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- Lance Collier..... 793-2718
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Shepherds Praying



Sundays in March
5:30 p.m. in Adult 3

*Write your prayer request
 on a blue card or your attendance card.
 You're invited to come and pray with them.*

*“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”
 (James 5:13-16)*



By Dan Jenkins

Slow Down, Don't Read the Bible Too Fast

Sometimes we read the Bible too fast and then form conclusions which hinder our ability to fully see the message of God. Read the passage below to see if you may have overlooked what others have overlooked and thus reached wrong conclusions.

On Paul's second missionary journey he received the Macedonian call and went to Philippi. After the conversion of the households of Lydia and the jailor, persecution arose, and he left Philippi and traveled to Thessalonica and then to Berea. Luke described the reception of the apostle's preaching in Berea.

The Beginning of the Church in Berea

"These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were true" (Acts 17:11). They were honest and fair-minded and respected the Bible. What does this imply about the church in Thessalonica? As we read these words, we may *wrongly* conclude that the church in Berea was more fair-minded and more spiritual than the one in Thessalonica. Such was not the case.

The Preaching in Thessalonica As the Church Began

Paul relates the experience he had as he preached in

Thessalonica. In the second chapter of his first epistle to that church, he uses several phrases to describe what happened. First, he said that the word was boldly preached (v. 2). It involved exhortation (v. 3). It was based on a realization that he had been entrusted with the gospel, and he preached it exactly as he had received it (v. 4). It was not designed to please men but God (v. 4). It was imparted to the church (v. 8). It involved exhortation, comfort and a charge from God (v. 11). There is no doubt that this was also the kind of preaching he did in Berea.

Was the church in Thessalonica not as fair-minded as the church in Berea?

The Reception of the Gospel in Thessalonica

How did the church react to this preaching? Look at all that is said about this. (1) They received the word. (2) They welcomed the word as they heard it. (3) They had a clear understanding that it was not the words of men. (4) They honored it as truth. (5) They realized the message was truly from God. (6) They allowed it to effectively work in them. It was truly a great church which respected the Bible.

How do we reconcile what Luke seems to imply about the church in Thessalonica not being as noble and fair-minded as the one in Berea? Read it slowly and carefully and notice that Luke is not describing the church in Thessalonica, but the people in that city. We may have failed to see great truths because we sometimes read too fast and jump to conclusions.



By David Sproule

God Will Take Care of You!

Jacob and his children (the "Israelites") went down into the land of Egypt as a family of 70 persons (Gen. 46:27). They went to Egypt because they were in need of food, due to the severe famine in the land. Exactly 430 years later, the children of Israel "went out from the land of Egypt" (Ex.

12:40-41), as a mighty nation with 603,550 men of war (not counting the Levites, women or children). Conservative estimates place the number of Israelites coming out of Egypt to be at least two million persons. They went into Egypt in need of food. But, guess what? When a nation of more than two million souls goes marching through the desert, the plains and the wilderness, *they are in need of food, too!*

Have you ever thought about how much food 2-3 million people would need? When the Israelites complained because they did not have water to drink, have you ever thought about how much water would be needed for 2-3 million people? It is reported that the Quartermaster General in the Army came up with the following requirements.

They would need 1,500 tons of food every day. That amount of food today would require two freight trains, each a mile long (every day). In order to cook their meals, it would take 4,000 tons of firewood (every day).

They would need a lot of water—for drinking, bathing, cooking and cleaning. The Quartermaster General estimated that Israel would need 11,000,000 gallons of water (every day). That amount of water today would require a freight train of tank cars that is over four miles long (with each tank car carrying 30,000 gallons of water).

The Lord already knew about it and already knew how to take care of it!

Consider how much space 2-3 million people require. Just to cross the Red Sea in one night, the Sea had to be opened very wide. If they only crossed on a narrow path, double file, the line would have been 800 miles long and it would have taken 35 days and nights to cross. For 2-3 million to pass in one night would require the Sea to be opened three miles wide and for the people to walk across 5,000 abreast (at the least). And, when they stopped to camp each night, the campground space would have been at least 750 square miles (25x30 miles), about two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island. That's a lot of real estate every night!

Do you think Moses had all that figured out before he left Egypt? No way! But God did! And Moses trusted that whatever "came up" in his service to the Lord, that the Lord already knew about it and already knew how to take care of it! Do you think there is anything that is going to "come up" in your life that God cannot handle? God knows! God is able! And God will take care of you! Believe it! Trust it! Live it!



By Josh Blackmer

Building Against the Storm (Part 1)

We all saw the aerial photos of Mexico Beach after hurricane Michael tore through the panhandle. This was the most destructive storm to ever hit that area in recorded history. Yet, amongst the apocalyptic rubble there was one house that stood. Russell King said that they built their house “for the big one, but we didn't know it would come so soon.” It was only a year after completion that the house would be put to the test. It came through with almost no damage as it was constructed to withstand 250 mph winds with a foundation of forty-foot pilings driven into the sand and many other strengthening design features. As I saw the comparison of his house to those around him, I thought of a certain parable.

Jesus closed the sermon on the mount with this lesson. “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall” (Matt. 7:24-27).

The storm is coming, are you ready?

It is easy to see the lesson we can learn from this parable. Those houses represent our spiritual lives. Each one of us is building a house, but are we purposely preparing or carelessly constructing? The two people in this parable heard the information. The key difference comes with what they did with it. One heeded the warning, another did not. Mr. King heeded the warnings he read about more frequent and stronger storms, so he prepared. Are we preparing?

There are many storms in life. For those under the threat of major physical storms, we understand the need for being prepared. There are many storms that life throws at us like illness, loss of loved ones, and financial setbacks. These take away our health, family, possessions, and rock us emotionally. How we respond to such tragedies will reveal the quality of our “building.” Will we be emotionally devastated? Will we be able to stand strong, willing to continue on without despair? It all depends on how we are building.

The storm Jesus was speaking of is the final judgment, the big one—death and the final day of Judgment (Heb. 9:27; Rom. 2:4-6). This will be the truest test of our building (2 Cor. 5:10-11). The Lord will describe the kind of “builder” (or servant) we have been. It will either be, “Well done, good and faithful servant...” (Matt. 25:21) or “You wicked and lazy servant...” (Matt. 25:26). The storm is coming. Are you ready?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Who was the last person...?

Who was the last person you talked to about your children, your grandchildren, or your cute puppy? Who was the last person you talked to in order to schedule an appliance repair, a dental appointment, or a technician to come out and fix your cable or internet? Who was the last person you talked to in order to pay for your meal, to pay for your groceries, or to pay for your oil change? We talk to all sorts of people about all sorts of things. We seem to be able to do this without too much difficulty.

Now...who was the last person you talked to about the Bible, about Jesus, about God's expectations for us, about salvation, about the church, about having a Bible study, about coming to worship, about preparing for eternity? About any of these things? What was their name? And, when was this? Was it in the last couple weeks? Or was it a few years ago? Do you suppose that Jesus might ask the same sort of question of us on the day of judgment? Honestly, who was the last person? And, now, who will be the next? – DS



So, abstain? Or not?

How clear could God make it? Over and over and over again He impresses upon readers of His Word that they are to draw a sharp (not blurred) line of distinction between themselves and the fleshly appetites and indulgences of the world. “**Flee** also youthful lusts” (2 Tim. 2:22). “**Cast off** the works of darkness... **make no provision** for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts” (Rom. 13:12, 14). “You shall **not fulfill** the lust of the flesh,” for “those who are Christ's have **crucified** the flesh with its passion and desires” (Gal. 5:16, 24). “**Abstain** from fleshly lusts which war against the soul” (1 Pet. 2:11). “**Abstain** from **every** form of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22). “**Do not be conformed** to this world” (Rom. 12:2). Put these words together in your mind: flee, abstain, cast off, crucify, make no provision, do not be conformed.

After meditating on the ringing clarity of these words, how can anyone justify drinking alcohol? Where is the loophole in these inspired instructions that slips an intoxicating beverage into your hand with God's approval? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Adrienne Banks	upcoming medical tests over the next few weeks
Jimmie Banks	possible cyst on his kidney and may require a biopsy
Pat Brown	undergoing medical tests
Chuck Clark	radiation treatments for prostate cancer
Cora Lee Dennis	Kindred Hospital for long-term care, dialysis treatments
Zula Garrett	recovering at home from hospitalization
Terri Hahn	in Gardens Medical Center (room 284), NO visitors
Sue Hoelzer	recovering from cataract and cornea implant surgery
Joan Holloway	dealing with some medical issues
Janice Osborne	recovering from surgery
Joyce Parker	having a medical test on Monday
Connie Plouffe	recovering from a back procedure
Betty Sanders	undergoing medical tests
Dorothy Savage	dealing with multiple health issues
Yolanda Stewart	recovering from surgery
Jackie Stout	undergoing medical tests
Linda Studer	received good results from her chemo treatments
Patricia Ventress	still having tests on her throat
Betty White	recovering from an eye procedure

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Joe Holland	chronic health issues
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Loretta Holaday
Hattie Daniels	Daniel Johnson
Sandra Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Josie Dawson	Deidra Miley
Cora Lee Dennis	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Godfrey Pratt
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Janet Hickerson	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, radiation treatments for cancer
Charles Griffen	Mary Porter's father, still not doing well
Candy Hudson	Kane Campbell's sister, recovering from heart attack
Sally Isom	Chuck Reeves, Sr.'s sister, under Hospice Care in Palm Bay
Darrin McCreery	Pat Harrington's son, prostate cancer surgery on Mar. 25
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, undergoing physical therapy
Edna Seames	Gary Seames' mother, recovering from knee replacement
Sandy Swartz	Karen Friesner's sister, recovering from open heart surg.
Carol Wineinger	Cherylann Wineinger's mother, recovering from surgery
Denise Yates	Brittany Thompson's mother, recovering from knee surg.

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 17

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

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

Friday, March 22

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.

Sunday, March 24

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Tuesday, March 26

- ♦ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Johnny & Betty Davis.

Sunday, March 31

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ♦ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room.

Saturday, April 6

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

Sunday, April 7

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 14

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

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

Friday, March 22

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Saturday, March 23

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Monday, April 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jacqui Jenkins. Dinner will be provided. Bring a dessert and drinks.

Friday, April 12

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Saturday, April 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Friday, March 22

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Saturday, March 23

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, March 24

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of David & Traci Sproule. Bring drinks or desserts.

Sunday, April 7

- ♦ **Deadline to Sign Up for the Sr. High Spring Formal.** Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. Cost is \$40.

Friday, April 12

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m.

Evolution Is Self-Contradictory

by Jeff Miller, Ph.D.



Naturalism is the belief that the existence of the Universe can be explained solely through some sort of **natural** evolutionary process, rather than a **supernatural** origin. Naturalism, and by implication atheism, necessarily contradict themselves. One cannot be a naturalist and not contradict himself. How so?

- If one is a naturalist, he must believe that the Universe is an effect with no cause. The evidence from **nature**, however, is that all material effects must have a cause.
- If one is a naturalist, he must believe that the rules/laws that govern the physical Universe “wrote” themselves. The evidence from **nature**, however, is that laws do not create themselves.
- If one is a naturalist, he must believe that matter and energy could either create themselves or exist forever. The evidence from **nature**, however, is that matter and energy could not create itself (First Law of Thermodynamics), nor could it exist forever (Second Law of Thermodynamics).
- If one is a naturalist, he must believe that at some point(s) in the past, non-living matter gave rise to living matter: life came from non-life. The evidence from **nature**, however, is that life only comes from life.
- If one is a naturalist, he must believe that one kind of creature can morph into or give birth to a totally different kind of creature over time: macroevolution occurred. The evidence from **nature**, however, is that life produces according to its kind, not according to another kind.

A naturalist contradicts himself because he must believe in phenomena which do not occur in **nature**. Causeless effects, laws without law makers, the spontaneous generation of matter/energy and life, and evolution across phylogenic boundaries do not occur in nature. If one chooses to believe that such things could happen in nature, he is no longer a naturalist. He believes in unnatural—supernatural—phenomena. The naturalist is, in actuality, a supernaturalist under the guise of a naturalist. We can, at least, agree with the naturalist on one thing, even if he would not wish to concede it: the origin of the Universe requires supernatural activity. “The heavens declare the glory of God” (Psalm 19:1). Choosing not to believe in Him is “without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

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



Sunday,
March 10

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Donna Bleau; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Mr. Kyle Coffman; Ms. Alexis Contreras; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Carmen Dussard; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Bruni Gonzalez; Mr. & Mrs. Dion & Misty Hayes, Taylor, Kinsey, & Grayson; Mr. LaVon Kinsey, Sr.; Ms. Sheree Peterson; Mrs. Jean Pieros; Ms. D.L. Moore; Tennyson Quest; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; and Mr. Quintel Smith & Trellini Harper.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Cory & Nicole Brown, Eagan, MN; Mrs. Beth Campbell, Lookout Mountain, TN; Mr. Matthew Crownover, Chattanooga, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Laurie Elrod, Coffeyville, KS; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Amber Hammond, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Carol Hammond, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Leslie Higbee, Concord, NC; Ms. Jean Holsapple, Blairsville, GA; Mr. Scott Kelly, & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Ms. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Wanda Martin, Salem, VA; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. Jerrold Pedigo, Murfreesboro, TN; Mr. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Simon & Brenda Pugh, Okeechobee, FL; Mrs. Barbara Reynolds, Boca Raton, FL; Ms. Cindy Roberts, Winston Salem, NC; Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Georgia Roten, Johnson City, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Scotty & Allison Studer, Old Hickory, TN; Ms. Christine Symonette, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. J. David & Judy Thompson, Marion, IL.



To my brothers and sisters in Christ at Palm Beach Lakes, I say thank you for your prayers, calls, and cards during my procedure. Thank you again. I'm proud to be a part of this congregation. God bless.

Mary Coombs



Tuesday (March 19th)
Dion Hayes

Friday (March 22nd)
Christopher & Yolanda Stewart (Ann.)

Thursday (March 21st)
Max Fonrose
Yolanda Stewart

Saturday (March 23rd)
Betty Sanders



There will be a **Wedding Shower for Shea Brown and Jordan James** on Sunday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon, Target, Wayfair, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

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 17

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading..... Nate Nelson
Presiding at TableOrlando Lolo
Serve at Table:
 Josiah Blackmer Tim Mahlbacher
 Jim Davis Chuck Reeves, Sr.
 Edward Gager Carmen Ruckman
 Kenneth Long Simon Tyson
Alternates:
 Robert Mariano Dan McLeod
Closing Prayer Henry Bass

Sunday Evening, March 17

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening PrayerDaniel Lord
Scripture Reading.....Richard Watson
Presiding at Table..... Eugene Williams
 Cam Crotts
 Nick Pietro
 Daniel Wagner
Closing PrayerTom Martens
Wednesday Evening, March 20
Lead Singing Josiah Blackmer
Invitation..... Robert Lupo
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 10	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	207	214
Sun. A.M. Worship	343	359
Sun. P.M. Worship	170	148
Wed. Bible Study	164	174
Contribution	\$13,502	\$14,756
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -330		

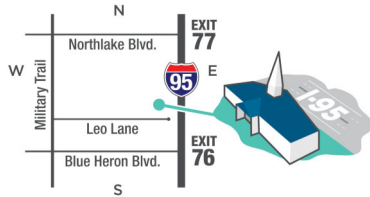
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks (Head Usher); Rick Hall & Cornelius Henderson
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot & Shaun Tyson



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.

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Spiritual Enrichment Weekend



October
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Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

March 31

Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods

April 7

New Bible Classes Begin

April 18

Ladies' Day with Becky Blackmon

May 4

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men

June 2

Promotion Sunday

June 5, 12, 26, July 3

"Kick Start Your Summer" Series

June 16-19

Vacation Bible School