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- *Johnny Davis 307-4232
- Dan Fuller..... 478-3755
- Jerry Hopkins 434-4188
- Phil Porter 575-4782
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Making My Salvation Sure

Eric Owens conducted a Gospel Meeting at the PBL church of Christ on March 1-4, 2020.

Living Like God

March 4, 2020 Sermon Eric Owens

Implications of Salvation

March 4, 2020 Sermon Eric Owens

Who Is God?

March 3, 2020 Sermon Eric Owens

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

March 3, 2020 Sermon Eric Owens

How to Know God

March 2, 2020 Sermon Eric Owens

The Establishment of the Church

March 2, 2020 Sermon Eric Owens

Confidence in My Salvation

March 1, 2020 Sermon Eric Owens

The Saddest Scene Ever Seen

March 1, 2020 Sermon Eric Owens

The Day Death Died

March 1, 2020 Sermon Eric Owens

Watch. Listen. Share. Repeat.



By Dan Jenkins

Premature Persuasion

The Lord’s plan for the salvation of the world when fully understood will lead to the salvation of the lost. It is so vital that those of us who are Christians fully understand this plan, or we will sometimes hinder the conversion of the lost soul we are trying to win. Let me urge every member of the church to think soberly of His Divine plan.

That plan involves the proclamation of the gospel to one who is lost. Look at how Paul sums up the heart of the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:2-4. Keep this in the context as you read it. “Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which you also received, and in which you stand, and by which you are saved...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again, the third day according to the Scriptures...” We are to preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15), but preaching the gospel involves this message about Jesus.

Sometimes we miss it. We think because of the essentiality of baptism that we begin by encouraging them to be baptized. We so easily say, “Why don’t you get baptized. What are you waiting on?” There is a time when this should be said, but it rarely should be the opening remarks we have with others who visit our services. We mean well, but it is premature.

Look at Acts chapter two. The words of this sermon were spoken as the Holy Spirit gave this message using the apostles’ mouths (Acts 2:4). These Jews already knew a lot about baptism for the remission of sins because of the preaching of John the Baptist (Mark 1:4). Yet the Lord did not begin with words encouraging them to be baptized. Read it carefully. It began with the proclamation of His death, burial and resurrection. The subject of baptism was not the starting place, yet too often this is where we begin.

Be careful when you say, “Don’t you think it is time for you to be baptized?”

In Acts 8, Philip preached about Christ, about His name (nature and authority) and His kingdom (Acts 8:5, 12). When they believed this, then they were taught to be baptized. Later in the same chapter Philip taught the Ethiopian, but Philip did not say to him, “Here is water, don’t you think you should be baptized?” Think about this.

Must the essentiality of baptism be taught? Absolutely. But it is not where we begin. Study Acts carefully. To try to persuade others to be baptized prematurely sends the wrong message. They must first realize they are lost. They must see that we are urging them to become part of the eternal kingdom of God. If we start with baptism, we have failed to follow His plan. Sometimes we hinder obedience by prematurely saying to others they should be baptized. It must be said, but not said prematurely! Pray about this. It is His work and His plan.



By David Sproule

Have We Forgotten How Good New Testament Worship Is?

How easy is it for us to forget what we have...and forget how good we have it? Children sometimes do this—thinking that other kids have it better than they do. Husbands and wives sometimes do this—thinking that someone other than their spouse might be able to satisfy them better. Christians sometimes do this—thinking that people in the world have it better than they do.

Therefore, sometimes we go looking for something “fresh” and “new” and “exciting,” because what we’ve had for “so long” is no longer “fulfilling.” May I ask, “Why is it no longer fulfilling?” The reality is that in many cases, we have just convinced ourselves that “new” and “different” is “better,” when, in fact, it is not. We are seeing this in the church today. What the church has taught for so long (i.e., pure New Testament truth) is “no longer fulfilling,” and the search is made for something “fresh” and “new” and “exciting.” What gets left behind is the realization that everything we do must be done by the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17).

One major area this is impacting in the church is our worship. We must recognize, in these discussions, the difference between the “tradition of men” (Matt. 15:3-9), which is “not according to Christ” (Col. 2:8), and the “tradition” of God

(2 Thess. 2:15; 3:6), which is divinely authorized and unalterable. In the matter of worship, many today have lost sight of the true audience of worship (i.e., God, John 4:23-24) and the immutable authority for acceptable worship (Col. 3:16-17), and they have made the worship focused more on pleasing the worshiper and fulfilling his perceived (at that moment) desires.

Many today have lost sight of the true audience of worship

For example, consider this. A national youth gathering promotes what they call “Passionate Worship” as part of their event. In their own words they explain: “...We intentionally work to obtain an atmosphere of worship in which students can express themselves according to the way God is working in their hearts and minds.” Notice, the focus is not on what God wants in worship but on what we want to offer God. They continue: “From the volume of the Worship Team to the lighting in the auditorium, everything is delicately thought through to help our students experience an uninhibited and powerful worship experience.” Notice, the focus is not on what the Bible says about worship but upon the aesthetics.

How easy is it for us to forget what we have...and forget how good we have it? Worshiping the Lord “in spirit and truth” (John 4:24), as He has clearly specified in the New Testament, ought to bring such overwhelming joy to our hearts that we would never look for any other way to do it than the way He wants. That’s what love for Him will do!



By Josh Blackmer

You Have Forgotten Me

Some of the saddest passages in the Bible can be found in the messages of the Old Testament prophets. God said to His people before their captivity, “Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me Days without number” (Jer. 2:32). Four times in the book of Jeremiah God tells His people that they have forgotten Him. We see why this is so important, “For My people have forgotten Me, they burn incense to worthless gods And they have stumbled from their ways, from the ancient paths, to walk in bypaths, not on a highway” (Jer. 18:15). It is possible that we, His people, can forget the ancient paths and follow the “bypaths” that God never intended. In doing so, we get so far from Him that we forget who He is and worship our own image of Him.

God, through Ezekiel, wrote, “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, bear now the punishment of your lewdness and your harlotries’” (Ezek. 23:35). Ezekiel was taken in the first captivity that Jeremiah lamented over. In his forty-eight-chapter book, Ezekiel wrote a form of “you will know that I am the Lord” sixty-seven times. God is serious about His people knowing who He is and what is expected of them. That is why it is imperative that His church, purchased with the blood of

His Son, doesn’t forget Him.

It is possible for us to think we know God and not be known by Him (Matt. 7:20-21). If we absorb denominational concepts of God, they can change our Biblical concept of Him. For example, many have quoted, “The Lord works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform,” as though it were scripture. However, it is a hymn composed by William Cowper in 1773. In more recent years, there have been many books published that write of some “radical” new concept of God or Jesus. Then, songs are made famous that speak of God’s “reckless” love as though the Bible was a romance novel. We can step off the path and onto a bypath if we are not feeding ourselves on a healthy diet of the Bible and biblical concepts of God. We need to stay away from fast food theology and shallow denominational rhetoric.

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It is possible to forget God by getting distracted from Him by the world around us. “And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful” (Matt. 13:22).

There are so many other ways to forget God. The most important thing is that we don’t. We must not become like the people in the days of Jeremiah and Ezekiel and forget God “days without number.”

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

When I begin to think it’s all about me...

When I begin to think it’s all about me and that people should focus on me and do what’s best for me...are there perhaps some other things I should consider? Am I aware of the needs of others around me? Do I recognize that there are others around me who are seriously hurting—physically, emotionally and spiritually? Do I realize that I am not perfect and that I have areas where I myself need to improve? Have I considered the negative impact my attitude and expectations are having (or can have) on others? Is what I am doing and the way I am presenting myself going to draw people closer to Jesus and closer to heaven? How are my actions reflecting on the church and the cause of righteousness? Am I exemplifying the mind of Christ? Did Christ have this kind of attitude when He walked this earth? What changes would I need to make in my heart to be more others-focused than me-focused?

It's never all about me! It's first all about Jesus (Col. 1:18)! Then, it's all about others (Phil. 2:3)! – DS



How God responded to His children’s “evil”

From the book of Exodus through the book of Joshua, the Bible reader learns of a special relationship that God initiated with the children of Israel. He brought them out of Egyptian slavery and into the beautiful land of Canaan. They had so much going for them.



Then, you get to the book of Judges. Seven times in that book, you read “the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord.” Things seemed to improve slightly and briefly, especially under the reign of David, but then we start reading that same expression again. From Solomon down to Zedekiah (Judah’s last king), we read it 24 more times—“he did evil in the sight of the Lord.”

So, didn’t God get tired of them? Did He just give up on them? Consider this rehearsal from Nehemiah: “Yet when they returned and cried out to You, You heard from heaven; and many times You delivered them according to Your mercies” (9:28). Thank God for His mercies! Thank God for His “many times” that He delivers His penitent children! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	recovering at home
Lillian Bankston	Rehabilitation Center of the Palm Beaches (room 12)
Jordan Beasley	recovering at home from heart procedure
Karen Bibbee	awaiting a lung biopsy
Mattie Cox	having surgery at Jupiter Medical Center on March 5
Betty Davis	recovering at home
Dave Holaday	recovering from a heart procedure
Ophelia Holmes	in a lot of pain
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Jon Jordan	has shingles and in a lot of pain
Lynne Jorgensen	at home but is very weak
Bettye King	recovering at home from surgery (NO visitors right now)
Gwen Lyons	recovering at home from back surgery
Connye Plouffe	recovering at home
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	recovering from a back procedure
Mary Reeves	recovering from her neck and back surgery
Linda Studer	undergoing chemo treatments every three weeks

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, suffering with Alzheimer's
Lucious Davis	Tonya Ross' father, diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Janie Floren	Josie Dawson's sister, chemo treatments for breast cancer
JoAnn McNutt	Jackie Stout's sister, fell and broke her hip
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, multiple health issues
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine
Nelson Simpkins	Sam Simpkins' brother, recovering from two heart attacks
Travis Simpkins	Sam Simpkins' brother, recovering from a heart attack
Steve Stout	Jackie Stout's brother, fell and broke his ankle

**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, March 8

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- ◆ **Mount Dora Coin Cans Available in the Lobby.** Pick up a can to fill with change for Mount Dora.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Friday, March 13

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Goodale.

Sunday, March 15

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, March 16

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday-Sunday, March 20-22

- ◆ **Singles Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$40 per person. For more details or to register, visit www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, March 22

- ◆ **Mount Dora Supply Deadline.** Pick up a list in the lobby of needed supplies and return all items by March 22. They can also use Publix or Wal-Mart gift cards for perishable items.

Tuesday, March 24

- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Sunday, March 29

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated** after morning worship and before evening worship in the Family Room.

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Young Adults

Tuesday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 14

- ◆ **Jr. High & YA Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m.

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Friday, April 3

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

Saturday, April 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, March 8

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

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Sunday, March 22

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. Please bring a dessert or drink.

2020 VISION: SEEING WHAT GOD SEES



“BLESSED ARE THE EYES WHICH SEE THE THINGS YOU SEE” **LUKE 10:23**

March

SEE THE CROSS

*“Looking unto Jesus”
(Heb. 12:2)*

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



Sunday,
March 1

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Ava Dexter; Mr. Jamie Flores; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Darla Hall; Mr. Milton Jones; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Tyrone McDuffie; Miss Kelly Mirabal; Fabiola Perla; Ms. Carole-na Ramos; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. Garfield Walks; Mrs. Felicia Washington; and Mr. Terry West.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Manny & Amanda Benzra, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Timothy & Jennie Bradley, Vero Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Bert & Anita Brown, Sneedville, TN; Mr. Bill Cline, Pensacola, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. James Egnor, Louisville, KY; Ann Marie & Meshell Estell; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Patricia Hall, Maury City, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan & Julie Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Scott, Jacob & Colton Kelley, West Broward, FL; Miss McKensey Kemmerer, Lancaster, OH; Mr. Brad Lewis, Columbia, TN; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas; Miss Regina Mayne, Stuart, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Eric & Vanessa Owens, Grayson, GA; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Ms. Great Strachan, Marsh Harbour Bahamas; and Ms. Audra Vernon.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (March 8th)
Bereather Williams

Friday (March 13th)
Bob & Jennifer Higbee (Ann.)
Vivian Blackmer
Leesa Schenk

Monday (March 9th)
Bonnie Quigley

Thursday (March 12th)
Jim & Robin Davis (Ann.)
Marvin Dozier

Saturday (March 14th)
Mike Erickson
Michael Morning

The Supply Truck for the Kids is coming the week of Mar 22.

MOUNT DORA
CHRISTIAN HOME & BIBLE SCHOOL
"Educating for Life and Eternity"



Pick up a list in the lobby of needed supplies.

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, March 8

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading..... Taylor Reeves
Presiding at Table Robert Mariano
Serve at Table:
Derrick Banks Namdidie Ikon
Lance Collier Nate Nelson
Jim Davis Simon Tyson
Mike Erickson Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Daniel Wagner Richard Watson
Closing Prayer Daniel Lord

Sunday Evening, March 8

Lead Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer L.H. Richardson
Scripture Reading..... Dan Fuller
Presiding at Table..... Gary Seames
Gorman Ericksen
Scott Studer
Nahum Villard
Closing Prayer John Loftis
Wednesday Evening, March 11
Lead Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation..... Harrison Crofts
Family Prayer Chuck Clark

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Mar. 1</u>	<u>Feb. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	229	207
Sun. A.M. Worship	340	321
Sun. P.M. Worship	216	154
Wed. Bible Study	190	166
Contribution	\$18,089	\$14,931
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,914		

Ushers for this week: Glen Dawson (Head Usher); Stephen Beliech & David Brown
Security Team for this week: Bob Higbee & David Lord



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: **Jean Archer & Johnnie Green**

