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Helping Our Brethren in the Bahamas

A relief effort designed to help those precious souls who are trying to recover and rebuild (physically, emotionally and spiritually).

It's not about us!



It's all about them!



Pray for our brethren in the Bahamas.

Share information about our relief efforts with others.
Check our website and Facebook page for regular updates.



By Dan Jenkins

The Hand of the Lord

One of the thoughts we find most comforting is summed up in that song which has the phrase, "He's got the whole world in His hands." Each verse then talks about how He has "you and me brother" and "you and me sister" and "the little bitty babies" in His hands. The very concept that we are cradled in the hands of God brings peace to our soul.

The phrase, "the hand of the Lord," is found thirty-nine times in the Bible. It is most frequently used to describe those times when God moved in judgment against the wicked. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews said, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). On the other hand, it is wonderful to envision our calling out to God and see His almighty arms reach down from heaven and His tender hands to hold us. It is true that "He's got you and me in the hollow of His hand."

The people in Isaiah's day failed to realize that sin can destroy this situation. They had prayed to God and could see no evidence that He was helping them. The prophet explained the reason for this. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not

hear" (Isa. 59:1-2). If sin had not been in their lives, His face would have been turned toward them and His hands extended toward them.

Jesus described the wonderful blessing of being in the hand of God. "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand" (John 10:29). We may choose to turn against God, but there is no man on earth and no demon from hell who can snatch us from His hand. "He's got you and me in the hollow of His hand."

How big is the universe? How big is the hand of God which holds us?

God holds us in His hand. Have you ever considered how great His hand is? How does His hand compare with the hands of others? How great is His hand? To see this, consider that the diameter of the entire universe is thought to be over 93 billion light years. (A light year is the distance light travels in one year). The universe is 5,500,000,000,000,000,000,000 miles wide! Now look at Isaiah's description of this in relationship to the size of the hand of God. God has "...measured heaven with a span" (Isa. 40:12). The span of a man's hand is the distance between his thumb and his little finger when fully extended. God's hand fully extended is larger than our universe. How wonderful it is to know that it is this hand that holds us. "He's got you and me brother, you and me sister, in the hollow of His hand."



By David Sproule

He Thought About It

Have you ever found out something about another person that was disturbing to you and was potentially (if not certainly) destructive to that person? What did you do with that piece of information? Would it matter if that person was someone you cared about or if that person was someone you didn't really like?

In our day and age, it is so common and rather easy for us to hear or to read something about another person that the person would probably not want for others to know. What should be our response when such private knowledge comes into our possession? It would be so easy to pass it along. It would be so easy to use that information against that person. It would be so easy to use that knowledge to our own advantage. What is the proper response of a child of God? What would you do?

In the first chapter of the New Testament, we are introduced to a "just man" (Matt. 1:19), indicating that he was a man who was upright and fair in his dealings with others. This just man was the individual that the God of heaven selected to be the earthly father of and early influence in the life of Jesus. This man discovered that the woman to whom he was betrothed was pregnant with a child that was not his.

He took her best interest into consideration

What did Joseph do with that information? Do you believe he was hurt? Could he have used that new-found knowledge to hurt Mary? His first inclination was to "put her away"—which was his right to do, as one who had been wronged. And notice, it was not his intent to make a public spectacle of her or to draw negative or hurtful attention to her. He was minded to put her away "secretly" or "quietly."

That was his first plan. Even in this first purpose, he took her best interest into consideration. But the next verse says that he did not just run with his first inclination. Instead, he "thought about these things" (1:20). Think about that for a moment.

Joseph did not "take up" this juicy reproach and share it with others (Psa. 15:3). He did not tell his friends about it (Prov. 17:9). He did not look for a way to hurt Mary in any way!

Instead, Joseph "thought about these things." He stopped. He waited. Perhaps (and most likely) he prayed. He kept it to himself. He practiced agape love (1 Cor. 13:4-7).

What a tremendous example for us, when we find ourselves in a similar situation! Rather than take some sensitive information about someone and broadcast it, we need to stop. We need to wait. We need to pray. We need to keep it to ourselves. We need to practice agape love. We, like Joseph, need to think before we act.



By Josh Blackmer

Greed vs. Contentment (Part 2)

Greed is a heart condition. It can lead to the ruin of many good and perfect things. We must change the heart in order to change from greed to contentment.

Greed ruins the spiritual mind. “For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace” (Rom. 8:5-6). Greed ruins godly leadership. An elder must “not be addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money” (1 Tim. 3:3). “Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain” (1 Tim. 3:8). Greed ruins our dependency on God. “Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” (Matt. 6:31-34).

Putting greed behind us and pressing on to contentment, please consider these passages. “Trust in the LORD and

do good; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it” (Psa. 37:3-5). Contentment starts with trust in God. “Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above... For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God... Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry” (Col. 3:1-5). Fighting against greed is a continual practice of keeping the right focus. “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Rom. 8:18). Paul puts before us the ultimate motivation. Heaven is worth whatever we might suffer and worth way more than what we may or may not have presently. “Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am” (Phil. 4:11). “If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content” (1 Tim. 6:8). “Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, ‘I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU’” (Heb. 13:5). Contentment recognizes who is in control and surrenders. Greed places stuff as God and will always be disappointed.

Contentment recognizes who is in control and surrenders.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Don't quit!

Some days, as a Christian, are going to be harder than others. Don't quit! Some days, the devil is going to seem to have the upper hand. Don't quit! Some days, you are going to feel under attack for standing for truth and Biblical morality. Don't quit! Some days, fellow Christians are going to let you down and maybe even hurt you. Don't quit! Some days, a family member (maybe even a spouse or a child) is going to frustrate you and maybe even break your heart. Don't quit! Some days, you may question your faith, may question God, may question your core values. Don't quit! Some days, you may feel like giving up and think that you're just tired of the constant burdens of life. Don't quit! Some days, you will be filled with grief, loneliness, heartache, and even find yourself weeping throughout the day. Don't quit! Some days, you will wonder if anyone cares. Don't quit!

God will not quit...for you! God's love will not quit...for you! God's providence will not quit...for you! Lean on Him! Pour your heart out to Him! He will see you through! – DS

Not all Christians are bad! Are they?

If you read some people's social media feeds, you might think that all police officers are racists. They're not! I know that for a fact! This is one example (and a very blatant one) of assigning the shortcomings of one individual to everyone in a particular group. What if we did that to everybody? Would you like that if it happened to you?



Do you know any teachers who have committed any vile acts? Does that mean that all teachers are like that? Of course not! Do you know any preachers who have behaved in highly inappropriate ways? Does that mean that all preachers are like that? Of course not!

Every individual person is his own person! I thank God for every police officer, every teacher and every preacher I have known! Are they perfect? Certainly not! But each person deserves to be treated as I would like to be treated (Matt. 7:12), and every person deserves the benefit of the doubt (1 Cor. 13:4-7), as much as I want them to give the same to me! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	heart catheterization on September 13
Adrienne Banks	undergoing medical tests
Jimmie Banks	awaiting a kidney biopsy
Karen Bibbee	undergoing rehab at home
Betty Davis	St. Mary's Hospital (room 3306), rehab (No visitors)
Eva Fulton	recovering at home from hospitalization
Terri Hahn	now in LaPosada for therapy
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Kasandra Jones	recovering from shoulder replacement surgery
Judy Lerro	outpatient procedure rescheduled for September 17
Willie Smith	heart ablation surgery in Tampa on September 18
Linda Studer	monthly chemo treatments
Ralph Williams	surgery on his right eye on September 19

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, recovering from auto accident
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, radiation treatments for cancer
Lena Kelly	Adrienne Banks' mother, stage 4 lung cancer, blood clots
Morris Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's father, very weak
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, Boca Reg. Hospital, has leukemia

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, September 15

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

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

Thursday, September 19

- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Rick & Melinda Price.

Saturday, September 21

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

Friday-Sunday, September 27-29

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Harding Street** each night at 7:30 p.m. (Friday-Saturday). Matt Johnson from Tampa will be speaking.

Sunday, September 29

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship. Bring finger foods, desserts and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, October 6

- ◆ **Friends & Neighbors Sunday.** All members are encouraged to invite their friends and neighbors to worship. We will have regular Bible classes at 9:00 a.m. The morning sermon will be "4 Keys to Making the Church God-Centered."
- ◆ **North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, October 11-13

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend** has been cancelled this year, in order that we might focus our attention on the Bahamas Hurricane Relief Efforts. See Jeff Leslie for more information on how you can help.

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

Saturday, September 21

- ◆ **Young Adult Hangout** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, October 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. See Cindy Nelson for details.

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nicole Freseman. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, October 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Costume Party** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, September 22

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo with Stuart Youth Group** after evening worship in the Family Room. Please bring drinks and desserts.

Thursday-Sunday, September 26-29

- ◆ **RUSH Weekend at FHU for Grades 8-12.** Cost is \$50 per person plus \$20/day for food. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 19

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m.

Equipping & Edifying Families



10 Ways to Teach Your Children to Be Honest

1. Reward the Truth

As parents, we are often quick to scold. Sometimes we aren't always so quick to praise. Reward honesty with loads of praise and hugs. It will build self-confidence and reinforce positive behavior. Plus a child can never get too much love.

2. Speak the Truth

Teach your kids that they don't have to give false compliments. If they don't have a kind word to say, teach them how to control their words and not say anything. However, we always should be able to find something positive to say about anyone.

3. Say the Hard Truth

Upholding morals is more important than avoiding hurting someone's feelings who is out of line. Wrong is always wrong. For instance, your son's best friend is cheating on tests and your son is fully aware. He has a duty to go to his friend and advise him to quit. He's hurting himself and cheating the others who have honestly studied. If he refuses, then your son would have to tell the teacher about what is going on. That is the hard truth.

4. Model the Truth

As is always the case, you are the role model. You do not want your child to hear you telling a lie. Live by the truth. If your children see you telling even "harmless" white lies, they will feel like it's ok to lie as well. When we get in the habit of telling small lies, it leads to a habit of telling big ones. Put thought and initiative into telling and seeking the truth all the time.

5. Don't Put Them to the Test

Though it's tempting to test them, try to avoid asking questions that give your child a chance to not be honest. You saw your daughter spill red juice on the couch. No need to ask, "Did you just spill your juice on the couch?" This leads her to believe she might have a way out and possibly could pass blame elsewhere. Just tell her to clean it up. She'll have enough opportunities to tell the truth.

6. Give Consequences

We all sin. Even children do. They will lie to you and you will eventually catch them. It's important that there be consequences for their actions. Appropriate discipline should be carried out and followed through. Make it so it is not worth it to lie.

7. Correct Mistakes

Catching your children being dishonest is a great opportunity to teach them. Ask why they felt like they needed to lie. Explain how lying hurts relationships because it causes mistrust and trust is very difficult to earn. Talk to them about what they could have done differently.

8. Follow Through on Promises

If you want to be trusted, then keep your promises. Teach your children to be people who consider their word sacred. When they give it, they don't break it. The best way to teach this is by modeling it yourself.

9. Take Care of Other People's Things

Possessions can create all sorts of problems. The best policy is to teach a child early on that what they have belongs to them. What other people have belongs to that person. It is not OK to borrow a game and never return it. It's awesome to share, but the item must always be returned.

10. Find Honest Friends

Show me your friends and I will show you your future. If your child's friends lie and cheat, so will they. But if your child's friends are upstanding and honest, your son or daughter will be that much better off. Keep an ear out for any of your children's friends who lie.

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

 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 8

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Ryan Bodin; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Hazel Hackshaw; Miss Michelle Hackshaw; Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Taylor Johnson; Mr. Collin Kato; Ms. Mr. Lavon Kinsey, Sr.; Mrs. Jean Pieros; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss Kinsey Brown, Apple Valley, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mrs. Carolyn Chandler, Great Cistern, Abaco, Bahamas; Miss LaDon Cruz; Mrs. Kristen Dye, Addison, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Randy & Robin Martin, Lakeville, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Eric & Heather McGreevy, Mt. Juliet, TN; Mr. Jamari Rolle, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas; Ms. Greta Straehan, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas; and Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Kristi Wondra, Allen, TX.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

<u>Monday (September 16th)</u> Justilien & Adelene Honore (Ann.) Peggy Hall	<u>Wednesday (September 18th)</u> Marcia Kelley
<u>Tuesday (September 17th)</u> Mike Ellis Robert Lupo Lisa Metzkes	<u>Thursday (September 19th)</u> Justilien Honore
	<u>Friday (September 20th)</u> Sue Maisano

News & Notes

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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, September 15

Lead Singing David Sproule
Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Scripture Reading..... Cam Crofts
Presiding at Table Joe Maloney
Serve at Table:
Derrick Banks David Thorpe
Tim Cox Jonathan Swayne
Dick Kelley Nahum Villard
Vincent Rogers Kevin Weeks
Alternates:
Bill Ingram, Jr. Phil Porter
Closing Prayer Tim Fry

Sunday Evening, September 15

Lead Singing John Loftis
Opening Prayer Glen Dawson
Scripture Reading..... Max Fonrose
Presiding at Table..... Jerry Pittman
Tim Mahlbacher
Simon Tyson
Eugene Williams
Closing Prayer Dan McLeod

Wednesday Evening, September 18

Lead Singing Harrison Crofts
Invitation..... Josiah Blackmer
Family Prayer Chuck Clark

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Sep. 8</u>	<u>Aug. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	224	220
Sun. A.M. Worship	326	332
Sun. P.M. Worship	169	168
Wed. Bible Study	204	186
Contribution	\$15,450	\$15,818
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$8,434		

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier (Head Usher); Ed Buonadonna & Chad Morgan

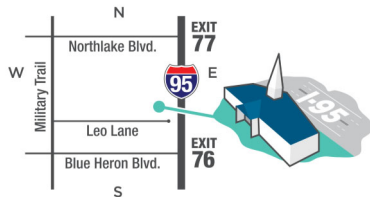
Safety Team for this week: Robert Lupo & Seth Watson



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: **Dion & Graysen Hayes**



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).