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**Current
Adult Bible Classes**

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 A.M.

First & Second Peter and Jude
The Authenticity of the Bible
Young Adults: The Book of James

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00 P.M.

The Book of Isaiah
Practical Parenting for Today's Children
The Beatitudes
Ladies: Blessed Beyond Measure

Which one are you attending?



By Dan Jenkins

God Always Feeds His Saints

The saints of God have often found themselves in dire circumstances. In the first century when God’s just judgment was about to come against the Jewish nation, it was preceded by wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes. Christians were in the midst of all these troubles. What hope

did they have?

In addition to this, their faith in God created even more adversity. Hebrews 10:32-34 vividly describes what was happening around them. “You endured a great struggle with sufferings...both by reproaches and tribulations...the plundering of your goods.” Shortly after the church began, Saul led the assault against the church which brought great adversity. “As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging of men and women, committing them to prison” (Acts 8:3). What hope did they have?

The same happened to Old Testament saints. Think of those many years when David fled from King Saul and later from the Jewish army led by his rebellious son. He and his men lived in the wilderness where there were caves in which they took refuge. He had to flee from the Promised Land to even survive, living among the enemies of Israel. Once he had to feign insanity before the pagan king to keep from being put to

death. What would have been our thoughts if we had been with him. What hope did he and his followers have?

Hear the words of David: “I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread” (Psa. 37:25). There were times when it appeared that this man after God’s own heart failed. David speaks of this in this same psalm and then turns his eyes toward God. “Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand.”

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Hear the words of Jesus, given first to those who would suffer the ravages led by Saul. He told them to look at the birds. God feeds *every one* of them. Not a *single* bird has even fallen to the earth without God being aware of it. He feeds *every* bird. *Look at the birds!* (Matt. 6:26; 10:29-31; Luke 12:6-7, 24). The practical results of this is His promise to the faithful. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you” (Matt. 6:33).

There is a vivid application in what is happening all around us. We have seen the horrendous storms which swept through the Bahamas, just fifty miles from West Palm Beach. We have listened as our brethren describe what they have endured. However, in the midst of all of this there is one thing which we must always remember. **You will never see a skinny bird in the Bahamas!** God feeds His birds and His saints!



By David Sproule

How Barnabas Differed from Ananias and Sapphira

“Isn’t it enough to give? As long as I’m giving, does it matter why? Does it really matter what my motivation is?” Think about this for a moment and consider what Scripture has to teach us.

Much of the giving in the early church was done to help brethren who were in need (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:16-24; Rom. 15:25-27). Giving was also done in order that preachers and elders who labored in the word might be financially supported (1 Cor. 9:1-14; 1 Tim. 5:17-18; Phil. 4:14-19). An early example of this kind of giving is in Acts 4:32-5:11, in which we read of a significant difference between givers in Acts 4 and givers in Acts 5.

In Acts 4, the early church was “of one heart and one soul,” to the extent that no one would “say that any of the things he possessed was his own” (4:32). These brethren were not focused on themselves or on what they owned. They were focused instead on those brethren who “lacked” and were “in need” (4:34-35). So they “sold” some of their possessions, “brought the proceeds...and laid them at the apostles’ feet.” Barnabas was such a Christian. His motivation in giving was not himself—it was not to receive accolades or any attention. His focus was on the joy of giving and the need of his brethren.

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In Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira followed the external pattern of giving (i.e., sold a possession, brought the money, and laid it at the apostles’ feet). But, it is apparent that their motivation was different. It can be surmised from the text that the motivation of Ananias and Sapphira’s giving was on attention and accolades that might come upon themselves, rather than truly being motivated by those who were in need. This can be traced to other passages in the New Testament.

In the life of Jesus, we find a similar contrast made on two different occasions. In Mark 12, Jesus observed the difference between the rich who came and gave their gifts and a poor widow who came and gave only two mites (12:41-44). The noted difference was not on the amount of the gift. The different was the heart, the focus, the motivation.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus condemned those who give (like Ananias and Sapphira) “to be seen by [men]” (Matt. 6:1). Jesus went on to teach that our giving should never be done to draw attention to ourselves but to focus on the “Father who sees,” so that we are not the focus (6:1-4).

When you give, why do you give? When you are given a special opportunity to give (or as Jesus talked about, “doing a charitable deed”), do you do it for you or for the one being served? Think about it. It makes a heavenly difference!



By Josh Blackmer

What Expectations Does God Have of Parents?

Clearly-communicated expectations are key to relationships. In the case of God with His people, He has been exemplary in giving us clear communication—not just in our conduct but how we should operate in our many different roles. That is no different in the area of parenting. God has communicated to us what he expects of us as parents.

It should go without saying that we are charged with the physical care for our offspring. Even God’s creation shows us this. Jesus said, “Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?” (Matt. 7:9). There should be a natural care for them. There are those who neglect even the most basic care for children. Paul wrote to Timothy saying that those who do not take care of their own, “he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Tim. 5:8). Our care for children goes beyond just the physical.

There is a need for us to instruct them. We see this in the Old Testament with the Shema (Deut. 6:7-9). The implication is to make use of every teachable moment. We see in the Proverbs, Solomon saying over and over, “My son, take heed” or “My son, listen to instruction.” We have the responsibility to raise them to know truth, to know God and to know what it is

to serve Him. Paul wrote, “But bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Eph 6:4). Fathers are principally responsible for this task, but both parents have lessons to share (2 Tim. 1:5).

God expects us to model what being His servant looks like, specifically in our relationships with one another (Eph. 5:21-29; Titus 2:4-5). We must be examples in our conduct. There are many passages that teach about our conduct, but Romans 12:9-21 highlights many areas that encompass our Christian walk. We are to be examples in love without hypocrisy (Rom. 12:9), examples in devotion to one another (Rom. 12:10), examples in our devotion to serving God (Rom. 12:11-12), examples in hospitality (Rom. 12:13), examples in how we treat our enemies (Rom. 12:14, 17-21), examples of how we view ourselves inside the body of Christ (Rom. 12:15-16). We need to remember that we could be the greatest stumbling block for our children if we are not modeling what it is to serve God.

Part of parenting is discipline. We are not friends or buddies with our children. We are so much more. We are parents charged with raising a soul to serve the Lord. Discipline must be applied when needed (Prov. 13:24; 19:18; Col. 3:21; Heb. 12:11). With these clear expectations we have been charged with the most rewarding work God could give us.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What if the persecution doesn’t get better?

In 606 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came up against the city of Jerusalem and carried off the first wave of captives. Among those were three young men (Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah), who are better known by their Babylonian names: Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego. These God-loving, God-fearing men refused to capitulate at all to the pressure to turn their back on Jehovah and to “worship the gold image” that the king had set up (Dan. 3:8-10).

When Nebuchadnezzar threatened to cast them into the fiery furnace and further disparaged Jehovah, these men confidently stated that “our God whom we serve is able to deliver us...and He will deliver us” (3:17). They continued: “But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up” (3:18).

Here’s the question today: What if persecution we endure as a Christian doesn’t get better? What if it gets worse? Our answer, like theirs: We serve God. Period. Exclamation point! – DS



To be like everyone else

In First Samuel chapter 8, the Israelites demanded that Samuel “appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations” (8:5). In other words, “All of the other nations have a king. We want to be like all the other nations.” So, how did that work out for Israel? The nation would never be the same again. Sin ravaged her only three kings (Saul, David and Solomon). The nation was divided after only 120 years. The largest division (the northern ten tribes) gave themselves over to idolatry and turned against God. The smaller division (the southern two tribes) held out some hope, but the majority of her kings were evil. Eventually, God’s people were conquered.

Today, too Christians want “to be like everyone else.” How does that work out...each and every time? When a child of God wants to look like a child of the world, sin will always be the inevitable consequence, and God’s people will be conquered by it. Friend, do not be conformed to be like everyone else (Rom. 12:2). God has called us to stand out and be different (1 Thess. 4:3). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Mike Archer | rotator cuff replacement surgery on September 19 |
| Adrienne Banks | undergoing medical tests |
| Jimmie Banks | awaiting a kidney biopsy |
| Karen Bibbee | undergoing rehab at home |
| Betty Davis | St. Mary's Hospital (room 3306), rehab (No visitors) |
| Eva Fulton | Savannah Court (room 111) for rehab |
| Terri Hahn | LaPosada for physical therapy |
| Bobby Ingraham | dealing with pain in his back and knee |
| Mary A. Jackson | recovering from hip replacement surgery |
| Kasandra Jones | recovering from shoulder replacement surgery |
| Judy Lerro | recovering at home from her outpatient procedure |
| Willie Smith | recovering from heart ablation surgery |
| Linda Studer | monthly chemo treatments |
| Ralph Williams | surgery on his right eye on September 19 |

Long-Term Health Issues

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Lillian Bankston | dialysis treatments |
| Charles Norton | dialysis treatments |
| Patricia Ventress | dialysis treatments |

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| Millie Ames | Joe Holland |
| Hattie Daniels | Daniel Johnson |
| Sandra Daniels | Don & Betty Matter |
| Josie Dawson | Deidra Miley |
| Annie Faison | Harriet Morris |
| Margie Hardin | Leigh Puckett |
| Janet Hickerson | Ricky Smedley |
| Loretta Holaday | |



John Patrick, upon the passing of his sister, Vera Jane Patrick, last weekend.

Adrienne Banks, upon the passing of her mother, Lena Kelly, on September 18.

Angie Seames, upon the passing of her brother, Richard Cook, on September 18.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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| Hayes Burleson | June Pack's brother, foot and leg amputated, in rehab |
| Barbara Coe | Linda Coe's mother, recovering from auto accident |
| David Findley | Maria Hackshaw's father, radiation treatments for cancer |
| Bettie McDaniel | Morris McDaniel's mother, recovering from a heart attack |
| Morris Richardson | Lawrence Richardson's father, very weak |
| Ulysses Smith | Mary Brown's brother, now in Heartland (Boca) for rehab |
| Willie Smith, Sr. | Willie Smith's father, recovering from a blood transfusion |

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, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 26

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

Friday-Sunday, September 27-29

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Harding Street** each night at 7:30 p.m. (Friday-Saturday). Matt Johnson from Tampa will be speaking.

Sunday, September 29

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship. Bring finger foods, desserts and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, October 6

- ◆ **Friends & Neighbors Sunday.** All members are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors to worship. We will have regular Bible classes at 9:00 a.m. The morning sermon will be *"4 Keys to Making the Church God-Centered."*
- ◆ **North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Friday-Sunday, October 11-13

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend** has been cancelled this year, in order that we might focus our attention on the Bahamas Hurricane Relief Efforts. See Jeff Leslie for more information on how you can help.

Sunday, October 13

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Tuesday, October 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. See Cindy Nelson for details.

Friday, October 4

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Saturday, October 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nicole Freseman. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, October 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Costume Party** at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 19

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and decorate your car to hand out candy to the children. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, September 22

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo with Stuart Youth Group** BEFORE evening worship at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring drinks and desserts.

Thursday-Sunday, September 26-29

- ◆ **RUSH Weekend at FHU for Grades 8-12.** Cost is \$50 per person plus \$20/day for food. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, October 4

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

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Saturday, October 19

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Louise Phillips b Robin Stone | 2 b Joel Ramirez | 3 b Chuck Clark b Kathy Nelson | 4 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout | 5 ☆ Young Adult Devo b Rosa Nash |
| | | | | | | Ladies' Fall Encampment (4th-5th) |
| 6 ☆ Friends & Neighbors Sunday ☆ North Lake Nursing Home Visit ☆ Shepherds Praying | 7 b Hollie Crotts b Stephanie Elridge b Patricia Ventress | 8 b Donna Erickson b Norma Mariano b Bessie Walker b Betty White | 9 b Lawrence Williams | 10 a Eldra & Grace Judge b Dirk Summerlot | 11 b Chuck Reeves, Sr. b Scott Studer | 12 |
| 13 ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Fran Campbell | 14 b Patricia Harrington b Amy Rosado | 15 b Stahia Banks b Joe Holland b Meagan Metzkes | 16 a Michael & Turkessa Staley b Adelen Honore b Kevin Weeks | 17 | 18 ☆ Young Adult Costume Party b Josue Charles | 19 ☆ Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under a Darin & Katie Summerlot b Samantha Jewell |
| 20 ☆ Shepherds Praying | 21 b Janice Maloney b Sabrina Pietro b David Sproule b Leslie Williams | 22 a Richard & Judy Lerro a Owen & Deidra Miley b Tim Mahlbacher | 23 b Millie Ames | 24 b Lydia Quinn | 25 | 26 ☆ Sr. High Fall Fest a Kane & Fran Campbell b Samantha Eutsey b Ekaette Ikon b Sadie Tennant |
| 27 ☆ Baby Shower for Chris & Brittany Thompson ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Family Devo b Traci Sproule | 28 b Dianne Frye | 29 b Lawrence H. Richardson | 30 b Marie Yolette Achille | 31 | | |

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 15



We rejoice with **Alex Contreras** who was baptized on Monday, September 16.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Ryan Bodin; Alex Contreras; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Taylor Johnson; Ms. Debbie Vasco; and Ms. Machel Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. James & Marisa Allen, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. James Coviello, Salem, NC; Mr. & Mrs. Reggie & Susan Crawford, Eads, TN; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Ms. Allysha Fischbacher, Freeport, Bahamas; Mr. Scott Kelley, Jacob & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Randy & Robin Martin, Lakeville, MN; Mr. Kyle Reeves, Man-O-War, Bahamas; Mrs. Ruby Rolle, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas; Ms. Greta Strachan, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas; and Mr. & Mrs. Ivan & Leni Villard, Daytona Beach, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



To the elders and members of Palm Beach Lakes congregation,
On behalf of the **Eutsey** family, namely **Janice Maloney** and **Mary Quinn**, we do thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love and for the care that was shown to us during the time of uncertainty and difficult planning of final arrangements for our loved one. Thank you, again.

Sunday (September 22nd)
Luann McLeod

Thursday (September 26th)
Betty Davis

Tuesday (September 24th)
Johnny & Betty Davis (Ann.)
Cornelius Brown
Sabrina Swayne

Ophelia Holmes
Gary Jenkins
Vincent Rogers

Wednesday (September 25th)
David & Marie Thorpe (Ann.)
Dan Fuller

Saturday (September 28th)
Graysen Hayes

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 22

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Mike Archer
Scripture Reading Gary Jenkins
Presiding at Table Bob Higbee
Serve at Table:
 Josiah Blackmer Kenneth Long
 Mike Erickson Rick Price
 Edward Gager Chuck Reeves, Sr.
 Bobby Ingraham Tyler Williams
Alternates:
 Kirk Crews Lawrence Williams
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot

Sunday Evening, September 22

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Harrison Crotts
Presiding at Table Morris McDaniel
 Chuck Clark
 Paul Metzkes
 Daniel Wagner
Closing Prayer Henry Williams

Wednesday Evening, September 25

Lead Singing Josiah Blackmer
Invitation Stephen Beliech
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

| Attendance | <u>Sep. 15</u> | <u>Aug. Avg.</u> |
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| Sun. Bible Study | 206 | 220 |
| Sun. A.M. Worship | 339 | 332 |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 156 | 168 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 176 | 186 |
| Contribution | \$15,543 | \$15,818 |
| 2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190 | | |
| Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$8,081 | | |

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier (Head Usher); Eddie Gooden & Jeff Leslie
Safety Team for this week: Mike Damron & Shaun Tyson



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



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: Paul Metzkes, Tyler Williams, Devin Eutsey & Lance Collier

