" "into Christ" (Gal. 3:27), "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Their immersion in water was not a

ceremony or a demonstration; it was an immediate act of obedience that was essential to save their souls (Mark 16:16), as it was the moment when the blood of Jesus (shed in His death) washed their sins away (Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4).

Friend, I have a very important question to ask you. Will you please, please consider it? "Are you saved?" You are important to me, and I desperately want you to go to heaven! Have you done what the instruction manual (the Bible) teaches to do in order to be saved? If not, will you do it today?



New Study Shows

Do you remember the first time something that had been taught in school as truth was later shown to be incorrect? Apart from evolution and other pseudo sciences, for me it was Pluto. In 1996, its status was questioned when other objects larger than Pluto were found orbiting the Sun in the

same area. In 2006, the scientific definition of a planet was redefined, and Pluto was dropped from planetary status. In 2016, they talked about redefining the word again to include Pluto and 110 other objects that orbit the Sun. This was just the beginning. There "I was wrong this so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace continues to be a steady stream of things that are being better understood. We hear several times a month in the headlines, "New study shows..." New studies show coffee is bad, new study shows coffee is good. New study shows chocolate is bad, new studies

show chocolate is good. You can seemingly find a new study that supports your idea on anything. When will it stop? When will they know for sure about anything?

I am very glad the Bible is not like that. Truth is truth. There are no surprise later revelations. There are no new studies that contradict previously established truths. The Bible talks about truth this way. "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth..." (John 16:13). Luke said that he wrote the gospel account to Theophilus, "so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught" (Luke 1:4). It is clear that the Bible was written as truth and was written so that it could be understood, "and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32).

Even though it has been written as "once for all handed down" (Jude 1:3), there are people who like to approach the Bible and find something new to teach. It is often guised as a misunderstood/misused passage, something lost in transla-

tion or a cultural norm that we have forgotten. Would it surprise you that this happened even while the apostles were alive? "I am amazed that you are

of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ" (Gal. 1:6-7). "Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, men

who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some" (2 Tim. 2:17b-18).

So, the warning is this. If you hear of some new study that teaches something other than what you have already come to understand as truth, be careful. We should always examine ourselves to make sure that we are teaching and following truth. However, we should not be so quick to loose the moorings that have held us on course for so long.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What was most important to my parents?

There are many things that stand out in my mind about what was important to my parents when I was a kid. I remember them sacrificing to send me to a private school. I remember them sitting in the bleachers at every home basketball game. I remember them making sure I had every single need met, so that I could achieve whatever I wanted to achieve.

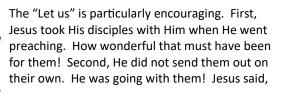
But, there is something that stands out above the rest. I remember being at church EVERY for the Da time the doors were open, without a single exception. I remember worshiping in churches all across this nation as we traveled, because that was still our priority even when out of town. I remember helping my dad with countless projects for the church and at the church building. I remember my parents hosting numerous church events and Bible studies in our home.

When your kids leave home, what will they remember being the most important thing to you? Will it be of an earthly (temporal) significance? Or an eternal one? You may be creating lots of memories with your kids, but none will matter if they are not solidly on the path to heaven! -DS

When Jesus says to you, "Let us go"

Jesus arose "very early in the morning" (Mark 1:35, ESV), "a great while before day" (ASV), and "departed to a solitary place" to pray. His disciples found Him and told Him, "Everyone is looking for You" (1:37). Notice how Jesus responded. He did not say, "You go and preach in the next towns." He said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may

preach there also" (1:38).



"LET US GO!"

whole time!?!"

His Great Commission to us is just like that. First, He tells us to "Go" (Matt. 28:19). But, is He sending us out to preach on our own? Not at all! For in the next verse, He assures us, "I am with you always." It is as if Jesus is saying to us, "Let us go and preach!" He is with us! When you attempt to reach out to someone with the gospel, remember that you are not alone! -DS



Keep in Your Prayers

Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	undergoing rehab at home
Joyce Barnhouse	now at home, recovering from pneumonia
Jimmy Burney	lung cancer
Eva Fulton	now at home but is in a lot of pain
Zula Garrett	Gardens Court (room 213) undergoing rehab
Joe Holland	recovering at home, still weak
Jon Jordan	suffering with crippling sciatic pain in his leg and back
Dick Kelley	heart aneurysm, undergoing medical tests
Tom Martens	Chatsworth, undergoing rehab
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 304)
Angie Seames	recovering from neck surgery
Linda Studer	having monthly chemo treatments (next one on Jan. 25)
Amy West	JFK Medical Center, heart valve procedure

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

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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

Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, Lawnwood Hospital, severe weakness
Victor Colage	Victor Colage's father, not doing well
Tytianna Cox	Mattie Cox's daughter, in JFK Hospital
Evelyn Ellis	Mike Ellis' mother, La Posada, recovering from surgery
Richard Hamlen	Stephanie Weeks' father, suffering with bronchitis
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, not doing well
Jacklyn Modery	Sharon Reitz's sister, spinal surgery on Friday (Jan. 19)
Quinntel Smith, Jr.	Willie & Giselle Smith's grandson, now at home
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, at home but still very weak



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, January 21

 PBL Family Photos Updated. If your photo needs to be updated or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

• FHU Presidential Trek Comes to PBL. David Shannon, President of Freed-Hardeman University, will be speaking during class and visiting after services.

Thursday, January 25

• Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

Saturday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 28

 Mission Sunday. Every dollar given will be used for mission work.

Saturday, February 3

• Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway. Becky Blackmon will be speaking on "Singing in the Rain." See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, February 4

• Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.

Friday, February 9

• Family Group 4 Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.

Friday-Sunday, February 9-11

Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC. Cost is \$40/person.
See the bulletin board for more details.

Young Aduts

Friday, January 26

• Young Adult Hangout at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, February 3

• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

Tuesday, February 6

• Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. See Rachel Fuller for details.

Friday, February 9

• Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Friday-Sunday, February 16-18

• Young Adult Camping Trip. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, March 3

• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m.



Sunday, January 28

• Jr. High & Sr. High Combined Devo after evening worship. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, February 9

• Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Saturday, February 10

• Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Sunday, February 11

• Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday-Sunday, February 23-25

• **Challenge Youth Conference** for Sr. High Youth. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

February 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 b Gai Ingram	3 ☆ Young Adult Devo ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway b Jennifer Goodale
4 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit a Novel & Mary Brown a Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter b Rashana Green b Lilly Lolo	5 a Glen & Josie Dawson a Mike & Tasha Ellis b Maurine Reed	6 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Kenneth Long b Sherrie Tibbetts	7 b Connye Plouffe	8 b Sallie Moses	9 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout a Joe & Janice Maloney a Rudolph & Verdell March	10 ☆ Sweetheart Banquet hosted by Jr. High Youth a Pete & Pat Brown b Emily Tyson
b Deidra Miley					Mother/Daughte	r Retreat (9 th -11 th)
11 ☆ Second Sunday: <i>"Is There Really a</i> <i>God?"</i> ☆ Family Group 3 Potluck ☆ Youth & Family Singing b David Brown	12 b Dave Holaday	13 a Eugene & Penny Williams	14 ☆ Tavaro Hanna Mission Report a Marty & Leslie Williams	15	16 b Andy Anderson b Pat Parnell b Laura Schuemann	17 b Julie Williams
					Young Adult Camp	bing Trip (16 th -18 th)
18	19	20 b Robyn Landen	21 b Lillian Bankston	22 b Lester Galloway	23 b Ricky Smedley	24
					Challenge Youth	Conf. (23 rd -25 th)
25 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo b Kaitlyn Donahue b Lisa Eutsey	26	27 b Chuck Milton	28 a Marvin & Maggie Dozier b Shelton Howell			

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



Congratulations to **Ted & Laura Schuemann** upon the birth of their son, **Sebastian Charles Schuemann** on Wednesday, January 17, weighing 8lbs., 6oz. Congratulations also to the proud grandparents, **Jeff & Diane Leslie**, and greatgrandparents, **Tom & Rose Martens** and **Norman Smedley**.



Sunday January 14

LOCAL VISITORS: Tunde Akingbade; Mrs. Rosemene Alexis & Monique; Ms. Gail Archer; Donna Bleau; Virgil & Alnisa Bryan; Mr. Jean Charles; Richard Gathright; Miss Jamie Granino; Ms. Lauren Grimaldi; Carl King; Mr. & Mr. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Terry Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Norma Mariano; Ms. Pat Patterson; Ashley Piper; Anthony Reed; Barbara & Chris Smith; and Michael Staley.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Justin & Amanda Davis, Wathena, KS; Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Nancy Hansel, Paris, IL; Mrs. Sandy McElhaney, Macomb Twp., MI; Mr. & Ms. Ed Palmer, Searcy, AR; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker & Rachel Parker Hatchett, Ringgold, GA; Simon & Brenda Pugh, Okeechobee, FL; Ms. Cynthia Saulsberry, Stuart, FL; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Gerald Smith, Jacksonville, FL; Dusty & Mona Wear, Florence, AL; and Enid Youngman, Stuart, FL.



Congratulations to **Jennifer Carver & Aaron Walker** who were married on November 29, 2017.



Thank you for the support to me at the death of my daughter, **Cathy Seay**, who was also **Catherine's** mother. Thank you for all the food the ladies prepared. Also, thanks for the calls, cards and especially for the prayers. Love to all.

In Him, Sadie Tennant and family

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, January 21

Sunday (January 21st)

Monday (January 22nd)

Tuesday (January 23rd)

Doug Carrick

Edward Gager Bailey McDaniel

Cora Lee Daniels

Luther Robinson

Andrea Leslie

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Lead Singing	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Nate Nelson
Scripture Reading	Taylor Reeves
Presiding at Table	Ivan Villard
Serve at Table:	
Henry Bass	Wallace Jones
Greg Bland	Orlando Lolo
Rick Hall	Vincent Rogers
Bill Ingram, Jr.	Austin Williams
Alternates:	
Tim Fry	Paul Metzkes
Closing Prayer	Kane Campbell

Sunday Evening, January 21

Wednesday (January 24th)

<u>Friday (January 26th)</u> Jimmie Banks Winifred Patterson

Saturday (January 27th)

Christene Bean

Ed Buonadonna

Keila McLeod

Sunday Evening, Sund	ury ZI		
Lead Singing	Dan McLeod		
Opening Prayer	Heath Johnson		
Scripture Reading	Richard Lerro		
Presiding at Table	David Thorpe		
Tim Mahlbacher			
Daniel Swayne			
Mike Trujillo			
Closing Prayer	Cam Crotts		
Wednesday Evening, January 24			
Lead Singing	John Loftis		
Invitation	Taylor Reeves		
Family Prayer	Ivan Villard		

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Jan. 14</u>	Dec. Avg		
Sun. Bible Study	219	224		
Sun. A.M. Worship	327	351		
Sun. P.M. Worship	176	160		
Wed. Bible Study	159	160		
Contribution \$	16,036	\$14,187		
2018 Weekly Budget: TBA				

Ushers for week of Jan. 21 Head Usher: L.H. Richardson; Bobby Ingraham & Jeff Leslie



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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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"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).

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