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

AROUND THE GLOBE
 American Samoa, Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, China, Cook Islands, Dominican Republic, Easter Island, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Israel, Jamaica, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Guinea, New Zealand, N. Mariana Islands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niue, Palau, Paraguay, Peru, Russia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Tokelau, Tonga, Trinidad, Turk Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Western Samoa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

IN THE U.S. & AT HOME
 Apologetics Press, House to House/Heart to Heart, Douglas Alvarenga, Spanish Work, Mauricio Yegros, School of Preaching Students, Assisting Local Congregations, I-95 Banners, Print Pieces, Radio Program, Robert Lupo, Tracts, TV Program, TV Spot Ads, HD Video Equipment, "Silencing of God," "In Search of Lord's Way," Salvation Mailout, Teen Mission Trips, Car Magnets, I-95 Sign

16 years of Mission Sundays

How will the Lord continue to use us in 2020?



By Dan Jenkins

Blood on the Bible

The book of Hebrews often gives great insight into Divine truths within just a few words. Read these words, “Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, ‘This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you to perform’” (Heb. 9:18-20).

That book truly was a sacred message from heaven. Because of this, Moses took the blood of animals and dedicated this book, which was sanctified and made holy by God’s use of that blood. The remnant of that blood was a visual reminder of how special every word found in it was. One could not look at these words without seeing the blood which God used to dedicate it.

When Jesus came, He brought a far greater blood—His own blood. The Hebrew letter spoke of “the blood of the covenant,” but He revealed a newer covenant made sacred by a far greater blood. As He instituted the Lord’s Supper, He took the cup and said, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:28). Blood of the new covenant—think of all that this implies.

His precious blood was shed and used to dedicate the New Testament. While it might not be visible as was that blood sprinkled on the Old Law, with the eye of faith we should see His blood as we turn every page.

There are many books in this world. Solomon said, “Of making of books there is no end” (Ecc. 12:12). There are 29,000,000 in the library of Congress. There are 151,575,778 total items in this library, but only one is tied directly to the blood of Jesus. His blood is the blood of the new covenant. His blood is precious and so is His book. His blood is holy and sacred and so is His book.

What is the value of all the books in the Library of Congress? What is their worth? I do not know, but this I know, all of them added together do not have the value of that one book in your home!

So, the next time you sit and read your Bible, remember to see His blood on every page. See His blood in every chapter. See His blood in every verse. See His blood in every paragraph and every phrase. Look at every word, for remember that we cannot live by bread alone but by every word which comes from the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4), and see the value of every single word in your Bible.

When you do this, you will never find study of the Bible as a burden to be borne. You will not find Bible classes as something to be endured. His blood is on every page!

When you do this, you will never find Bible classes as a burdensome chore



By David Sproule

I Once Heard of a Preacher

I once heard of a preacher who was determined to work only 40 hours a week. So, he calculated how much time he spent in preparing sermons and classes, and how much time he spent in teaching and preaching those lessons. He subtracted that from 40 hours. Then, if he got called into a special meeting with the elders, if he got called to do counseling, if he got called upon to do a funeral, if he was invited to a church member’s wedding, he would add up all of those unexpected requirements of his time and subtract that from the 40 hours. He kept meticulous records of the time he spent “working” for the church—down the minute—and made every effort not to go over 40 hours each week. The average member was more likely to find this preacher sitting in front of the TV or out on the lake with a pole in his hand, than they were to find him doing the work of the church.

Of course, there must be balance. Preachers are not expected to kill themselves by working 100 hours a week, but when a preacher sees “his job” as a “40-hour work week,” and works diligently to ensure that he does not go over those 40 hours, that says a lot about him as a person. When God told preachers, “Do the work of an evangelist” (2 Tim. 4:5), that is not a “job.” That is a “life.”

It might be easy for some of us to point a finger at a not-fully-committed preacher and chide him for his lack of diligent effort. But, could we as Christians find ourselves doing a similar thing? Some Christians have determined what their max effort and time can be for “being a Christian” each week and they rarely will go over that. For example, some have determined that going to worship once a month is enough and all they need to do. You won’t find them exceeding that self-imposed standard. Others, who might generally attend worship every Sunday, sometimes use other “church events” to replace Sunday worship time. For example, if there is a Saturday activity at the church, some Christians might decide that if they go to that event on Saturday that they don’t need to go to worship on Sunday. Or, if they take a widow to a doctor appointment and lunch on Tuesday that they don’t have to give to the church on Sunday.

Such a minimalist approach to Christianity is not what Jesus had in mind at all. He gave His all for us, looking for us to do the same in return. How painful it must be for Him to see us looking for ways to cut corners and do the least we can do, and yet still wear His name as “Christian.” When God told Christians, “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” (1 Cor. 15:58), that is not a “job,” to which we give minimal effort. That is a “life” that has great reward!

Looking for ways to cut corners and do the least we can do



By Josh Blackmer

Turning The Other Cheek

There are not many things that disturb me more than passages taken out of context and taught incorrectly (#PHIL4:13, #MATT18:20). Another one of those passages is when Jesus is preaching the sermon on the mount. “But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also” (Matt. 5:39). I have heard this taught to defend passivism, to teach kids not to fight back against bullies and other unsafe practices. While one might have an opinion on those subjects, please don’t twist the scriptures to teach it (2 Pet. 3:16).

In the immediate context, Jesus was teaching about the law of retaliation. “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth’” (Matt. 5:38). This was an Old Testament law (Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20). If one was to seek retaliation for a wrong done, these were the laws that governed and moderated so that retaliation did not escalate. How many times have we seen retaliation escalate into something way beyond the initial infraction? The Jews at the time had retaliation down to a science. Everything had been measured and quantified. Most offenses had a monetary amount attached to them so you could fine them for the offense. A slap in the face was an offense. Jesus is not teaching against violence but rather the

petty retaliation. You could get recompense according to Old Testament law. However, Jesus is trying to teach them to rise above the hard-hearted approach to the law. He is ushering in a great flood of forgiveness and mercy, and He wants His people to reflect that.

When we read this passage, we sometimes think of a person getting punched in the face then having to turn the other cheek. That is not what Jesus was talking about. In those times, a slap in the face was an insult. In some cases, depending on the cheek it could mean different things. Similarly, there are times when people will throw a slap to draw us into confrontation. When we can see that people are trying to start a fight, we need to do everything in our power to walk away and deescalate the situation, wisely and safely (Rom. 12:18). When we are talking about people who seek to do us or our loved ones bodily harm, that is another matter.

While many Christians did suffer death for the cause of Christ (Acts 7:59-8:3; Rom. 8:35-36), He did not call us to be victims and surrender to random acts of violence. I am not suggesting that He called us to be our own militia either. We need to be careful how we use the Scriptures. In this case, it could be very dangerous for someone to understand this incorrectly. Don’t get caught up in trading insults. Be wise and avoid confrontation, protect yourself and your family.

It could be very dangerous for someone to understand this incorrectly.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Everything God gives is “perfect”

James talked about the gifts that God gives (which are “from above” and come “down from the Father”), and he called them “good” and “perfect” (Jas. 1:17). The gifts of God are full and complete, lacking nothing. Eight verses later, he used the word again to talk about “the perfect law of liberty” (1:25). The gift of God’s Word to us is called “perfect”—full and complete, lacking nothing. It is all-sufficient to accomplish the work for which it has been given (cf. Isa. 55:10-11). Similarly, David had also said, “The law of the Lord is perfect” (Psa. 19:7).

God’s “Word” (1:18, 21, 22, 23) is called a “law” (1:25). The word “law” is a negative term to some, but how thankful we ought to be that God has given us His “perfect” (completely whole) “law” (rules calling for action to obey) “of liberty” (sets us free from sin, death, bondage and the devil). In turn, His “perfect law” (when we obey it), makes us “perfect” in the eyes of God (Heb. 10:14-17; 12:23)—complete, lacking nothing. Truly, everything God gives is “perfect”! – DS



“The trees have leaves on them!”

I remember as a child when I got my first pair of glasses. We walked outside the optometrist’s office and I immediately exclaimed, “The trees have leaves on them!” Of course, I knew that fact already, but now I was able to see clearly something that I had not seen clearly in quite some time. I was severely nearsighted and was now enjoying a renewed clarity.

I remember just as vividly that Sunday morning when I walked out of the baptistry. I did not say it out loud, but I’m certain my soul was exclaiming, “I’ve been cleansed from my sins!” There was such clarity that day! Such determination to grow and do the best I could for the Lord!

Peter conveyed an interesting truth about those who come up from the waters of baptism but fail to grow as the Lord expects. “Whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins” (2 Pet. 1:9). Are you growing? Have you forgotten that determination you had at your baptism? Have you forgotten the joy of being cleansed from sin? Is it time to see the leaves on the trees again? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Skye Brown	recovering from surgery on broken arm
Jeannie Buonadonna	awaiting results from biopsies
Betty Davis	now home from the hospital
Eva Fulton	dealing with swelling in her feet
James Green	broke his shoulder and may need surgery
Shirley Hopkins	at home and slowly improving
Gwen Lyons	having surgery on a broken bone in her back on Jan. 17
Sandy Mann	recovering from elbow surgery
Robert Mariano	recovering from his kidney stone procedures
Winifred Patterson	recovering from her cataract surgeries
Connye Plouffe	undergoing rehab on her leg
Mary Reeves	recovering at home from her neck & back surgery
Linda Studer	still having chemo treatments every 3 weeks
Guadalupe Tipton	undergoing medical testing on Jan. 17

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joe Holland
Karen Bibbee	Daniel Johnson
Hattie Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Sandra Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Leigh Puckett
Dianne Frye	Les Sawyer
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Patricia Ventress

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Janie Floren	Josie Dawson's sister, chemo treatments for breast cancer
Ann Freseman	Gardens Court Rehab (room 221), fell & fractured hip
Difical Geffrard	Justilien Honore's mother, hospitalized last week
Geraldine Marshall	Betty Sanders' sister, inoperable gallbladder issues
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, now has cancer in his spine

**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, January 20

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

Tuesday, January 21

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown.

Sunday, January 26

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. *Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!*
- ♦ **2-Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Saturday, February 1

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with brunch following the lesson. Saundra Morgan will be speaking on "Let Your Light Shine." RSVP by January 25.

Sunday, February 2

- ♦ **North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

- ♦ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Cost is \$40. Register online at www.cf biblecamp.org.

Saturday, February 8

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Gifford** from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bessie Lorenzo will be speaking on "A Rose Among Daisies." See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, February 9

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday, February 14

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

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

Sunday, January 26

- ♦ **2-Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.

Saturday, February 1

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. See Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, February 4

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson.

Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Family Camping Trip.** See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, February 14

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



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, January 19

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Lawrence & Julie Williams. Bring a camping chair, snacks and drinks.

Sunday, January 26

- ♦ **2-Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.

Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Family Camping Trip.** See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, February 8

- ♦ **Valentine's Play Date for Grades 5 & Under** at 11:00 a.m. at PGA National Park (West Pavilion). Bring your own picnic lunch. RSVP to Taylor or Natalie Reeves.

Sunday, February 9

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ☆ Young Adult Devo ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway
2 ☆ North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Gai Ingram	3 b Jennifer Goodale	4 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night a Novel & Mary Brown a Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter b Rashana Green b Lilly Lolo b Deidra Miley	5 a Glen & Josie Dawson a Mike & Tasha Ellis a Joel & Jessica Ramirez b Maurine Reed	6 b Kenneth Long	7 b Connye Plouffe	8 ☆ Valentine's Play Date for Grades 5 & Under ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Gifford
						Sr. High & YA Camping Trip (7th-9th)
						Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC
9 ☆ New Bible Classes Begin ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Joe & Janice Maloney a Rudolph & Verdell March	10 a Pete & Pat Brown b Emily Tyson	11 b David Brown	12 b Dave Holaday	13 a Eugene & Penny Williams	14 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout a Marty & Leslie Williams	15 ☆ Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth
16 b Andy Anderson b Casey Commander b Pat Parnell b Laura Schuemann	17 b Julie Williams	18	19 b Taylor Johnson	20	21 b Lillian Bankston	22 b Lester Galloway
Gospel Meeting hosted by Okeechobee (February 16th-19th)						
23 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo Sr. High Devo b Ricky Smedley	24	25 b Kaitlyn Donahue b Lisa Eutsey	26 ☆ Prayer Meeting	27 b Chuck Milton	28 a Marvin & Maggie Dozier	29 ☆ Congregational Work Day
Gospel Meeting & Homecoming hosted by Clewiston (February 23rd-26th)				CYC for Grades 8-12 (Feb. 27th-March 1st)		

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
January 12

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Tunde Abingbade & Madison; Ms. Lucille Black; Mr. & Mrs. Terrance & Dionne Breaux; Ms. Jeana Jade Christen; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. Gabriel Cutrer; Mr. & Mrs. Erickson & Tracy Durandisse; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Milton Jones; Mr. John Judd; Mr. Fred Mosley; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; and Ms. Linda Smith.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Lorraine Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Mr. Chad Brown, Tupelo, MS; Mr. & Mrs. Shea & Jordan Brown, Medina, TN; Miss Maya Dagostino, Brooklyn, NY; Mr. Willie Freeman, Delray Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Nancy Hansel, Paris, IL; Scott, Jacob, & Colton Kelley, West Broward, FL; Mrs. Kimberly Kelsey, Jacksonville, NC; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; and Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL.



Thank you so much for your love and support in the past month. Your prayers, cards, food, and helping hands were a real blessing following Skye's broken arm and the passing of David's mother. We are grateful for each of you!

In Him,
David & Skye Brown

Thank you for the prayers, calls, and cards regarding my recent hospitalization. You lifted me up!

Sue Shelt

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday (January 19th)

Cornelius & Andrea Henderson (Ann.)

Tuesday (January 21st) cont.

Bailey McDaniel

Monday (January 20th)

Julie Charles
Norma Pratt
Kari Reeves

Wednesday (January 22nd)

Andrea Leslie

Thursday (January 23rd)

Luther Robinson

Tuesday (January 21st)

Doug Carrick
Edward Gager

Friday (January 24th)

Keila McLeod

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, January 19

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Stephen Beliech
Presiding at Table Kirk Crews
Serve at Table:
Ed Buonadonna Graysen Hayes
Lance Collier Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Andres Fernandez L.H. Richardson
Edward Gager Ken Tipton
Alternates:
Kirk Crews Phil Porter
Closing Prayer Chris Thompson

Sunday Evening, January 19

Lead Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading Darin Summerlot
Presiding at Table David Brown
Gorman Ericksen
Trey Higbee
Richard Lerro
Closing Prayer Dirk Summerlot
Wednesday Evening, 22
Lead Singing Harrison Crotts
Invitation Jeff Leslie
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 12	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	256	209
Sun. A.M. Worship	302	305
Sun. P.M. Worship	180	135
Wed. Bible Study	185	153
Contribution	\$19,370	\$15,807

2020 Weekly Budget: TBD

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBD

Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks (Head Usher); Orlando Lolo & Nahum Villard

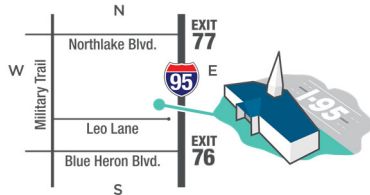
Safety Team for this week: David Lord & Robert Lupo



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.

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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

Speaking where the Bible speaks

Silent where the Bible is silent

Calling Bible things by Bible names

Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

January 26

Mission Sunday

February 15

Sweetheart Banquet

March 1-4

Gospel Meeting with Eric Owens

Theme: "Making My Salvation Sure"

March 29

Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods

April 16

Ladies' Day with Brittany Owens-Davis

May 2

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men

May 24

Promotion Sunday