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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.



By Dan Jenkins

New Study on Tuesday Morning

I just “googled” on the internet and asked this question. **How many different denominations are there?** There were various answers because there is no precise, uniform definition as to what a denomination is which makes it difficult to answer, but the answer given is astounding.

What would be your answer to this question? You look around where you live and there are older religions which have been around for centuries. Then, there are newer denominations beginning in the community church movement. As you drive around you see new churches beginning often as small groups in local abandoned shops. You watch the news and hear how even the older denominations are splitting over moral issues like homosexuality and the sanctity of marriage. Just how many denominations are there with doctrines and practices which separated them from others. What would be your answer to the question?

The answer given? **There are at least 34,000 and possibly 41,000 denominations in our world!** Contrast this with the reality that **in the first century there were no denominations at all.** Every church was like every other church (1 Cor. 4:17), and any departure from uniformity was confronted and dealt with. There was just one body of believers. Some may

think such could not exist but read the words of Paul. “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10). God does not demand the impossible, but if **such were followed today there would not be a single denomination.**

How did all of this come about? Beginning this Tuesday morning, we will find the answer. The class is open to everyone, and if you have any interest in finding the answer make your plans to become part of this study. Let me encourage those of you who have attended the Tuesday class to make sure others know about the class. It will be a great way to let neighbors and friends find the answer.

What did “Christendom” look like in the centuries immediately following the establishment of the church? What did it look like a thousand years after the church began? We know what it looks like today—from one uniform church to over 30,000 different churches—how did all of this come about? Read those words of Paul again and think of the fact that we are not all speaking the same thing with the same judgment about God’s truth.

It will be a great study. Make your plans to be at this one-hour weekly study beginning Tuesday at 10:30.

A new class is beginning this Tuesday. It will be an interesting study.



By David Sproule

Jesus Suffered for Us! Meditate on That!

The word “suffer,” in some form, is found 81 times in the New Testament. It is used of the trials through which Christians go, the physical calamities that come upon individuals, the eternal punishment awaiting the wicked, etc. But more than anything else in the New Testament, the word “suffer” is used (at least 27 times) of Christ and what He endured on behalf of mankind (i.e., on behalf of you and me). Slowly read through and consider what is said.

Christ Himself foretold what awaited Him in the days ahead. He knew that He would “**suffer many things...be rejected, and be killed**” (Mark 8:31; cf. Matt. 16:21; Luke 9:22). Later He said again that He would “**suffer many things** and be treated with contempt...at their hands” (Mark 9:12; Matt. 17:12; cf. Luke 17:25). He desired to eat the Passover with His disciples, “**Before I suffer**” (Luke 22:15). Upon His resurrection, Christ “**presented Himself alive after His sufferings**” (Acts 1:3) and reaffirmed that it was “**necessary for the Christ to suffer these things**” (Luke 24:26, 46). Amazingly, none of this was a surprise to our Savior, for “**God foretold by the mouth of all of His prophets, that that Christ would suffer**” (Acts 3:18; cf. 26:23). Peter even referred to the Spirit who inspired those prophets as “**the Spirit of Christ,**” who “**testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ**” (1 Pet. 1:11).

As one would expect, the **suffering** of Christ was a central theme in the preaching of the apostles and early Christians. In fact, Paul’s “**custom**” involved “**explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again**” (Acts 17:3). The writer of Hebrews and the apostle Peter referenced the “**sufferings**” of Christ (by that term) more than any other New Testament writers. Christ came to this earth, being “**made a little lower than the angels,**” with His eye on “**the suffering of death**” (Heb. 2:9). He “**suffered**” (2:18), yes, He “**suffered outside the gate**” (13:12), and the text says that “**He learned obedience**” and was made “**perfect**” “**by the things which He suffered**” (2:10; 5:8).

Christ suffered and died. Not for Himself! But for us!

Peter was particularly sensitive to this matter for a number of reasons, but certainly so because he was “**a witness of the sufferings of Christ**” (1 Pet. 5:1). The apostle not only focused on the fact of Christ’s sufferings, but he gave particular emphasis to the reason “**for**” it. “**Christ also suffered for us**” (1 Pet. 2:21), yes, He “**suffered for us in the flesh**” (4:1). Why did He suffer for us? “**Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God**” (3:18). There you have the whole point. Christ suffered and died. Not for Himself! But for us! And not just “**for us,**” but “**for our sins.**” And, why did He do that? “**That He might bring us to God!**” Thanks be to God for the love of our Savior and for all that He suffered for us!



By Josh Blackmer

Wisdom Will Protect

In these times it seems science trumps spirituality, philosophy over piety, and glamour glitters more than goodness. While that is true, it isn't new to our time. There have always been these sentiments from one generation to the next. There may have been golden eras when things were better than they are now, but Adam and Eve enjoyed the only truly perfect age. So today things aren't great. They don't look like they are going to get any better. How do we prepare the generations to come for the unforeseen horrors that lay before them? What new moral, social and philosophical advances will our children need to be prepared for? The answer is we don't know. However, we can take comfort in these words, "there is nothing new under the sun," "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness," "I [Jesus] have overcome the world" (Eccl. 1:9, 2 Pet. 1:3; John 16:33). How do we prepare the generations to come for the unforeseen horrors that lay before them?

We must keep them grounded in God's wisdom in order to prepare them for what they will encounter. There is a section of scripture that highlights this truth. It begins with, "Discretion will guard you, understanding will watch over you" (Prov. 2:11). If we are teaching our children God's wis-

dom, then it serves to protect them from so many of the evils that are common to men. "To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things; From those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness" (Prov. 2:12-13). We don't need to know every evil that we will encounter in order to be ready for spiritual warfare. We only need to fill ourselves with the word of God, and we will be able to stand against the foe.

God's word and the church must be two pillars in our families.

This section of proverbs ends with, "So you will walk in the way of good men and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will live in the land and the blameless will remain in it" (Prov. 2:20-21). Not only is there a need for us to know the scriptures, but we must walk with others that keep them as well. We must teach our children the importance of their spiritual community—to prefer those of like precious faith. There is strength in numbers. "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor" (Rom. 12:9-10).

The two things that we must instill in our children are God's wisdom and community with the saints. If they know righteousness but try to live with darkness their souls will be vexed. Ask Lot (2 Pet. 2:8). God's word and the church must be two pillars in our families. With these they will be ready.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"Lord, make me a servant"

The lyrics are simple. The song is short. The message is soul-searching. "Lord, make me a servant, Lord, make me like You; For You are a servant, make me one, too. Lord, make me a servant, do what You must do To make me a servant; make me like You."

Could you sing this song and truly mean it? The song makes three requests to the Lord: (1) Make me a servant. (2) Make me a servant like You. (3) Do what You must do. Truly, Jesus was a servant. In words, He taught, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matt. 20:28). In actions, He demonstrated service by washing all twelve of His apostles' feet (John 13:1-17). Are you willing (yea, even eager) to be a servant? To be a servant like Jesus? To take "the form of a bondservant" and "humble yourself" (Phil. 2:7-8)? Jesus said, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15).

Think about the words you sing. Do you really want God to do what He must do to make you a servant like Jesus? – DS



Worship "posture" of Christians

Nehemiah 8 is an interesting illustration of seeing the people's heart through their outer posture. Ezra stood on a wooden platform for the purpose of reading the Book of the Law to the people. "And when he opened it, all the people stood up" (Neh. 8:5). Out of respect for the Word of God, the people could not remain seated. Then "Ezra blessed the Lord," and the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" At that point, "they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground" (8:6). Out of humility, reverence and a deep sense of unworthiness in the presence of God, they fell on their faces.

In the New Testament, Christians are not given specific instructions regarding posture during worship. Instead, the focus is on the heart. Outer expressions can be manipulated and feigned, but not the heart. When you worship God, does your heart (i.e., your inner spirit) stand in respect and bow in humility—all at the same time? God is looking at your heart during worship. What does He see? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	shoulder replacement surgery, undergoing rehab
Adrienne Banks	undergoing medical tests
Jimmie Banks	having a kidney biopsy on Oct. 17
Karen Bibbee	undergoing rehab at home
Betty Davis	in Waterford for rehab, NO visitors please
Eva Fulton	Savannah Court (room 111) for rehab
Terri Hahn	in LaPosada for physical therapy
Shirley Hopkins	having knee replacement surgery on Oct. 21
Mary Jackson	having hip replacement surgery on Oct. 24
Robert Mariano	dealing with back pain
Allison Roman	having surgery at Jupiter Medical Center on Oct. 15
Willie Smith	recovering from heart surgery
Robin Stone	dealing with bilateral knee injuries
Linda Studer	chemo treatments every 3 weeks

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	



**Jim Davis, upon the passing of his father,
James Davis, on Sunday, October 6.**

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ellen Brown	Lovetta Harmon's sister, recovering from hip replacement
Hayes Burleson	June Pack's brother, foot and leg amputated, in rehab
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, recovering from auto accident
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, side effects from melanoma surgery
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, radiation treatments for cancer
Samuel Inman	Christene Bean's brother, blood pressure problems
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, has not been doing well
Morris Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's father, very weak
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, in Heartland (Boca) for rehab
Willie Smith, Sr.	Willie Smith's father, recovering from a blood transfusion

**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, October 13

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday-Wednesday, October 13-16

- ♦ **Sebring Parkway Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). This year's theme is *"The Examples of Young Men."* See the bulletin board for more details.

Monday, October 14

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

Tuesday, October 15

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

Saturday, October 19

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 19 (cont.)

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat.** All members are encouraged to come and decorate your car to hand out candy to the children. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, October 20

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

Tuesday, October 22

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

Saturday, October 26

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Suncoast** at 11:00 a.m. Lillie Hill-Kirk will be speaking on *"Past, Present & Future."* Please RSVP by October 17. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, October 27

- ♦ **Baby Shower for Chris & Brittany Thompson** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon. *It's a girl!*

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, October 19

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come and decorate your car to hand out candy to the children. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Saturday, November 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier.

Tuesday, November 12

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

Friday, November 15

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 6:30 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Saturday, November 16

- ♦ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing** hosted by the YA.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. Jr. High should arrive at 4:00 p.m. to help set up. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. Wear your costume! See Sarah, Ivan or Amber to RSVP or bring a food item.

Friday, October 25

- ♦ **Sr. High Fall Fest Lock-In** from 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Wear a costume and bring a 2-liter drink (not tea) and a change of clothes.

Sunday, October 27

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Ten Comandments for Husbands

by Hugo McCord

1. Thou shalt remember that thy wife is thy partner and not thy property.
2. Thou shalt hold thy wife's love by the same means that thou won it.
3. Thou shalt enter thy house with cheerfulness.
4. Thou shalt not let anyone criticize thy wife and get away with it, neither thy father, nor thy mother, nor thy brothers, nor thy sisters, nor any other relative.
5. Thou shalt not take thy wife for granted.
6. Thou shalt not think thyself are "IT."
7. Thou shalt not praise thy neighbor's wife; praise thine own.
8. Thou shalt not keep any secrets from thy wife; secrets breed suspicion and wreck confidence.
9. Thou shalt not fail to kiss thy wife good-bye every morning.
10. Thou shalt not forget through all the years of thy life that thy wife whom God hath given thee is the queen in your home and in honor takes precedence over thee.

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 6

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lucille Black; Mrs. Nancy Bodin; Mr. Ryan Bodin; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. LaVon Kinsey, Sr.; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Miss Whitley Williamson.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Judy Anderson, Lakeland, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mrs. Melissa Brown, Oakland, TN; Mr. Keith Hill, Indianapolis, IN; Mr. Scott Kelley & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Lall Dass, Apollo Beach, FL; Miss Vadin Lall Dass & Mary Mercer, Lutz, FL; Ms. Regina Mayne, Stuart, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Moyer, Ocala, FL; Mrs. Barbara Pauli, New Salem, MA; Mrs. Cathryn Payne, Oneida, TN.; Ms. Linda Rumrell, Lakeland, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Walker, Brownsville, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Leon & Marie Weeks, Valdosta, GA.



We rejoice with **Trey Higbee** who was baptized on Sunday, October 6 after evening services. He is listed in the directory with his family.

It's  girl!

Congratulations to **Travis & Taylor Johnson** upon the birth of their daughter, **Darcy Eleanor**, on Friday, October 4, weighing 7 lbs, 5 oz. Travis & Taylor have been visiting PBL since July and are now placing membership.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (October 13th)

Fran Campbell

Monday (October 14th)

Patricia Harrington

Amy Rosado

Tuesday (October 15th)

Stahia Banks

Joe Holland

Meaghan Metzkes

Wednesday (October 16th)

Michael & Turkessa Staley (Ann.)

Adelene Honore

Kevin Weeks

Friday (October 18th)

Josue Charles

Saturday (October 19th)

Darin & Katie Summerlot (Ann.)

Samantha Jewell

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, October 13

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading..... Tim Cox
Presiding at TableKevin Weeks
Serve at Table:
 Jordan Beasley Kenneth Long
 Jim Davis Robert Mariano
 Edward Gager Rick Price
 Bobby Ingraham Vincent Rogers
Alternates:
 Dick Kelley Paul Metzkes
Closing PrayerRichard Watson

Sunday Evening, October 13

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening PrayerDaniel Swayne
Scripture Reading.....Marty Williams
Presiding at Table..... Stephen Beliech
 Eddie Gooden
 Dion Hayes
 Tyler Williams
Closing PrayerDirk Summerlot

Wednesday Evening, October 16

Lead SingingHarrison Crotts
Invitation.....Dan McLeod
Family PrayerJohnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 6	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	192	218
Sun. A.M. Worship	314	323
Sun. P.M. Worship	149	164
Wed. Bible Study	151	189
Contribution	\$16,148	\$14,324
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$9,619		

Ushers for this week: Rick Hall (Head Usher); Morris McDaniel & Cody Price

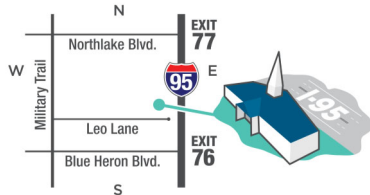
Safety Team for this week: L.H. Richardson & Shaun Tyson



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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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