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# MISSION SUNDAY 2020 January 26

Every dollar given will be used for PBL Mission Work.

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May God bless us, use us & be glorified in us!





By Dan Jenkins

### Our God Is a Giver

It is remarkable that so many know the "Golden Text" of the Bible. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." It is called the "Golden Text" because many who read John 3:16 see it as summing up the story of the Bible. Our God is a giver. He gave His son, but He has given

us so much more.

Lystra, reminded the pagans that while God allowed the nations to walk in their own ways, they were still accountable to Him. They could know He existed. "He did not leave himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17). That same witness has been given to us, for did He not tell us to pray about God giving us daily bread?

However, far above all of this is the spiritual food He supplies us. He has *given* us access to the fountain of the water of life freely (Rev. 21:6). He has *given* us all things which pertain to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). He has *given* us the ability to understand the mystery that not even O.T. saints understood (Mark 4:11; 1 John 5:20). He has *given* us access to heavenly wisdom (Jas. 1:5). He has also *given* us exceedingly great and precious promises (2 Pet. 1:4). Our God truly is a giver.

He has *given* us the church and its attendant blessings which come with it. "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). That eternal kingdom, planned from before the world began and prophesied by the Old Testament saints, has been *given* to us. This was more than part of His plan. It was the plan, and it was His pleasure to *give* it to us!

He has *given* to those in that kingdom the honor of telling others about His plan of redemption. That honor was not given to saints of old—not to Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah or any of the prophets. It was not given to Gabriel or Michael or any other angel in heaven. Paul described it this way: God has *given* to us the word of reconciliation and the work of reconciliation. We stand as the only ambassadors Jesus has on this earth saying to the world, "Be rec-

onciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20).

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The list of what God has *given* to us is seemingly endless. He has *given* us peace (John 14:27). He has *given* us grace (Rom. 12:6). He has *given* us a new name (Isa. 62:2). He has *given* us the right to become sons of God (John 1:12) and what love is shown in this relationship (1 John 3:1).

Our God is a giver. What is our response? He allows us to fill in the details, but have we not all sung at various times, "Give of your best to the Master"?



By David Sproule

# Satan Didn't Make You Do It

Shifting blame is as old as mankind. When God questioned Adam for his disobedience, the man blamed the woman (Gen. 3:11-12). When the Lord questioned Eve, the woman blamed the devil—"The serpent deceived me, and I ate" (3:13). In other words, "The devil made me do it."

Except, the devil didn't make Eve do anything that she

didn't want to do. She "saw" the tree, she thought it was "good for food," she found it "pleasant to the eyes," and it was "desirable" to her. Thus, "she took of its fruit and ate" (Gen. 3:6). Certainly, the devil "deceived Eve by his craftiness" (2 Cor. 11:3), but the choice was 100% Eve's! She could not legitimately shift blame to anyone else for what she had done!

Some 4,000 years later, the devil was busy again. Ananias and Sapphira had "sold a possession...kept back part of the proceeds," and then "brought a certain part" of the proceeds to the apostles but conveyed it as the entire amount (Acts 5:1-4). Greed, pride, love of money and conceit are dangerous foes to a child of God. The apostle Peter said to Ananias, "Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?" There it is! It wasn't Ananias' fault! It was the devil's fault! The devil made Ananias do it! Wait a minute—keep reading. Just two sentences later, Peter said, "Why have you

conceived this thing in your heart?" Whose idea was this? Whose desire was this? While Satan had deceived this couple into justifying their action, the choice to lie to God was 100% on them! They could not legitimately shift blame to anyone else for what they had "agreed together" to do (5:9)!

This is exactly what the Bible teaches regarding the onset of sin in someone's life. Look carefully at the progression outlined in James 1:14-15. "But each one is tempted

when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." The temptation comes from the devil, no doubt, but the temptation is only "tempting" because of one's "own desires." When one is "enticed" by the temptation and yields to "his own desires," the Bible teaches that "it gives birth to sin." Ulti-

mately, when "sin" is left to grow and contaminate one's heart, it "brings forth death" (i.e., separation from God).

Satan cannot "make you do anything" that you do not want to do yourself! So, the Bible teaches us to "resist the devil" (Jas. 4:7). The best way to resist him is to change our "desires" to be "conformed" to the will of God (Rom. 12:2). When I want what God wants, sin will be less appealing and the devil will have less influence over me. But I must take full responsibility for my desires and for my actions.



By Josh Blackmer

# The Church in Thessalonica: A Great Example

When learning something, new it is always great to have examples. I remember trying to learn algebra. My teacher would go over a few equations on the board to help us get the concepts. About the time I thought I was getting it, she would stop and assign class work. I'd open the book and naturally

the examples were nothing like what we saw in the book. Her examples seemed so easy compared to what we actually had to do. While this may be true with most things in life, it is not true about the example of the church in Thessalonica. What they went through in order to be Christians was so much more difficult than what we had to do at the beginning of our faith. Yet, Paul praises them for their example.

In Acts chapter seventeen, Luke gives us the account of the beginning of the church in Thessalonica. As was Paul's practice, he began speaking in the synagogue (Acts 17:1). There were many of the Jews, Greeks and leading women that joined Paul and Silas (Acts 17:4). Jealous of their popularity, the other Jews incited a mob in town and brought one of the members, Jason, before the town authorities (Acts 17:5-9). Paul and Silas had to be let out of the city by basket over the wall (Acts 17:10). With that tumultuous beginning of the church, there are very few among us who can say we experienced something similar at our conversion.

Now, in his letter to the church in Thessalonica, Paul praises them. He mentions three things that he brings to God in prayer on their behalf. He specifically sites their work of faith, labor of love and steadfastness of hope (1 Thess. 1:3). This sounds very similar to Paul's letter to Corinth, "But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13). Even though they were young in the faith, they were still hitting all the high points of what it means to be

Here is a congregation that was a great example.

a Christian. He continues in their praise by saying, "You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit" (1 Thess. 1:6). In all that they strove to do for their Lord, they were faced with opposition, but they pressed on.

The perseverance they showed became an

example to the church in Macedonia and Achaia: "You became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you... in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you" (1 Thess. 1:7-9). Here is a congregation that was a great example to us. Despite the opposition, they continued in their faith and service to God. Here we sit with little to no opposition, and what is said our work of faith, labor of love and steadfastness of hope? May we ever strive to be imitators of Christ.

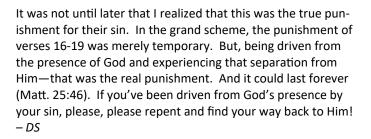
# Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

for the Day

### He drove the man out of the garden

The story of Adam and Eve sinning against God in Genesis 3 is no doubt the saddest (and most universally devastating) story in all of the Bible. God let the woman (3:16) and the man (3:17 -19) know what their physical punishment would entail.

Then the text says that "God sent him out of the garden...So He drove out the man" (3:23-24). I remember as a child being captivated by that verse and wondering what God was driving. I always figured it was a rugged, army green Jeep, and that He put them in the back, drove them out to the edge of the garden and then dropped them off.



# A "glad" heart for what?

When the prodigal son returned home, the Bible says that his father was "glad" when he saw him (Luke 15:32). Imagine those emotions. After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to His apostles and showed them His wounds, and the Bible says that they were "glad" when they saw him. Imagine those emotions. After we have suffered for the cause of Christ and He

> returns in "His glory," the Bible says that we will be "glad" when we see Him (1 Pet. 4:13). Imagine those emotions. Each of these has an overflow of rejoicing embedded in the word.

> Now, imagine this same word when it is used in Mark 14. "Then Judas Iscariot...went to the

chief priests to betray Him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad..." (14:10-11). Can you imagine what kind of depraved heart has an overflow of rejoicing at the prospect of betraying, torturing and crucifying God's Son?

What is it that brings gladness to my heart? "Dear God, please let me never find gladness at crucifying Your Son!" (cf. Heb. 6:4 -6; 10:26-29). - DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



# **Pray for These PBL Members**

Skye Brown undergoing therapy on her arm

Jeannie Buonadonna awaiting results from biopsies

**Betty Davis** recovering at home

**Eva Fulton** dealing with swelling in her feet

James Green broke his shoulder and may need surgery

**Shirley Hopkins** at home and slowly improving

**David Lord** suffering with rheumatoid arthritis

**Gwen Lyons** surgery on a broken bone in her back was postponed

Sandy Mann recovering from elbow surgery

Winifred Patterson recovering from her cataract surgeries

Connye Plouffe undergoing rehab on her leg

**Chuck Reeves, Sr.** dealing with severe back problems

Mary Reeves recovering from her neck & back surgery, improving

**Linda Studer** still having chemo treatments every 3 weeks

**Long-Term Health Issues** 

**Lillian Bankston** dialysis treatments

## **Pray for Our Shut-Ins**

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



We extend our deepest sympathy to Christene Bean and Loretta James, upon the passing of their brother, Samuel Inman, on Friday, January 17.

# **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

Ron FernanderTurkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health CenterJanie FlorenJosie Dawson's sister, chemo treatments for breast cancerAnn FresemanGardens Court Rehab (room 221), fell & fractured hipDificial GeffrardJustilien Honore's mother, hospitalized last weekGeraldine MarshallBetty Sanders' sister, inoperable gallbladder issuesDoug PhilipsJacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine



# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, January 26

- Mission Sunday. Every dollar given will be used for mission work. Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!
- 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.
- **EDP Meeting** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

#### Monday, January 27

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

#### Tuesday, January 28

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

#### Saturday, February 1

 Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with brunch following the lesson. Saundra Morgan will be speaking on "Let Your Light Shine." RSVP by January 25.

#### Sunday, February 2

North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.

#### Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

 Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC. This year's theme is "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Cost is \$40. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

#### Saturday, February 8

Ladies' Day hosted by Gifford from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bessie Lorenzo will be speaking on "A Rose Among Daisies." See the bulletin board for more details.

#### Sunday, February 9

- New Bible Classes Begin at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

#### Friday, February 14

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

#### Saturday, February 15

• Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. for PBL members 55+ or married 25+ years.



#### Sunday, January 26

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#### Saturday, February 1

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. See Ivan Villard for details.

#### Tuesday, February 4

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

#### Friday-Sunday, February 7-9

 Sr. High & Young Adult Family Camping Trip. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for more details.

#### Friday, February 14

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



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 Sr. High & Young Adult Family Camping Trip. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for more details.

#### Saturday, February 8

Valentine's Play Date for Grades 5 & Under at 11:00

 a.m. at PGA National Park (West Pavilion). Please bring
 your own picnic lunch. RSVP to Taylor or Natalie
 Reeves.

#### Sunday, February 9

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

# PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - February, 2020

		February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	
Morning \	Worship Serv	ice				
Song Lead	der	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	
Opening F	Prayer	Bob Higbee	Nate Nelson	Henry Williams	Daniel Swayne	
Scripture I	Reading	Eugene Wiliams	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Dan McLeod	Max Fonrose	
Presiding	at Table	Gary Seames	L.H. Richardson	Bobbo Lupo	Glen Dawson	
Serving at	Table:	Jordan Beasley	Derrick Banks	Jim Davis	Tim Cox	
		Mike Damron	Josiah Blackmer	Ed Gager	Andy Fernandez	
		Freddie Gadson	David Brown	Bobby Ingraham	Errol Gower-Winter	
		Gary Jenkins	Tim Fry	David Lord	Richard Lerro	
		Taylor Reeves	Namdidie Ikon	Tim Mahlbacher	Ken Long	
		Vince Rogers	Paul Metzkes	Robert Mariano	Darin Summerlot	
		Dirk Summerlot	Simon Tyson	David Thorpe	Nahum Villard	
		Lawrence Williams	Marty Williams	Tyler Williams	Daniel Wagner	
Closing P	rayer	Orlando Lolo	Mike Archer	Rick Hall	Graysen Hayes	
Evening V	Vorship Servi	re .				
Song Lead		Dan McLeod	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	
Opening F		Jerry Hopkins	Harrison Crotts	Mike Ellis	Richard Watson	
Scripture Reading		John Loftis	Dion Hayes	Kane Campbell	Devin Eutsey	
Presiding	_	Phil Porter	Jimmie Banks	Kevin Weeks	Ken Tipton	
Serving at Table:		Lance Collier	Trey Higbee	Mike Erickson	Chuck Clark	
		Jeff Goodale	Daniel Lord	Nick Pietro	Victor Colage	
		Jeremy Maloney	Jonathan Swayne	Jim Rogers	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	
Closing Pr	raver	Tom Martens	Stephen Beliech	Willie Smith	John Patrick	
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Alternate	s:					
		Andy Anderson	Jeff Leslie	Cam Crotts	Joe Maloney	
		Chad Morgan	Chris Thompson	Dan Fuller	Scott Studer	
Technical	Assignments	3				
Morning:	Computer	Nate Nelson	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown	
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown	
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	
Ushers -	Morning & Fv	ening Services (Sun	day & Wednesday)			
Ushers		Feb. 2 & 5	Feb. 9 & 12	Feb. 16 & 19	Feb. 23 & 26	
		Novel Brown —	1 222 2 22 22		-	
		Ed Buonadonna	John Patrick	Lance Collier	Dick Kelley	
		Ivan Villard, Jr.	Daniel Wagner	Gorman Ericksen	Dirk Summerlot	
Safety Tea	am	Jerry Pittman	Victor Colage	Mike Damron	Kirk Crews	
		Darin Summerlot	Nahum Villard	Lawrence Williams	L.H. Richardson	

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.

Call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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



Sunday, January 19

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Lucille Black; Nancy & Ryan Bodin; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. Ron Cullom; Mr. Gabrial Cutrer; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Milton Jones; Mr. John Judd; Ms. Suzette McQueen & Jade; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Ms. Dia Tunsil; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Miss Jasmine Davis & Elijah, Nashville, TN; Ms. Lisa Grissim, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Nancy Hansel, Paris, IL; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Holliday, Boca Raton, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Kim Jackson & Nikki, Duncan, SC; Jacob, & Colton Kelley, West Broward, FL; Mr. Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Marsh Harbour, Bahamas; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. Mario Moss, Bahamas; Mr. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN; and Mrs. Beth Rosenblum, Mia & Mason, Huntsville, AL.



Sunday (January 26th)
Jimmie Banks
Winifred Patterson

Monday (January 27th) Christine Bean Ed Buonadonna

<u>Tuesday (January 28th)</u> Joyce Parker

Lana Smith

Sasha Smith

<u>Wednesday (January 29th)</u> Lawrence & Kay Richardson (Ann.)

Annie Faison

Thursday (January 30th)
Joyce Barnhouse
Dick Haines

Friday (January 31st)
Tom & Sharon Masciarelli (Ann.)
Charles Hayes
Mary A. Jackson

#### **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, January 26

kindness during a difficult time.

appreciate your kindness so much.

Lead Singing	Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer	Willie Smith
Scripture Reading	Scott Studer
Presiding at Table	Victor Colage
Serve at Table:	
Tim Cox	Kenneth Long
Devin Eutsey	Tim Mahlbacher
Rick Hall	Robert Mariano
Bob Higbee	Nahum Villard
Alternates:	
Kane Campbell	Mike Damron

Closing Prayer ......Kevin Weeks

Thank You

pecially your prayers during my two outpatient surgeries and recovery has been a great blessing to me. Thank you for your

In Christ,

Judy Lerro

and the beautiful flowers that were sent to his funeral. We all

Your continued encouragement, cards, texts, and es-

Thank you for all the cards and prayers for my brother

Josie & Glen Dawson

#### Sunday Evening, January 26

Lead SingingJohn Loftis
Opening Prayer Jim Davis
Scripture ReadingLawrence Williams
Presiding at TableJohnny Davis
Cam Crotts
Glen Dawson
Eddie Gooden
Closing PrayerHarrison Crotts
Wednesday Evening, 29
Lead Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Robert Luno

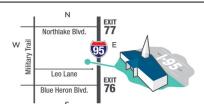
<u>Ushers</u> for this week: Jimmie Banks (Head Usher); Errol Gower-Winter & Paul Metzkes <u>Security Team</u> for this week: Daniel Swayne & Seth Watson

#### **Our Record**

<u>Jan. 19</u>	Dec. Avg
250	209
310	305
176	135
164	153
13,829	\$15,807
	250 310 176 164

2020 Weekly Budget: TBD
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBD





# 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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