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# 4 KEYS to Making the Church



## Sunday, October 6



By Dan Jenkins

## What a Contrast!

To imagine what it would have been like for those who, in the first century, received the books of the New Testament which had just been written and sent to them is beyond comprehension. Before the books were written, there were apostles and prophets who could tell them about Jesus, about His life and the new way of living He revealed. However, they were not always present. Then, for the first time, the churches had a handwritten copy of the Bible, and they could assemble and study together.

Not every person was able to read, so there were those who read these words given by God while others listened, trying to remember every word God had given to them. The Bible describes this. "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy..." (Rev. 1:3). Now, for the first time they held in their own hands the message from heaven. That verse adds one other vital truth about the one who is blessed because he has a Bible. It adds, "and keep those things which are written in it." The real blessing is not found in just reading or hearing God's words. That blessing comes when the words are taken and written in our hearts and manifested in our lives.

What a contrast between the church as it began and that which is part of our world! We no longer have heaven's

message in heavy scrolls but in beautiful, leather-bound books. The widespread use of cell phones allows many of us to carry the entire Bible in a compact device we keep in our pockets and purses. How blessed we are!

Yet what has happened? Across our lands believers assemble, yet Bibles are often not present. We have decided that study in Bible classes is more focused on what some modern man has written about the will of God instead of going to the original truths. Sometimes those studies become a discussion about what each person thinks about a matter instead of searching the words of the Bible to see what God has said about these same issues.

Pulpits are filled with gifted speakers, or those who have read their messages, and for the moment we are fascinated by their ideas, but it is far removed from what happened in the early church. They read the very words given by God, they heard the words given by God and they left worship determined to remember these words to change their lives.

Think about this contrast and then when you open your Bible realize you have the message from heaven. Read the Bible with the joy of those early Christians. Their lives were changed because they realized the treasures which were theirs because finally they held the words from heaven. Have that same joy because you have your own copy of these words!

**The real blessing does not come just in reading the Bible. It comes when...**



By David Sproule

## Thank You, Brandt Jean!

One evening last year, Person "A" made some of the very worst decisions a person could ever make and killed Person "B." If you didn't know anything else, what would your thoughts be? The following details will start to reveal the exact case, but just pretend like you had no prior knowledge of any of this. What if you learned that Person "A" was a woman and Person "B" was a man? What if you learned that "A" was a police officer and "B" was not? Would that change your evaluation? What if you learned that "A" was Caucasian and "B" was African American? Would that automatically change your perception? If learning more details about Person "A" and Person "B" changes your initial evaluation of the situation, that actually reveals more about you than it does about "A" or "B" or the situation.

All too often we allow factors that don't truly matter (in the eternal perspective) to color our judgment. May God help us to learn a lesson from the events that followed this horrible and tragic night.

Person "A" was convicted of murder 13 months later. During the victim impact testimony that followed the conviction, the brother of Person "B" (who had been murdered by Person "A") took the stand. His name is Brandt Jean. What

would you say to the person who killed your brother? Read his words carefully and prayerfully: "I hope you go to God...If you truly are sorry, I speak for myself, I forgive you, and I know if you go to God and ask Him, He will forgive you...I love you just like anyone else...I personally want the best for you...And the best would be to give your life to Christ...Again, I love you as a person, and I don't wish anything bad on you...I don't know if this is possible, but can I give her a hug, please?"

**"I personally want the best for you...to give your life to Christ"**

Would it matter to your personal evaluation to know that Brandt Jean is an African American man, speaking to Person "A," who is Caucasian woman and was a police officer at the time of the murder? Thank you, Brandt, for reminding us that a soul is more important than our pain and our anger! Thank you, Brandt, for reminding us that salvation is more important than justice! Thank you, Brandt, for reminding us that Christian love does not know hate or racial boundaries! Thank you, Brandt, for reminding us that Christian kindness looks beyond wrongs that have been suffered! Thank you, Brandt, for reminding us that Christian forgiveness is not optional, even when our heart is broken! Thank you, Brandt, for reminding us what Christ would have us to do when everyone else wants us to focus on hate and skin color! Thank you, Brandt, for reminding us how we should all be acting! Thank you, Brandt, for showing the world what a Christian looks like! Let us all focus on what truly, eternally matters!



By Josh Blackmer

## The Power of Forgiveness

He forgave her! She went into the wrong apartment and fatally shot his brother. Her sentence was seemingly light for murder—10 years. Prosecution was asking for 28, the age of the victim. The closing comments of the victim’s brother were words of forgiveness. “I don’t hold anything against you.”

“I want the best for you.” “The best for you would be to give your life to Christ.” “That’s what my brother would want.” “I love you as a person.” They hugged and forgiveness was given. It is being written about all over the world. An amazing example of forgiveness from an 18 year old. A lesson that was given in the name of Christ.

How does one get to that point? He took the lead on the process of healing by extending forgiveness. Something that had been so explosive has been disarmed by love and forgiveness. This same event could have destroyed the families involved emotionally for the rest of their lives. Harboring anger, vengeance, guilt and shame will destroy a soul. Satan would like nothing more than this to be a destructive and faith-ending event. However, this young man’s act paved a way for that to change. It will never undo what has been done, but it can help in the healing process and the damage does not have to continue. Love conquered and made it okay for others to forgive as well.

**Our capacity to forgive is directly tied to our salvation.**

It is hard to read about this and watch the videos and not think, “Could I do that?” We would like to think that we would be able to forgive with the grace and love that this young man demonstrated. Hopefully we will never have to be in that position. The question that we should be asking is not, “Could I do that in an extreme situation?” The question we should ask is, “Am I forgiving people for the little and daily things?” We don’t show up to any athletic event without having practiced and trained. It should be obvious that this young man had learned to forgive others before this event.

Our capacity to forgive is directly tied to our salvation. “For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions” (Matt. 6:14-15).

“Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions” (Mark 11:25). Forgiveness might be something we don’t give out easily, but oh, how we want it when we have offended. We clamor and plead for forgiveness from God, yet we might not be prepared to extend the level of forgiveness we have received. This bright moment that is shining out of a dark situation should call us to remember what has been forgiven of us and the capacity of forgiveness that is possible.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Confused by strange terminology

The caller phoned the church office and said, “I’m confused. I’ve been watching videos from your church online and reading my Bible. What you’re saying makes sense and fits right in line with what the Bible says. But then I ask my pastor about it and he takes a totally different position. He starts using this terminology and that terminology, and I just get confused.”

The caller shared the terminology that the “pastor” was using. The reason that the caller on the phone was being confused by his pastor’s terminology was because THE TERMINOLOGY WASN’T IN THE BIBLE! He didn’t want to be disrespectful to his pastor and he didn’t realize that the wording being used wasn’t even found in the Bible. He was calling to ask advice.

First Peter 4:11 says, “Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God” (NASB). We would do ourselves and those who hear us a huge favor if we would use Bible words and use them in Bible ways. Let the Bible speak... for itself! – DS



### You’re free! Do you know it?

If you were in prison, how would you like to be free? How much would you think about it? If someone came along, removed you from the prison and freed you, how would you respond? If you were a slave, how would you like to be free? How much would you think about it? If someone came along, removed you from the slavery and freed you, how would you respond? Such freedom would surely bring about tremendous joy, happiness and renewed vigor for life. You might even say that you would never be the same person after that.

Stop for a moment and realize that “Christ has made us free” (Gal. 5:1). Christians have been made “free” by “the truth” of God (John 8:32) and obedience to His will (Rom. 6:17-18). “The Son” has made us “free indeed” (John 8:36)—“freed from” the imprisonment and slavery of “sin” (Rom. 6:7), “free from the law of sin and death” (Rom. 8:2), and “free” from “the power of death” wielded by “the devil” (Heb. 2:14-15). Should that not bring joy, happiness and renewed vigor for a life of service to Him! Do you sometimes forget about your freedom? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mike Archer</b>	shoulder replacement surgery, undergoing rehab
<b>Adrienne Banks</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Jimmie Banks</b>	undergoing medical tests
<b>Karen Bibbee</b>	undergoing rehab at home
<b>Betty Davis</b>	in Waterford for rehab, NO visitors please
<b>Eva Fulton</b>	Savannah Court (room 111) for rehab
<b>Terri Hahn</b>	LaPosada for physical therapy
<b>Robert Mariano</b>	dealing with back pain
<b>Mary Reeves</b>	recovering from epidural in her neck
<b>Willie Smith</b>	recovering from heart surgery
<b>Robin Stone</b>	dealing with bilateral knee injuries
<b>Linda Studer</b>	monthly chemo treatments and awaiting test results
<b>Ralph Williams</b>	recovering from eye surgery

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Ellen Brown</b>	Lovetta Harmon's sister, hip replacement surgery (10/4)
<b>Hayes Burleson</b>	June Pack's brother, foot and leg amputated, in rehab
<b>Barbara Coe</b>	Linda Coe's mother, recovering from auto accident
<b>Ron Fernander</b>	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
<b>Don Fields</b>	Trish Clark's brother, good results from cancer surgery
<b>David Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's father, radiation treatments for cancer
<b>Yvonne Palmer</b>	Teresa Williams' sister, has not been doing well
<b>Morris Richardson</b>	Lawrence Richardson's father, very weak
<b>Ulysses Smith</b>	Mary Brown's brother, in Heartland (Boca) for rehab
<b>Willie Smith, Sr.</b>	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

## Sunday, October 6

- ◆ **Friends & Neighbors Sunday.** 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.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

## Monday, October 7

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

## Tuesday, October 8

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

## Friday, October 11

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot.

## Sunday, October 13

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

## Sunday-Wednesday, October 13-16

- ◆ **Sebring Parkway Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). This year's theme is *"The Examples of Young Men."* See the bulletin board for more details.

## 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.

## Sunday, October 20

- ◆ **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**

## 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.

## Saturday, November 2

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

## Tuesday, November 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Summerlot.

## Friday, November 15

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 6:30 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

## Saturday, November 16

- ◆ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing** hosted by the YA.



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

## 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.

## Saturday, October 19

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. Jr. High should arrive at 4:00 p.m. to help set up. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. Wear your costume! See Sarah, Ivan or Amber to RSVP or bring a food item.

## Friday, October 25

- ◆ **Sr. High Fall Fest Lock-In** from 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

## Sunday, October 27

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

OCTOBER:



## To Uphold God's Church

*"...On this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."  
(Matthew 16:18)*

*"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd **the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.**"  
(Acts 20:28)*

*"...Christ also **loved the church** and gave Himself for her."  
(Ephesians 5:25)*

*"But **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness..."  
(Matthew 6:33)*

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



Sunday,  
September 29

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Lucille Black; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Taylor Johnson; Mr. LaVon Kinsey, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Carlos & Angela Romero; Ms. Debbie Vasco; Mr. Terry West; and Ms. Mabelle Williams & Macquas.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Tom Barlow, Toccoa, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. Bill Cline, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. & Mrs. David & Sheri Jenkins, Lilburn, GA; Mr. Scott Kelley & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Abaco, Bahamas; Mrs. Barbara Pauli, Leverett, MA; and Mrs. Cathryn Payne, Oneida, TN.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

**Monday (October 7th)**

Hollie Crotts  
Stephanie Elridge  
Patricia Ventress

**Tuesday (October 8th)**

Donna Erickson  
Norma Mariano  
Bessie Walker  
Betty White

**Wednesday (October 9th)**

Lawrence Williams

**Thursday (October 10th)**

Eldra & Grace Judge (Ann.)  
Dirk Summerlot

**Friday (October 11th)**

Chuck Reeves, Sr.  
Scott Studer

## News & Notes

**Our elders will be praying at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3 for the month of October.** All members are invited to come and pray with them. If you have a prayer request, please write it on your attendance card.

### 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, October 6**

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Jeff Leslie  
Scripture Reading ..... Darin Summerlot  
Presiding at Table ..... Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Serve at Table:  
Ed Buonadonna    Chad Morgan  
Kirk Crews        Jim Rogers  
Max Fonrose      David Thorpe  
Graysen Hayes    Daniel Wagner  
Alternates:  
Mike Damron      Chris Thompson  
Closing Prayer ..... David Holaday

**Sunday Evening, October 6**

Lead Singing ..... Young Men  
Opening Prayer ..... Young Men  
Scripture Reading ..... Young Men  
Presiding at Table ..... Young Men  
Young Men  
Young Men  
Young Men  
Closing Prayer ..... Young Men

**Wednesday Evening, October 9**

Lead Singing ..... Josiah Blackmer  
Invitation ..... Kirk Crews  
Family Prayer ..... Victor Colage

### Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 29	Aug. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	201	220
Sun. A.M. Worship	306	332
Sun. P.M. Worship	148	168
Wed. Bible Study	187	186
Contribution	\$11,679	\$15,818
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$10,577		

Ushers for this week: Rick Hall (Head Usher); Glen Dawson & Dick Kelley

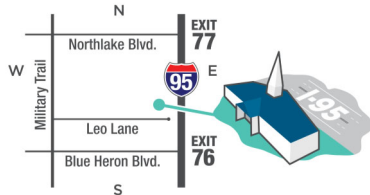
Safety Team for this week: Victor Colage & Jerry Pittman



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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.

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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).