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- Johnny Davis 307-4232
- Dan Fuller..... 478-3755
- Jerry Hopkins 434-4188
- *Phil Porter 575-4782
- Richard Watson..... 307-2608

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- Dan Jenkins 744-4559
- David Sproule..... 301-2230
- Josh Blackmer 319-1418

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- Mike Archer 422-2995
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- Victor Colage..... 719-1490
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- Cam Crotts 214-3114
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- Dick Kelley..... 968-1799
- Jeff Leslie..... 744-3444
- Paul Metzkes..... 736-9086
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- Nate Nelson 801-9456
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New Bible Classes

FEBRUARY 9 THRU APRIL 15

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

<i>The Book of Revelation (Part 2)</i>	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
<i>Song of Solomon</i>	David Sproule (Adult 1)
<i>Young Adults: What God Wants</i>	Gary Jenkins (Adult 3)
<i>Sr. High: Answering Bible Questions</i>	Josh Blackmer
<i>Jr. High: Acts 1-12: The Beginning of the Church</i>	Victor Colage

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

<i>Ezekiel</i>	Josh Blackmer (Auditorium)
<i>The Mind of Christ</i>	Dan McLeod (Adult 1)
<i>Ladies: Coming Back from Failure</i>	Traci Sproule (Adult 2)
<i>Sr. High: Getting to Know the Bible</i>	Cam Crotts, Taylor Reeves & Ivan Villard
<i>Jr. High: The Christian's Responsibility</i>	Daniel Wagner

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



By Dan Jenkins

Exalting His Resurrection

The central event in the history of mankind is the resurrection of Jesus. Without it, death is the victorious enemy of all mortals. Without it, death comes, and all our dreams, aspirations and future plans come to a screeching halt. It all ends. When Job faced this problem, his heart was full of questions.

Job looked at his life and said, “Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; he flees like a shadow and does not continue” (Job 14:1,2). His despair is sent in many of the verses which follow. “But man dies and is laid away; indeed he breathes his last and where is he? ... So man lies down and does not rise. The heavens are no more, they will not awake nor be roused from their sleep.” He then asks the ultimate question. “If a man dies, will he live again” (Job 14:14)? Without a revelation from heaven, death wins!

Hear the words of Paul when he affirmed that the appearing of the Savior “...abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Tim. 1:10). There are glimpses of the resurrection in the shadows of the Old Testament, but the gospel brought by Jesus brings this truth out of that shadow. We now understand so clearly that the time will come when all that are in the grave will hear His

voice and come forth (John 5:28-29). But there is more. God has given us assurance of this truth by raising His own Son. He entered into Hades (Acts 2:31) and returned from that realm having “the keys to Hades and death” (Rev. 1:18). His resurrection answers Job’s question and forever removes the bondage of the fear of death from the hearts of the saints (Heb. 2:14-15). In Paul’s letter to the church at Corinth, he tied the fact of our resurrection to the fact of Jesus’ resurrection (1 Cor. 15).

Jesus’ glorious resurrection removes the fear of death from every saint

How will this happen? When those who are in the grave hear His voice, they will come forth in an incorruptible, spiritual body. Because flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, even the bodies of those who are alive will also be changed. “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised...” (1 Cor. 15:52). How quickly will this happen? In the twinkling of an eye. How long will it take? Just as long as it takes you to bat your eyes!

Jesus has been raised, and by this we know that we shall be raised. His resurrection is the foundation of Biblical truths. We live in bodies that are mortal—subject to death. We live in bodies that are corruptible—they are aging and decaying. “When this corruptible has put on incorruption and this mortal has put on immortality, then death is swallowed up in victory” (1 Cor. 15:54). God hasten that day!



By David Sproule

Honestly, Is Lying a Big Deal?

In the verb form, to “lie” means “to make an untrue statement with intent to deceive; to create a false or misleading impression.” A lie can be “spoken” or “written.” But, in the grand scheme of things, if I tell one little lie, or mislead someone to believe an untruth, or am dishonest in my financial dealings, is that really all that big of a deal?

One reality we must face is that our senses have been dulled by our culture today. We are, after all, living in what some call the “Post-Truth World.” Truth is not that big of a deal. (Look at the politicians.) Pure honesty is not demanded. (Look at advertisements.) We almost expect, these days, to be lied to on some level by almost everyone. So, if we fall in line and follow suit, where’s the harm in that?

The Bible commands us to abstain from lying. The Old Testament was clear, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Ex. 20:16). The New Testament is just as clear, “Do not lie to one another” (Col. 3:9).

The Bible discloses to us God’s view of lying. “Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord” (Prov. 12:22). “The Lord hates...A lying tongue...A false witness who speaks lies” (Prov. 6:16-19).

The Bible gives a vivid warning against lying. The

story of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5 is well known, as the couple “agreed together” to “lie to God” about the profit from their land sale. The fact that each of them was struck dead for lying was (and still is) a powerful lesson for those early Christians to learn.

The Bible reveals that lying is a heart issue. It is not just a matter of the words that come from our mouth (or from our pen). Jesus said, “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts...false witness...” (Matt. 15:19). A man must look within his heart to change his outward habit of lying.

The Bible ties our lying to the ultimate liar. The very first lie told in the Bible was by the devil himself (Gen. 3:4). That lie changed the course of human history forever! Of the devil, Jesus said, “When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it” (John 8:44). Liars, therefore, are children of their father, the devil.

The Bible parallels lying with “the worst” of sins and shows forth its final end. In Revelation 21:8, “all liars” are listed right alongside other sinners like “murderers” and “idolaters,” all of whom (liars included) will be condemned to “the lake which burns with fire and brimstone.”

The Bible commands us to tell the truth (Eph. 4:25). May God help us to be people of truth...all the time!

A man must look within his heart to change his outward habit of lying



By Josh Blackmer

Life and Death in Christ

No other New Testament writer speaks on the theme of Christian living more than Paul. In his letters he highlights life and death principles to a life lived in Christ. Contemplating these things will help us keep our focus on a Christ centered life. "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:2).

Paul teaches that we need to die to self. We can be our own worst enemy if our focus is self-centered and not on Jesus. "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20). We need to die to sin. The Hebrew author says, "let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us" (Heb. 12:1). Sin is a great weight in our spiritual marathon. "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?" (Rom. 6:1-2). We need to die to the world and its fleshly pleasures. "But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Gal. 6:14). We need

Keep looking ahead, keep your heart looking up, keep your feet moving forward.

to mature to the point that the physical world around us would not distract us from our spiritual reward in heaven. The life of a Christian isn't all about death.

Paul talks specifically about what it means to live in Christ. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). Our spiritual sphere is in Christ. "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Gal. 3:27). We must also live with Christ. "At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me... and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth" (2 Tim. 4:16-17). Paul lets us know that we are not alone in our service to God. Christ is with us if we are with Him. We must also live for Him.

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve" (Col. 3:23-24). All we do is for Him and His glory.

With these simple concepts we can be reminded as to how to keep our lives centered. We are pulled in so many different directions. There are distractions around every turn but, we don't have to take the bait. Keep looking ahead, keep your heart looking up, and keep your feet moving forward.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Retreat? Never!

Most have heard the story of the Spanish Conquistador, Hernán Cortés, who landed in Mexico in 1519 and was determined to take the land. To motivate his army to march forward and fulfill their task, the story goes that Cortés ordered the ships to be burned. The means by which they arrived was eliminated as a means by which they could leave. Retreat was not an option! They would be victorious in battle or they would die, but they would not (and could not) turn back!

What a lesson for Christians today! Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we became Christians, we crucified and buried that old man (Rom. 6:1-12). That former life before Christ "died with Christ." Retreat to that life is not an option! God says, "If anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him" (Heb. 10:38). Therefore, we must be determined to say, "We are not of those who draw back to perdition" (10:39). We must not turn back!

Let us march forward and fulfill the task that God has given to us...and never retreat! – DS

Will we be "finished"?

Jesus lived a short life of 33 years. His ministry on earth lasted only three-and-a-half years. Yet, think of all that He accomplished. How did He do so much in so little time? In His dying breath, He proclaimed, "It is finished" (John 19:30). Jesus had "finished the work which [the Father had] given [Him] to do" (John 17:4).



Similarly, the apostle Paul reached the end of his life and proclaimed, "I have finished the race" (2 Tim. 4:7). Paul had worked diligently from the time of his conversion and was able to say that the work the Lord had given him to do had been done.

What about you? When you reach the end, you will certainly "be finished," for there will be nothing else you can do at that point. But, will you "have finished" the work that He gave you to do? Is there anything that you are willing to leave "unfinished" when your end comes? What is there that you can do today to further "finish" His work? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Bonnie Arthur	now at home and doing better
Lillian Bankston	St. Mary's (room 2049), heart issue, undergoing tests
Skye Brown	undergoing therapy on her arm
Betty Davis	recovering at home
Eva Fulton	still dealing with swelling in her feet
James Green	undergoing physical therapy on his shoulder
Dave Holaday	having a heart procedure on February 12
Shirley Hopkins	at home and slowly improving
Gwen Lyons	scheduled for back surgery on February 28
Sandy Mann	recovering from elbow replacement surgery
Connye Plouffe	undergoing rehab on her leg
Mary Reeves	recovering from her neck & back surgery, improving
Willie Smith	having a back procedure at the VA on February 7
Linda Studer	having chemo treatments every 3 weeks
Marie Thorpe	dealing with pain from a pinched nerve in her back

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
Sandra Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Leigh Puckett
Dianne Frye	Les Sawyer
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Patricia Ventress

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Janie Floren	Josie Dawson's sister, chemo treatments for breast cancer
Difical Geffrard	Justilien Honore's mother, hospitalized last week
Edward Kelley	Dick Kelley's brother, not doing well
Geraldine Marshall	Betty Sanders' sister, inoperable gallbladder issues
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine

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, 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.

Sunday-Wednesday, February 9-12

- ◆ **Evangelism Training Seminar hosted by West Broward** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). John Orr will be speaking. See the bulletin board for more details.

Monday, February 10

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, February 11

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

Friday, February 14

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

Friday-Sunday, February 14-16

- ◆ **Singles' Weekend hosted by Pine Castle.** Cost is \$49. See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, February 15

- ◆ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 5:00 p.m. for PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years. Tickets are \$5 (pay at the door). RSVP by February 12 to Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard.

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Thursday, February 20

- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.

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

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.

Monday, February 17

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

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



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

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Saturday, February 15

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Monday, February 17

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

28 Things We Need to Know About God

by Hugh Fulford



1. God is self-existent and eternal; He had no beginning and will have no end (Genesis 1:1; 21:33; Isaiah 40:28; Psalm 90:2).
2. God is the creator of all things, including mankind (Genesis 1:1-2:1; Exodus 20:11; Acts 17:26-28).
3. God is Almighty God; He is omnipotent (possessing all power) (Genesis 17:1; 18:14).
4. God is the Lord God (Genesis 15:2; Numbers 14:17; Deuteronomy 3:24; Matthew 4:7; Hebrews 1:10).
5. God is “the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts” (Jeremiah 32:17-19).
6. God is the “I AM WHO I AM” (Exodus 3:14).
7. God is invisible (Colossians 1:15).
8. God is all-wise and all-knowing (omniscient) (Romans 16:27; Hebrews 4:13).
9. God is present everywhere (omnipresent) (Psalm 137:7-12; Jeremiah 23:23-24).
10. God is Spirit (John 4:24), and a spirit does not have flesh and bones (Luke 24:39).
11. God does not dwell in temples made with hands (Acts 17:24).
12. God is the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9; Matthew 16:16; Hebrews 9:13-14; 10:31).
13. God is the only acceptable object of man’s worship (Exodus 20:3; Matthew 4:10; Acts 17:22-31; John 4:24).
14. God is the God of glory (Acts 7:2).
15. God is the first member of the Godhead (the Divine Nature) (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14).
16. God is holy (separate) (Isaiah 6:1-3; 1 Peter 1:15-16).
17. God is love (1 John 4:8-10).
18. God is a God of grace (1 Corinthians 1:4; 2 Corinthians 6:1; Ephesians 1:6).
19. God is the giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17).
20. God gave His Son as a sin-offering (an atonement) for all mankind (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 3:21-26).
21. God is merciful (Ephesians 2:4; 1 Peter 1:3; Hebrews 4:16).
22. God has blessed Christians with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3).
23. God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:3; 1 Peter 1:3).
24. As the creator of all mankind, He is the God and Father of all (Ephesians 4:6).
25. To Christians (those who have become His spiritual children), God is “our Father in heaven” (Matthew 6:9; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Galatians 3:26-27; Philippians 4:20).
26. God cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2).
27. God gave the Scriptures as His complete, final, perfect, and all-sufficient guide to mankind (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
28. God does not change (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 1:10-12; cf. Psalm 102:25-27).

Adapted by *House to House/Heart to Heart*

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



Sunday,
February 2

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (February 9th)
Joe & Janice Maloney (Ann.)
Rudolph & Verdell March (Ann.)

Wednesday (February 12th)
Dave Holaday

Monday (February 10th)
Pete & Pat Brown (Ann.)
Emily Tyson

Thursday (February 13th)
Eugene & Penny Williams (Ann.)

Tuesday (February 11th)
David Brown

Friday (February 14th)
Marty & Leslie Williams (Ann.)



The Reeves family would like to thank you for all your care, concern and prayers during Mary's recent hospital stay. Also for all the beautiful cards and meaningful notes. Thanks for all the great soup, especially the split pea! How blessed we are to have such a wonderful Christian family. A special thanks to Terry Denton for her help while Mary was in the hospital.



Directory Changes

John Judd placed membership on Sunday, February 2.



Congratulations to **Mike & Tasha Ellis** upon the birth of their **grandson, Christian Matthew Ellis**, born to **Matt & Olivia** on Tuesday, February 4 weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz.

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, February 9

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Nate Nelson
Scripture Reading.....Bill Ingram, Jr.
Presiding at Table L.H. Richardson
Serve at Table:
Derrick Banks Namdidie Ikon
Josiah Blackmer Paul Metzkes
David Brown Simon Tyson
Tim Fry Marty Williams
Alternates:
Jeff Leslie Chris Thompson
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, February 9

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening PrayerHarrison Crotts
Scripture Reading.....Dion Hayes
Presiding at Table..... Jimmie Banks
Trey Higbee
Daniel Lord
Jonathan Swayne
Closing Prayer Stephen Beliech

Wednesday Evening, February 12

Lead Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation.....Dan Fuller
Family Prayer Chuck Clark

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 2	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	189	239
Sun. A.M. Worship	288	316
Sun. P.M. Worship	144	176
Wed. Bible Study	164	171
Contribution	\$14,335	\$16,551

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,211

Ushers for this week: Novel Brown (Head Usher); John Patrick & Daniel Wagner
Security Team for this week: Victor Colage & Nahum Villard



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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.

Front Cover: **Tom & Rose Martens**

Stepping into the Bible—Children: Age 3 thru Grade 5 (Feb. 9-June 24)

 Stepping into the Bible	Jacob: Flight to Haran	Jacob: Return to Canaan	Joseph: Son to Slave	Joseph: Slave to Prince	Israel Goes to Egypt
Session 1 <i>Feb. 9 thru Mar. 4</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Tim Fry</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Stephanie Weeks</i>		K & Grade 1 <i>Amberdenise Puckett</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Brenda Collier</i>
Session 2 <i>Mar. 8 thru Apr. 1</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Brenda Collier</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Tim Fry</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Stephanie Weeks</i>		K & Grade 1 <i>Amberdenise Puckett</i>
Session 3 <i>Apr. 5 thru Apr. 29</i>	K & Grade 1 <i>Amberdenise Puckett</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Brenda Collier</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Tim Fry</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Stephanie Weeks</i>	
Session 4 <i>May 3 thru May 27</i>		K & Grade 1 <i>Beth Fry</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Lisa Metzkes</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Kevin Weeks</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Hollie Crofts</i>
Session 5 <i>May 31 thru June 24</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Hollie Crofts</i>		K & Grade 1 <i>Beth Fry</i>	Grades 2 & 3 <i>Lisa Metzkes</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Kevin Weeks</i>