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November 7-10, 2019

Thursday, Nov. 7
7:00—8:15 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 8
7:00—9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9
2:00—5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 10
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:25 a.m. Bible Class

Plan to Attend
Every Session

Full Schedule on Website



By Dan Jenkins

Evidences of Christians

Words obviously have definitions and it is important to use words with a full understanding of what each word means. One of the problems which has led to religious division is a failure to define words of the New Testament as they were used in the first century. One would never come to the conclusion that sprinkling is baptism if we understood that the word “baptism” in the first century always meant “to dip, to submerge.”

I recall years ago when knocking doors in New Zealand that we asked the man who came to the door what he was religiously. He knew he was something but had no idea what he was. So he shouted out to his wife and asked her what he was. In the broadest sense, he might have said he was a Christian, but had no idea beyond that.

New Zealand was an amazing place in so many ways. They viewed themselves as being a Christian nation, but only 3% of the people regularly went to worship. Obviously almost no one in there sang praises to God. Few of them had Bibles and even fewer read the Bible regularly. Their absence from assemblies meant they rarely gave anything to God. The Lord’s Supper was rarely observed. There was little evidence in their lives of Christ, yet they saw themselves as a Christian nation.

If a doctor has no office, has no patients, prescribes no medicine, diagnoses no illness, does no medical exams, and receives no pay, *is he a doctor?* Whenever he has stopped doing those things which doctors do, he is no longer a doctor.

If a farmer plows no land, buys no seed, plants no crops, feeds no animals, never harvests anything, *is he a farmer?* Whenever he has stopped doing those things which farmers do, he is no longer a farmer.

In the broadest sense, he might have thought he was a Christian, but was he?

Now make the spiritual application of this principle. If a Christian stops attending worship, sings no hymns of praise, never bows his head to pray with others, never gives, never reads the Bible, never sits in Bible classes or hears sermons, *is he a Christian?* Whenever he has stopped doing those things which Christians do, he is no longer a Christian.

Let me make this same point in another way. Suppose our government were overthrown and all Christians were put on trial. Those found guilty were immediately slain. If this were to happen, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Think about this, what evidence is there to those around you that you are a Christian? If Christianity were outlawed, would you be alive or dead.

Remember the words of Jesus: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father.” Do others know that you are a Christian?



By David Sproule

“For the Sake of the Church”

The apostle Paul loved the Lord so very much! Although he was an unbeliever at one time—even “a blasphemer, a persecutor and an insolent man” (1 Tim. 1:13)—once he learned the truth about the Lord (His identify, His authority and His abiding love), Paul could do nothing else but serve the Lord fervently with all of his might.

Paul knew from the very beginning of his conversion to Christ that he “must suffer” “many things” for the Lord’s sake (Acts 9:16). (Can you imagine if you knew that from the moment of your conversion? How would that impact your decision to obey the Lord?) But, knowing that he would suffer as a Christian and for teaching Christ—and then actually suffering those things—did not dissuade him or move him one iota from serving the Lord. In fact, as a Roman prisoner, he said that he suffered “for the sake of His body, which is the church” (Col. 1:24).

Think about that expression: “I now rejoice in my sufferings...for the sake of His body, which is the church.” Imagine for a moment that you were able to go back in time and ask the apostle, “Paul, why are you suffering all of these things?” What answer would you expect? “I am suffering on behalf of Jesus. I am suffering because I love my Lord. I am

suffering because Jesus willingly suffered for me.” While all of these statements would be true for Paul, in this particular passage he states that he is enduring persecution and even imprisonment “for the sake of the church.” What an example!

Consider for a moment: **What would you be willing to do “for the sake of the church”?**

What would you be willing to do “for the sake of the church”?

Would you be willing to suffer maltreatment and insults “for the sake of the church”? Would you be willing to suffer physical or financial hardships “for the sake of the church”? Would you be willing to speak up and take a stand “for the sake of the church”? Would you be willing to make changes to your schedule “for the sake of the church”? Would you be willing to give sacrificially on a weekly basis “for the sake of the church”? Would you be willing to give up a favorite hobby “for the sake of the church”? Would you be willing to step out of your comfort zone “for the sake of the church”? Would you be willing to break a long-entrenched habit “for the sake of the church”? Would you be willing to forego your perceived rights “for the sake of the church”? Would you be willing give up anything “for the sake of the church”?

The examples that we have in Jesus and Paul are of men who gave up everything for the church. Is there any reason that I should not be willing to do the same?



By Josh Blackmer

In the Trenches

World War 1 (WWI) trench warfare was some of the most horrific fighting that mankind has ever had to endure. The casualties were staggering. It is estimated that the total number of Allied deaths, military and civilian, is between 9.5 to just over 10 million people. In the Battle of Somme in France (1916), the British forces lost 60,000 men on the first day. Death came at the hand of enemy fire, bombing, poison gas, disease and infection. In letters to home, men wrote about the conditions, "I am lucky to say that I have been in the trenches twice or in other words have done two hitches in Hell as we call it and sometimes we think seriously and wonder if the latter place is any worse than some of the days we have spent" (Sergeant Henry Dube, May 18, 1918). Those horrific conditions have led to the popularization of the phrase "in the trenches" as going through some incredibly difficult time. It is often overused for dramatization, and most never experience anything close to what those men and women did in the early 20th century. However, it does communicate how people might feel struggling against sin.

There are those who, because of sin and guilt, are in the trenches of spiritual warfare. It is perpetual night in the trenches. No sun can be seen to lighten the heart. Every advance to take ground is a hard-fought struggle that seems to

drain every strength you have, only to turn and give up twice as much ground as you took the day before. The entire time you never feel safe. You are always on high alert. Danger is all around and never lets up. It is a constant bombardment. A place of rest and comfort seems to be an ocean away. This feeling is highlighted by Paul, "But I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:23-24).

If you are in the trenches now, you don't have to stay there.

There are people trying to claw their way out of the trenches, but they don't know how. Satan is bombarding them to keep them there. There is no way to escape without help. Paul wrote, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Rom. 7:25). Only by properly understanding salvation and the grace of God can we escape to live a new life (Rom. 6:4). Once we escaped, we became agents of the Most High God to show others the way out of the trenches. There are many around us who are struggling against sin. They are doing a hitch in their own private hell.

If you are in the trenches now, you don't have to stay there. If you are not, are you helping or preparing yourself to help people out of the trenches? There is a rest that remains for those who escape the trench (Heb. 4:10-11).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Respect those who are "older"

How many folks (especially in the church) do you know who are older than you? Any? Have you noticed that sometimes "older" individuals are not quite as "sharp" as they "used to be"? As a result, sometimes they are disregarded, set aside, and even disrespected. We need to be very careful in how we treat those who are "older."

The New Testament addresses those who are "younger" and instructs to "submit yourselves to your elders" (1 Pet. 5:5). Elsewhere, we read, "Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father...older women as mothers..." (1 Tim. 5:1-2). Even in the Old Testament, God's people were told, "Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly" (Lev. 19:32).

We need to respect their wisdom of life gained through years of experience. We need to respect them for who they are. We need to respect them the way that we ourselves would one day like to be respected (Luke 6:31). We need to respect them "because God says so!" – DS



"Thankfully, it's prayer night!"

When was the last time that you LOOKED FORWARD to going to midweek Bible study on Wednesday night? Hopefully that's every week! But, do you truly "look forward" to it? Years ago, Wednesday night services were called "Prayer Meetings." Gradually that changed to be called "Bible Study" or "Midweek Services." But, is there still an emphasis on prayer?

One Wednesday morning recently, one faithful church member wrote an email that started with, "Thankfully, it's prayer night! What mental state would we be in without prayers?" Do you ever start your Wednesday morning and think, "Thankfully, it's prayer night!?" There is something special about (1) the church family gathering together (2) in the middle of the week, (3) in order to study God's Word together and (4) to petition the throne of Almighty God together as a family!

May God help us to love praying "for" one another (Jas. 5:16) and "with" one another (Acts 12:12)! May God help all of us to say on Wednesday, "Thankfully, it's prayer night!" – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	undergoing rehab on his shoulder
Jimmie Banks	undergoing medical tests
Karen Bibbee	undergoing rehab at home
Judy Carmack	dealing with thyroid and chronic spinal issues
Betty Davis	in Waterford for rehab, NO visitors please
Eva Fulton	now at home
Terri Hahn	in LaPosada for physical therapy
Shirley Hopkins	knee replacement surgery rescheduled for Nov. 13
Mary Jackson	in Consulate Health Care for rehab on her hip
Carolyn Preston	recovering at home from surgery
Allison Roman	recovering at home from surgery
Willie Smith	having some complications from his recent heart surg.
Linda Studer	chemo treatments every 3 weeks

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Hattie Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Sandra Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Charles Norton
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Les Sawyer
Joe Holland	Ricky Smedley



June Pack, upon the passing of her brother, Hayes Burleson, on Sunday, October 27 in Tennessee.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ellen Brown	Lovetta Harmon's sister, recovering from hip replacement
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, complications from surgery
Freddie King	Nadia King's father, in the final stages of cancer
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, ongoing health issues
Michael Newman	Lorena Pittman's brother, knee replacement on Nov. 4

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, November 3

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.
- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Brookdale (11381 Prosperity Farms Rd). See Joan Holway to RSVP or for more details.
- ◆ **North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **November Card Writing** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and write cards of encouragement.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

- ◆ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. We will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

Thursday-Sunday, November 7-10

- ◆ **24th Annual South Florida Lectureship. "Conformed to His Image."** See the Welcome Desk for a full schedule.

Thursday, Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 8	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, Nov. 10	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:25 a.m. Bible Class

Sunday, November 10

- ◆ **November Card Writing** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and write cards of encouragement.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Tuesday, November 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Summerlot.
- ◆ **Meat Night for YA Men** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Josh Blackmer.

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 Young Adults at 6:00 p.m. on the church property. Bring a lawn chair and \$5/person for burgers and hotdogs. Young Adults need to arrive at 4:30 p.m. to set up. See Darin Summerlot or Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday, December 1

- ◆ **YA & Sr. High Camping Trip Sign-up Deadline.** Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, November 10

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

Friday, November 15

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

Sunday, November 17

- ◆ **Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for lunch and a thanksgiving treat. Meet in the Family Room after worship. We will return around 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 1

- ◆ **YA & Sr. High Camping Trip Sign-up Deadline.** Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Challenge Youth Conference Sign-up Deadline.** Cost is \$50 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.

NOVEMBER:



To Look More Like Jesus

*“Imitate me, just as I also **imitate Christ.**”
(1 Corinthians 11:1)*

*“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”
(2 Corinthians 3:18)*

*“Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example**, that you should **follow His steps.**”
(1 Peter 2:21)*

*“**Let this mind be in you** which was also in Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 2:5)*

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



Sunday,
October 27

To our brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for the lovely arrangement and for the many cards and texts sent during our time of loss. Your actions, prayers, and kind thoughts were greatly appreciated.

Love,
Jim & Robin Davis

Thank you so much to all who prayed, called, and sent me cards! It made me smile, and I truly appreciated it and love each and every one of you.

In His love,
Allison Roman

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lucille Black; Ms. Donna Bleu; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Dianna Howell; Mrs. Jean Pieros; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ben & Marisa Allen, Abaco, Bahamas; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Besstina Bassie, Knoxville, TN; Mr. Rudolph Bethel, Homestead, FL; Ms. Jean Holsapple, Blairsville, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mrs. Cathryn Payne, Oneida, TN; Mr. & Mrs. David & Brittany Payne, Henderson, TN; Ms. Greta Strachan, Marsh Harbor, Bahamas; and Ms. Ruby Tritschler, Enid, OK.

News & Notes

PBL Family Photos are being updated on Sunday. If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (November 4th)

Richard Lerro
Phil Porter

Wednesday (November 6th)

Flo Aristy
Trudie Holland

Tuesday (November 5th)

Brent Leslie

(Thursday (November 7th))

Peggy Delaney

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 3

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Morris McDaniel
Scripture Reading..... Kirk Crews
Presiding at Table Phil Porter
Serve at Table:
Derrick Banks Orlando Lolo
Harrison Crotts Chad Morgan
Errol Gower-Winter Vincent Rogers
Namdidie Ikon Marty Williams
Alternates:
Lance Collier Tim Cox
Closing Prayer Stephen Beliech

Sunday Evening, November 3

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Kevin Weeks
Scripture Reading..... Jerry Pittman
Presiding at Table..... Rick Hall
John Loftis
Jeremy Maloney
Jim Rogers
Closing Prayer Daniel Swayne

Thursday Evening, November 7

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Invitation..... Dan Jenkins
Family Prayer David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Oct. 27</u>	<u>Sep. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	222	218
Sun. A.M. Worship	344	323
Sun. P.M. Worship	157	164
Wed. Bible Study	179	189
Contribution	\$12,431	\$14,324
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$10,688		

Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell (Head Usher); Novel Brown & Daniel Wagner

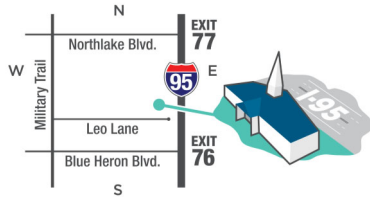
Safety Team for this week: Mike Damron & Bob Higbee



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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.

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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).