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Feb. 23-25	Challenge Youth Conference
March 11-14	Gospel Meeting with Glenn Colley
March 18	New Adult Bible Classes
April 8	Second Sunday: "Can the Bible Be Trusted?"
April 12	Ladies' Day with Wendy Wadley
April 29	Fifth Sunday Night Cook Off
May 5	Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men



By Dan Jenkins

Letting Blessings Destroy You

It may seem strange to you, but do you know that a blessing from God could lead to our destruction? Yet, this truth is taught repeatedly throughout the Bible. Take time to consider the following thoughts to see how God warns us that His blessings can destroy us.

After forty years in the wilderness, the Jews were ready to enter the promised land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses told them, "It shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land...to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full—then beware..." (Deut. 6:10-12). Beware? How could there be any danger in these blessings?

Read the rest of the verse. "Beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt." Even Solomon understood the dangers of material blessings from God. He prayed to God to not make him rich. "Give me neither poverty nor riches—feed me with the food allotted to me; lest I be full and deny You and say, 'Who is the Lord'" (Prov. 30:8-9).

Think of the blessing of knowing the Bible. We spend hours studying the Bible, and God rewards us, for He has made

the Bible so understandable. Yet, inherent within this blessing is that which can destroy us. Paul said, "Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know" (1 Cor. 8:1-2). One may know a great deal of the Bible and can become proud that he knows it better than others. One of the great dangers the Lord's church faces is those "scholars" who have failed to see how little they actually know.

How could a blessing from our heavenly Father ever lead to our destruction?

Is leadership in the church a great blessing? Absolutely, but inherent within this blessing is that which can destroy a person. Think of the blessing of being an apostle, yet they argued who would be the greatest one. "Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He said to them... 'He who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger and he who governs as he who serves'" (Luke 22:24, 26). Jealousy over leadership turns a blessing into destruction.

How do blessings lead to our destruction? It happens every time we take the blessing and think we are "owed" the blessing. The blessing of the promised land became a curse to puffed-up Israel. Knowledge of the Old Testament became a curse to the scribes and Pharisees. Honor bestowed upon a leader becomes a curse to one who elevates himself above others. Thank God for His blessings. Never let them destroy you!



By David Sproule

Conversation on the Tarmac

While traveling recently, I was seated on a flight next to some very talkative ladies, who were particularly loud in their conversation. I was not eavesdropping on their conversation, as it might be perceived, for it was impossible for those in the seats and rows around them to not follow along in their high-volume chat.

These two ladies had just met as they were taking their seats. Their initial "get-to-know-each-other" exchange was especially alarming and eye-opening. The lady in the window seat said, "My daughter is pregnant with her first, and I'm going to be there for the birth." From the middle seat, the second lady asked, "Is she a human?" "Yes," came the hesitant response, "she is." And then the second question, "Is she going with natural birth or are they delivering through your daughter's ear?" Stunned, the voice from the window seat replied, "Um, it's going to be a natural birth."

Can you imagine hearing such a strange conversation? Well, I have good news and bad news. The good news: That was not the real conversation. The bad news: The real conversation was just as bad. I chose to illustrate with this fictionalized version first to highlight the absurdity of the actual questions that were asked. Although, in our day and age, what

were once bizarre questions (like the ones in the fictional version) are now as ordinary as flying on a plane.

In their actual "getting-to-know-each-other" exchange, the lady in the window seat said, "My daughter is pregnant with her first." The lady in the middle seat asked, "Is she married?" [STOP! Think about that question!] The mother replied, "Yes, she's married!" And then, question number two. Are you ready? "To a man?" Stunned, the voice from the window seat replied, "Yes, to a man!"

What were once bizarre questions are now as ordinary as flying on a plane

It used to be that asking these questions—"Is your pregnant daughter married? To a man?"—would be like asking—"Is she human? Will the baby be born through her ear?" Absurd! Bizarre! Unheard of! But today, they are as common as getting peanuts or pretzels on an airplane.

How do you think God sees the condition of our society? We are not left to wonder. Romans chapter 1 describes a culture that "exchanged the truth of God for the lie" (by making up their own laws) and "exchanged the natural use for what is against nature" (by practicing homosexuality) (1:25-26). As a result, "God gave them up," to do whatever they wanted to do and to suffer the consequences (1:24, 26, 28). Today, has God given America up to their own lusts?

Brethren, it's time for us to see things (and hear things) as God does! Ungodliness must always rattle us!



By Josh Blackmer

Adrift

On November 12, 1961, Terry Jo Duperrault, age 11, was alone on a three-foot by two-foot raft in the Atlantic between the Bahamas and Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The captain of the sixty-foot sailboat her family had chartered killed her parents, her siblings, his wife and scuttled the boat. She was left to die, but she quickly found refuge on the small raft. She floated for 4 days in the open ocean before being rescued by a cargo ship. Alone with no provisions and shocked by the horrors she had seen, she was left adrift.

As tragic as this event was, this plays out spiritually every day. There are many people who are adrift in the world. Those who are unprepared for life and are left to wander. Jesus spoke of them this way, "Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest'" (Matt. 9:36-38). How do you see the spiritually weak and lost in this world?

The sailor that spotted Terry Jo noticed the small white raft thinking at first it was whitecap, but as they got closer, he saw it for what it really was. We also can get caught up in seeing the multitudes as just endless waves. This nameless

"them," but we need to get closer. Christ could see into the hearts and minds of men. We have to get involved in people's lives and make a difference and be an influence (Matt. 5:13-16).

We know that not everyone will respond. In the case of Terry Jo, she was so dehydrated, scorched by the sun and starving. She barely had the energy to sit up. When we talk with people they are so spiritually weak that they do not even know how to respond (Heb. 12:12-13). The men of the cargo ship slowly gave the little 11-year-old girl sips of water and orange juice to revive her. Can you see yourself doing the same to those who are spiritually faint?

Terry Jo was unaware of the dangers that were around her. Even as the ship drew near to her there were sharks circling around the tiny raft. Just getting her into the boat safely was a challenge. Many that you talk with might be content where they are but completely unaware of the danger that surrounds them. We can see the world for what it is as we have been trained to see the spiritual battle that rages around us, but they have not. They are in a snare and "held captive" as Paul would describe it (2 Tim. 2:24-26).

What will you do with those adrift around you? Will you sound the alarm and rush to their aid? Or, will you let them silently slip by? You can make the difference.

What will you do with those adrift around you?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Agape love is never rude

In this day and age, it is so easy to be rude (and not think anything it). That seems to be the default demeanor and routine reaction of so many folks. Brother and sister in Christ, we cannot afford to fall into that pattern of behavior.

In "The Love Chapter" of First Corinthians 13, Paul states that "love... does not behave rudely" (13:4-5). It is not "rude" (ESV). Too often we might react with a "yeah, but." "Yeah, but you don't know what he said...what she did...how she looked at me..." *It doesn't matter!*

Christians are to "love (agape)" one another (John 13:34). Don't be rude to fellow Christians! Christians are to "love (agape)" their enemies (Matt. 5:44). Don't be rude to your enemies! Christians are to "love (agape)" all people (1 Thess. 3:12). Don't be rude to anyone! Husbands and wives are to "love (agape)" their spouse (Eph. 5:22-33). Don't be rude to your mate! There is no place, in the life of one is following Jesus, for being rude! *Let's work on this!* – DS



The wind in your life...and Jesus

In the middle of the night, Jesus saw that His disciples, who were several miles out into the stormy sea, were "straining at rowing" (Mark 6:48). Matthew uses the word "wind" three times in his paragraph about this event. First, he records that when Jesus saw His friends from a distance, "the wind was contrary" (Matt. 14:24). Second, when Peter got out of the boat to walk to Jesus, Matthew records that Peter "saw the wind was boisterous" (14:30). But, when the Lord saved Peter and they got into the boat together, "the wind ceased" (14:32).

There are times in our lives when "the winds of life" blow "contrary" to us. Even when Jesus is near, sometimes they can still be "boisterous." But, let us not take our eyes off of Jesus, even in the midst of our storms. Rather, let us continually cry out to Him, "Lord, save me!" If we put our "faith" in Him, with no "doubt" in our hearts (cf. 14:31), we can get "into the boat" together and let Jesus take care of the winds that seek to blow us off course! Remember, "even the wind" in your life will "obey Him" (Mark 4:41)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	undergoing rehab at home, continues to improve
Jimmy Burney	chemo and radiation treatments for lung cancer
Eva Fulton	still dealing with a lot of pain
Zula Garrett	recovering at home
Joe Holland	recovering at home, slowly improving
Mary A. Jackson	having complications from oral surgery
Dick Kelley	undergoing medical tests
Carolyn Kemp	recovering from surgery at home
Tom Martens	at Chatsworth, undergoing rehab
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 304)
Angie Seames	recovering from neck surgery
Willie Smith	dealing with multiple health issues
Linda Studer	having monthly chemo treatments (next is on Feb. 22)
Amy West	recovering from surgery, improving
Cherylann Wineinger	injured her lower back and is undergoing therapy



Adrienne Banks upon the passing of her **4-month-old granddaughter, Ke'niya Ealey**, last week. The Funeral will be Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m. at the Royal Palm Funeral Home (5601 Greenwood Avenue).

Ed Buonadonna upon the passing of his mother, **Patricia Buonadonna**, on Sunday night.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Tytianna Cox	Willie & Mattie Cox's granddaughter, not doing well
Shirley Franklin	Kay Richardson's sister, in the hospital, improving
Rhona Hayes	Charles Hayes' wife, recovering from surgery
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, not doing well
Jacklyn Modery	Sharon Reitz's sister, spinal surgery rescheduled
Clara Summerville	Brenda Collier's mother, recovering from hip surgery
MacKenzie Terry	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s granddaughter, having oral surgery
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, at home but still very weak

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

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

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

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

Friday-Sunday, February 23-25

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebring Parkway** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Friday-Saturday). Ken Jones will be speaking on "Three Days of Spiritual Renewal."

Saturday, February 24

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

Sunday, February 25

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Potluck** after morning worship in the Family Room. See Novel or Mary Brown for more details.

Sunday-Wednesday, February 25-28

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Okeechobee** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Jimmy Clark will be speaking on "Kindling Our Inward Passion for Christ."

Friday-Saturday, March 2-3

- ♦ **Men's Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$40 per person. See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, March 3

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:00 a.m. until noon. See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.

Sunday, March 4

- ♦ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship. See Joan Holloway for details.
- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

- ♦ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

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

Saturday, March 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brent & Andrea Leslie.

Tuesday, March 6

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

Friday, March 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, March 10

- ♦ **Jr. High & Young Adult Picnic.** See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, March 24

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Guys' Hangout.** See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Friday-Sunday, February 23-25

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

Sunday, February 25

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Saturday, March 3

- ♦ **Youth Work Day** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Friday, March 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, March 10

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 b Willie Smith	2	3 ☆ Congregational Work Day ☆ Youth Work Day ☆ Young Adult Devo b Angela Walker
					Men's Retreat at CFBC (2 nd -3 rd)	
4 ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Glen Dawson	5 b John Hoelzer	6 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Susie Cox b Linda Studer	7 ☆ Prayer Meeting b Justin Maloney b Bob Swayne	8 b Henry Bass b Bereather Williams	9 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Bonnie Quigley	10 ☆ Jr. High & YA Picnic ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street
11 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Begins a Godfrey & Norma Pratt	12 a Jim & Robin Davis b Marvin Dozier	13 a Bob & Jennifer Higbee b Vivian Blackmer b Leesa Schenk	14 b Mike Erickson b Michael Morning	15 a Henry & Josephine Bass	16 b Tim Cox b Lynne Jorgensen b Sue Shelt	17 ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon
Gospel Meeting with Glenn Colley (11 th -14 th)						
18 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship b Jackie Price	19	20 b Silas Moses	21 b Max Fonrose b Yolanda Stewart	22 a Christopher & Yolanda Stewart	23 a Major & Allison Roman b Betty Sanders	24 ☆ Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout
25 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo	26 a Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham b Matthew King b Carmen Ruckman	27 ☆ Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting b Danielle Carter b Jerry Hopkins b Jerry Pittman	28	29 b Cruz Fernandez	30	31 ☆ Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under b Bryce McDaniel

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



Sunday
February 11

I cannot thank all my brothers and sisters in Christ enough for all your prayers, calls, and visits. I do not know how I would have gotten through this difficult time in my life without all of you.

In His love,
Amy West



Congratulations to **John & Sue Hoelzer** upon the birth of **their granddaughter, Presley Isabel Hoelzer**, to Jon & Priscilla on Friday, February 9, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Alexis Monique; Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Lillian Ayala; Ms. Earlene Bassie; Ms. Donna Bleau; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Loretta Crawford; Ms. Madeleine Desir; Ms. Ashley Finley; Ms. Audrey Freeman; Ms. Madison Gaither; Mr. Richard Gathright; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Ivan Gutierrez; Ms. DeNita Hall; Mrs. Denise Hamilton; Allen Honore; Mr. Ron Jenkins; Mr. John Judd; Ms. Angela Kelley; Mrs. Nancy Light; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Miranda McKelton; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Norma & Patricia Mann; Ms. Pat Patterson; Anthony Reed; Mr. Benjamin Smith; Mr. Chris Smith; Mr. Anthony Spinoga; Mr. Rodney L. Thornley; and Ms. Machell Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Sabrina Clayton, Port St. Lucie, FL; Ms. Tatianna Conner, Jensen Beach, FL; Miss Kristen Ferguson, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Mary Harring, Stuart, FL; Mrs. Rae Johnson, CO; Mr. Stan Meek, Norman, OK; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL.; Miss Christine Phillips; Mr. & Mrs. Tony & Gail Pringle, Success, AR; Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Mary Shur, Bowling Green, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Lee Tellman, Pacific, MO; and Mr. Clarence Tipton, Tallahassee, FL.



Tuesday (February 20th)
Robyn Landen

Thursday (February 22nd)
Lester Galloway

Wednesday (February 21st)
Lillian Bankston

Friday (February 23rd)
Ricky Smedley

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, February 18

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading.....Ken Tipton
Presiding at TableJim Rogers
Serve at Table:
Greg Bland Jerry Pittman
Cam Crofts Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Mike Erickson Eugene Williams
Bobby Ingraham Marty Williams
Alternates:
Johnny Davis Chris Thompson
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Sunday Evening, February 18

Lead SingingDan McLeod
Opening PrayerPhil Porter
Scripture Reading.....Dirk Summerlot
Presiding at Table.....Dan Fuller
Jeff Goodale
Nate Nelson
Nick Pietro
Closing PrayerHenry Williams
Wednesday Evening, February 21
Lead SingingJohn Loftis
Invitation..... Marty Williams
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 11	Jan. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	275	230
Sun. A.M. Worship	396	331
Sun. P.M. Worship	185	159
Wed. Bible Study	188	167
Contribution	\$14,390	\$14,343
2018 Weekly Budget: \$15,252		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -4,221		

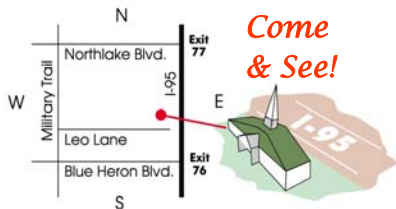
Ushers for week of **Feb. 18** Head Usher: Victor Colage; Orlando Lolo & Nahum Villard



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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: **Dan, Luann & Sofia McLeod** (and Heihei)



Psalms 27:1