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| *Phil Porter | 575-4782 |
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| Dan Jenkins | 744-4559 |
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| David Sproule | 301-2230 |
| Josh Blackmer | 319-1418 |

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| Mike Archer | 422-2995 |
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| Novel Brown | 848-6988 |
| Chuck Clark | 627-4132 |
| Victor Colage | 719-1490 |
| Lance Collier | 793-2718 |
| Kirk Crews | 339-9283 |
| Cam Crotts | 214-3114 |
| Jim Davis | 248-3310 |
| Mike Erickson | 310-9916 |
| Tim Fry | 373-9121 |
| Jeff Goodale | 261-1188 |
| Rick Hall | 622-5131 |
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| Dick Kelley | 968-1799 |
| Jeff Leslie | 744-3444 |
| Paul Metzkes | 736-9086 |
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| Nate Nelson | 801-9456 |
| Jerry Pittman | 793-2725 |
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New Bible Classes

APRIL 7 THRU JUNE 12

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

| Philippians | David Sproule (Auditorium) | |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| 13 Men Who Changed the World | Dan Jenkins (Adult 1) | |
| Young Adults: New Testament Lessons from Old Testament Characters | Kirk Crews (Adult 3) | |
| Sr. High: The Prison Epistles of Paul | Jeff Goodale | |
| Jr. High: Israel Returns from Captivity | Victor Colage | |

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

| Ecclesiastes Josh Blackmer (Auditor | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| N.T. Truths in O.T. Shadows | Dan Jenkins (Adult 1) | |
| Ladies: Faithful Women | Judie Jenkins (Adult 2) | |
| Helping Wayward Sheep Come Home | PBL Elders (Adult 3) | |
| Sr. High: Dating & Sexuality | David Sproule | |
| Jr. High: The Church | TBD | |

Let us "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18)!



By Dan Jenkins

Young People, Difficult Days Are Coming

There is one de-

cision we must

teach our youth

is too late.

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Solomon, the wisest man of the Old Testament, had so much to say to young people about their lives. A quick search of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes shows that he mentions child, children, son, sons, young and youth over 85 times in these books.

Evidently one of the purposes Solo-

mon wrote these books was to give instruction to his children.

He uses the expression "my son" 23 times. He wanted his son to live a life filled with wisdom. Take time to think about his closing words to young people found in Ecclesiastes chapter twelve.

"Remember now your Creator..." These words presuppose that young people would be taught about God when very young. You cannot remember what you have never learned. God's plan is for children to learn about Him from infancy (2 Tim. 3:15).

"Remember **now** your Creator..." There is an urgency in these words. It is foolish to wait to do right. Hearts are open and tender in our early years, so do it now! It's always right to do right, right now! Failure to do this is so foolish.

"Remember now your Creator..." It is true that He is the Creator of the entire universe, but this concept can be so impersonal and vague. It is imperative that young people realize He made them, individually and personally.

"Remember now your **Creator**..." He is the Almighty God, the origin of any reality you know. Paul described this in these words, "For in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). God has shown this so clearly that there is not a single person who cannot know of His majesty and power (Rom. 1:19-20).

"Remember...before the difficult days come..." One cannot be wise and not make preparation for what lies ahead.

> You cannot wait until those days arrive and then deal with them. It is in our youth that we must prepare.

"Remember...before the difficult days come ..." There is a strong tendency for young people to live only in the present and fail to look to the future. to make before it Solomon speaks of the years when trials will come, and you may be unable to cope with them. Life is not always lived on the mountains of carefree happiness.

On the other side of those mountains are valleys of trials.

"Remember...before the difficult days come and... when you say, "I have no pleasure in them." Very few young people realize that it is in our youth that we set the course for the rest of our lives. There is one decision that we must teach our young people to make. That decision is "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come and years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them." God help us to seriously think about this!



Seven Things That God Hates

When you learn that someone you dearly love has a strong detestation for something, does that get your attention and cause you to want to be extra mindful and careful in that regard? Of course it does! In fact, in all likelihood, we will even change our own personal attraction or pleasure toward

that detested thing. What if the one we so love in this manner is God? How would you respond to things or practices that God detests? We should

Sprinkled throughout the Bible is mention of things and actions that God hates. When we read those verses, those ought to grab our attention. In fact, in Proverbs 6:16-19, we find a short (yet partial) list of "things the Lord hates." In fact, Solomon describes these as "seven [things that] are an abomina-

tion to Him." God identifies some practices that are abhorrent to Him and opposed to His very nature. We should sit up, pay attention and do all in our power to avoid.

God hates a proud look. Truly, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (1 Pet. 5:5), as He pleads with us to do "nothing...through selfish ambition or conceit" (Phil. 2:3-4). Arrogance has no place in following God!

God hates a lying tongue. God calls for us to "put away lying" (Eph. 4:25) and "all deceit" (1 Pet. 2:1) and to "speak truth" (Eph. 4:25) in all things. Lying is a part of that "old man" that we have put off "with his deeds" (Col. 3:9).

God hates hands that shed innocent blood. While the application is broader than this, does it not especially apply to the practice of killing unborn (innocent) babies! In fact, "whoever hates his brother is a murderer" (1 John 3:15).

> God hates a heart that devises wicked plans. "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts" and actions (Matt. 15:19). Thus, we must "keep [our] heart with all diligence" (Prov. 4:23) and focus on that which is good!

God hates feet that are swift in running to evil. You go wherever your feet are pointed. Our God pleads with us to "abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22). Run away from it, not toward it!

God hates a false witness who speaks lies.

Whether in a court of law or not, we must never lie to or about another (Ex. 20:16; Prov. 12:22; 13:5; 19:9; Rev. 21:8), for such behavior is of the devil (John 8:44). Rather, the Lord looks for one "who swears to his own hurt" (Psa. 15:4).

God hates one who sows discord among brethren. God calls us "to speak evil of no one" (Tit. 3:2), but to "seek peace and pursue it" (1 Pet. 3:11). The Lord longs for unity among His people; we must not generate strife and conflict.

Do you love God? Do you hate what He hates?



By Josh Blackmer

Josiah Is Really Real!

We knew the whole time. However, archeologists recently found evidence that supports the Bible, again. Excavations are taking place in the old city of David. During one such excavation, a bulla or clay seal was found bearing the name of Nathan-Melech. This 2,600-year-old artifact reads,

"(belonging) to Nathan-Melech, Servant of the King." Archeologists state that due to the rarity of the name, the message on the seal and where it was found, there is little doubt who this belonged to. Nathan-Melech was mentioned in connection with King Josiah's reforms. "He did away with the horses which the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech the official, which was in the precincts; and

he burned the chariots of the sun with fire" (2 Kgs.

23:11). This is a significant find because, until now, there has been no archaeological evidence for this king. Finds like these continue to prove what we have seen by faith for hundreds of years.

How should we respond to this kind of information? We read a collection of books and letters that tell about events that took place thousands of years ago. We call it the Holy Bible. It is natural that there might be some questions. Yet, over and over discoveries come out of the buried past that confirm

its historical accuracy. This book was written by about 40 men over a period of 1,500 years, and it is still a reliable and accurate source of information about the past. We should be joyous that the word of God that has governed our lives continues to answer the skeptics' doubts. We should be thankful toward our God who is still proving Himself to be faithful in all things. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23).

If the world is now acknowledging that Josiah was really real, then there are some other things one might want to consider. If Josiah was real, then his reforms were real. He did purify the temple and the nation of the foreign gods (2 Kgs. 23:1-20). If his reforms were real, then they did find the word of God in the temple that sent him down the path of reform (2 Kgs. 22:8). If the law was found, then they

did read it and inquire of the Lord what should be done (2 Kgs. 22:13). If inquiry was made, then a response was truly given (2 Kgs. 22:15-20). God told the people that destruction was coming, and nothing was going to stop it. For Josiah, things were going to be different. "'Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before the LORD... and you have torn your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you,' declares the LORD" (2 Kgs. 22:19). If the word of God continues to be proven true, how long will we wait before we respond like Josiah? Be humbled and repentant before the God of all creation.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

for the Day

Will you respond

to God's word

like him?

Jesus did not live above the law!

When Jesus was on this earth, He was God (Matt. 1:23) and He had the power of God (Acts 10:38). Think about that. Then consider how amazing it is that even He submitted Himself to the law under which He lived. In Matthew 8, Jesus did what no one else on earth could ever do—He healed a man instantaneously of leprosy (8:1-3). Then He told him, "Go your way,

show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them" (8:4). We get so enthralled by the miracle that we don't notice (or even understand, perhaps) the instruction that Jesus gave the man. While the power of God could 100% heal a man from leprosy without anyone else in-

volved, the law of God stated that the priest must diagnose and pronounce clean, and that an offering must be made (Lev. 13-14).

Jesus would not allow who He was or the power He had to somehow excuse Him from obeying the law of God or from encouraging others to obey it completely. How about you? Do you ever live as if above God's law or encourage others to disregard it? Think about it. – DS

Walking in Sonlight

In 1899, Henry J. Zelley wrote a hymn about "walking in sunlight," which he affectionately calls "Heavenly sunlight." The song metaphorically uses "sunlight" to depict the glorious life of a faithful Christian who is walking with Christ. Truly, it is glorious because it is "Son-light."

When we walk with Jesus in the "Sonlight," we have the never-failing promise from Him, "I'll never forsake thee." When we walk with Jesus in the "Sonlight," the shadows and darkness of life cannot conceal Him or move us from walking close to His side. When we walk with Jesus in the "Sonlight," we gladly press our way to

mansions above, which He has prepared for us.

Where are you in your Christian life? Are you walking over the mountains of great joy? Or are you walking through the deep vale of sadness and despair? Wherever you are, let the presence of "heavenly Sonlight" in your life flood your soul. Sing with confidence (emphasize the last three words): "Hallelujah! I am rejoicing, Singing His praises, **Jesus is mine!**" – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Adrienne Banks upcoming medical tests

Jackie Creary having injections to alleviate back pain on April 11

Cora Lee Dennis Kindred Hospital for long-term care, dialysis treatments

Terri Hahn now home from the hospital

Lynne Jorgensen undergoing medical tests

Mary Reeves dealing with severe hip pain

Kay Richardson undergoing testing on her heart

Betty Sanders receiving daily treatments for an infection

Dorothy Savage dealing with multiple health issues

Jackie Stout awaiting results from medical tests

Linda Studer undergoing monthly chemo treatments



Mary Porter, upon the passing of her father, Charles Griffen, on Tuesday, April 2.

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankstondialysis treatmentsJoe Hollandchronic health issuesCharles Nortondialysis treatmentsPatricia Ventressdialysis 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

Mikki Dean Hollie Crotts' sister, pregnant and on bed rest

Tim Deem Allison Roman's brother, port inserted for an infection

Evelyn Ellis Mike Ellis' mother, in ICU with heart and breathing issues

Stacy Hall Rick & Peggy Hall's daughter, recovering from elbow surg.

Darrin McCreery Pat Harrington's son, recovering from cancer surgery

Beverly Michaelian Lynne Jorgensen's mother, recovering from a fall

Lila Santana Jon & Jenny Jordan's granddaughter, ear tube surg (4/11)

Ben Smith Mary Brown's brother, in Rehab Ctr of the Palm Beaches

Ulysses Smith Mary Brown's brother, in ICU at Good Samaritan Med Ctr

Carol Wineinger Cherylann Wineinger's mother, recovering from surgery

Denise Yates Brittany Thompson's mother, recovering from knee surg.



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

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.
- House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Sunday-Wednesday, April 7-10

 Gospel Meeting hosted by Suncoast each night at 7:00 p.m. Alvin Daniels, Jr. will be speaking on "Embracing a Relevant Gospel."

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

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

Friday, April 12

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

Sunday, April 14

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

Thursday, April 18

 Ladies' Day at Palm Beach Lakes at 6:00 p.m. Becky Blackmon will be speaking on "Help Me Find the Time."

Saturday, April 20

 PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Tuesday, April 23

 Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Debi Watson.

Friday-Sunday, April 26-28

 Father/Son Retreat at CFBC. This year's theme is "Forging Closer Relationships." Cost is \$40. Josh Blackmer is the retreat coordinator. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.



Friday, April 19

• 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.

Tuesday, May 7

 Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Luann McLeod.

Friday, May 10

 Young Adult Devo at 7:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, May 17

 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, May 18

 Young Adult Escape Room Night. See Ivan Villard for details.



Wednesday, April 10

 Final Day to Sign Up for Youth Rally at West Broward (and to get a t-shirt). Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. Cost is \$20. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday, April 13

 Sr. High Spring Formal from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Silver Ball Museum. Cost is \$40. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, April 7. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

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APRIL:



To Work More in His Kingdom

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

"Christ–from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which **every part does its share**, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

(Ephesians 4:15-16)

"For **we are God's fellow workers**; you are God's field, you are God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:9)

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



Sunday, March 31

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Tunde Akingbade; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. Jordan Davis; Ms. Carmen Dussard; Ms. Marcia Farrar; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Bruni Gonzalez; Mr. Rich Light; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. Terry West; and Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Sabrina Whanger.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Danielle Carswell & Lillie Jones, Atlanta, GA; Ms. Nellie Clayton, Ft. Lauderhill, FL; Miss LaDon Cruz; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Harold & Billie Hodnett, Clarksville, GA; Mr. Gerrit Hopman, Palm Harbor, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. Roger Leonhardt, Imperial, MO; Mrs. Lynne (Hirsh) Mabrey, Livingston, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Josh & Laura Beth Robinson, Katie & Ridge, Imperial, MO; and Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Esther Sills, Jacksonville, FL.



Congratulations to **Sharon Reitz** and **Tom Masciarelli** who were married Thursday, January 11.

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Gary & Susan Shelt request the honor of your presence at the marriage of **Brad Shelt** and **Rebecca Garnett** on Saturday, May 25 at 4:00 p.m. at the South Plains church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas.



Monday (April 8th) Micky Affron Jean Archer

Zula Garrett Nadia King

Wednesday (April 10th)

Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.)
Anthioda Charles
Jennifer Higbee
Rose Martens
Stephanie Weeks

Friday (April 12th)

Bill & Inell Ingram (Ann.) Kaylani Carmona Mendy Crews

Saturday (April 13th)

Henry & Bereather Williams (Ann.) Marcia Clough-Moss

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u>

If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, April 7

| Lead Singing | Robert Lupo | |
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| Opening Prayer | Freddie Gadson | |
| Scripture Reading | Andy Anderson | |
| Presiding at TableDarin Summerlo | | |
| Serve at Table: | | |
| Derrick Banks | Robert Mariano | |
| Gorman Ericksen | Michael Morning | |
| Dion Hayes | Vincent Rogers | |
| Dick Kelley | Lawrence Williams | |
| Alternates: | | |
| Andres Fernandez | Dirk Summerlot | |
| Closing Prayer | Jerry Pittman | |

Sunday Evening, April 7

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| Lead Singing Ken Tipton |
| Opening PrayerKane Campbell |
| Scripture Reading Scott Studer |
| Presiding at TableGlen Dawson |
| Josiah Blackmer |
| Devin Eutsey |
| Simon Tyson |
| Closing Prayer Kirk Crews |
| Wednesday Evening, April 10 |
| Lead SingingHarrison Crotts |
| InvitationDan Fuller |
| Family Prayer Jeff Leslie |
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Our Record

| Attendance | Mar. 31 | Feb. Avg |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 234 | 214 |
| Sun. A.M. Worshi | p 345 | 359 |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 190 | 148 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 197 | 174 |
| Contribution | \$15,187 | \$14,756 |

2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190 Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$-442

<u>Ushers</u> for this week: Chris Thompson (Head Usher); John Loftis & Dan McLeod <u>Safety Team</u> for this week: David Lord & L.H. Richardson



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. Worship6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Shaun & Emily Tyson

Stepping into the Bible—Children: Age 3 thru Grade 5 (April 7-Aug. 21)

| STEPP NG | The Life of Jesus | The Parables of Jesus | The Miracles of Jesus | Learning from Jesus | The Early Christians |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Session 1 April 7 thru May 1 | Grades 4-5 <i>Robert Lupo</i> | Ages 3-4 Stephanie Weeks | | K & Grade 1 Amberdenise Puckett | Grades 2 & 3 Amy West & Mary Porter |
| Session 2 May 5 thru May 29 | Grades 2 & 3 Beth Fry | Grades 4-5 <i>Kevin Weeks</i> | Ages 3-4 <i>Emily Tyson</i> | | K & Grade 1 Amber Villard |
| Session 3 June 2 thru June 26 | K & Grade 1 Amber Villard | Grades 2 & 3 Beth Fry | Grades 4-5 <i>Kevin Weeks</i> | Ages 3-4 <i>Emily Tyson</i> | |
| Session 4 June 30 thru July 24 | | K & Grade 1 Amber Villard | Grades 2 & 3 Beth Fry | Grades 4-5 <i>Kevin Weeks</i> | Ages 3-4 Emily Tyson |
| Session 5 July 28 thru Aug. 21 | Ages 3-4 Trish Clark | | K & Grade 1 Tasha Ellis | Grades 2 & 3 Allison Roman & B. Collier | Grades 4-5 Paul Metzkes |