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7 PRODUCTIVE THINGS TO DO WHILE IN QUARANTINE

1. Read my Bible
2. Pray
3. Watch (or listen to) online Bible studies
4. Call the elderly
5. Be mindful of lost souls
6. Send encouraging text messages
7. Put my trust in God



By Dan Jenkins

Holy Kisses, Holy Hugs and Holy Elbow Bumps

“By this shall all men know that you are my disciples because you love one another” (John 13:35). Love is seen in the way we react to each other as we meet and then as we later leave. The love of the father for the prodigal son was visibly seen as he rushed toward him. What did the father do to the barefooted son in ragged clothes who had been among the swine? He embraced him and kissed him. Contrast this with how the older brother reacted.

When Paul spoke of greeting one another with a holy kiss, he was not instituting a new form of greeting. Some focus only on the kiss, while Paul’s emphasis was on the nature of the kiss. The kiss of Judas in Gethsemane was far removed from being holy—it was hypocritical.

Kissing is only one way to greet. It varies in different cultures. Some reverently bow toward the other person with folded hands. In other places, there is kissing on the cheeks—either one or both. Then, there are those where greetings are shown by rubbing one’s nose against another’s. How each of these is done can show respect, honor or love. Paul’s emphasis was not on the kiss, but its genuine sincerity.

It is interesting to note how often the Bible talks about what happened after the kiss. Joseph revealed himself

to his brethren. The text says he embraced Benjamin, kissed all his brothers and “...after that his brothers talked with him” (Gen. 45:14). The kiss was just the beginning. It was what followed that really showed his heart. Think again of the kiss of Judas and what followed.

In Acts 21, Paul arrived in Jerusalem and greeted the elders. What happened next? “He told in detail the things God had done among the Gentiles.” The emphasis is not on the greeting but what followed. Paul greeted in writings. He greeted 24 people in just 13 verses in Romans 16. Culture often determines the nature of the greeting. The heart determines how sincere it is.

We see genuine brotherly love so often. Think of what spontaneously happens after one is baptized and is welcomed into the kingdom. You see it again when one is restored. It is seen in the compassion at funerals.

In recent days, we have experienced new ways of greeting. In view of the contagious virus, there are still shaking hands or embracing others. Far more will bump fists—where did that come from? Some teens bump toes as they greet. Who would have ever thought Americans would ever greet by bumping elbows! Remember there are holy kisses, holy hugs, holy fists, and holy elbows. It is what follows the greetings that matters!

Remember that it is what happens after we greet that truly matters



By David Sproule

Divorce Is No Joke

In our culture today, the increasing disrespect and disdain for marriage and for God’s perfect plan for marriage is seen in the practice, prevalence and praise even that is given to divorce. The more “old-fashioned” and “temporary” marriage has become, the more widely accepted divorce has become.

How should Christians respond to divorce today? Should we just go along with it in every instance and consent that “this is the way things are going to be now”? What does the Bible have to say?

First, when God first spoke about marriage, He commanded the man and woman to “cleave” to one another (Gen. 2:24). The word “cleave” is not talking about the agreement to marry but the exclusive and enduring nature of that commitment to one another. It carries the idea of welding or super-gluing one to the other. God sees marriage as permanent.

Second, when Jesus spoke about marriage, He came to the exact same conclusion. He stated very clearly, “So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate” (Matt. 19:6). Jesus is not in favor of separating, dividing, parting or divorcing of husbands and wives whom God has joined together.

Third, consider how one of the strongest words of

disapproval is used toward divorce in the Bible. Many know the text in Proverbs 6:16-19, which includes seven things that God “hates,” including pride, lying, murder and evil-doing. In general, our Lord hates all “lawlessness” (Heb. 1:9), which makes it all the more interesting that the Bible uses that word to describe God’s judgment of “divorce” or “putting away”—He “hates” it (Mal. 2:16).

Fourth, the Bible teaches that God restricts divorce and does not permit it “for just any reason” (Matt. 19:3). While some will divorce for just about any reason under the sun, Jesus gave one and only one reason for divorce. “And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery” (Matt. 19:9). If and only if one divorces his/her spouse for fornication, only then does a subsequent marriage not result in adultery. God condemns any marriage that involves either spouse who has been previously divorced for any reason other than the sexual unfaithfulness of a spouse.

Marriage is serious in the eyes of God. Divorce is serious in the eyes of God. May God help us to not be so drawn in to the whims and ways of our culture that we ignore, deviate from or tarnish the word of our God! There is a difference between being “old-fashioned” and being “God-fashioned”!

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By Josh Blackmer

Remain in the Ship

“The next day as we were being violently storm-tossed, they began to jettison the cargo; and on the third day they threw the ship’s tackle overboard with their own hands. Since neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm was assailing us, from then on all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned” (Acts 27:18-20). They were in a bad spot. Paul had told them that they shouldn’t have made the journey. It was late in the season to be sailing across the Mediterranean. Bad Nor’easter type storms came up quite frequently. There was grain and precious cargo to get to Rome. There was a schedule to keep. Now, they were in danger of losing their own lives. Hope was being abandoned. “When they had gone a long time without food, then Paul stood up in their midst and said, ‘Men, you ought to have followed my advice and not to have set sail from Crete and incurred this damage and loss. Yet now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, saying, “Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.” Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told” (Acts 27:21-25).

The waves and the danger are not in the ship.

Some tried to escape the ship in a smaller boat. “Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, ‘Unless these men remain in the ship, you yourselves cannot be saved’” (Acts 27:31). They were all eventually saved, just as God had said.

Sometimes the answer to our troubling time is simple. In this case, they just needed to remain in the ship. Paul was confident when he delivered God’s message to people that were losing hope. I can only imagine that it would’ve been a hard sell. Paul convinced them all to remain in ship.

Like those in Noah’s day, we have been given instructions to keep us safe. “Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Pet. 3:21). We are added to the boat via a simple act of obedience on our part (Acts 2:47). While we are in the boat, we do not need to fear those things that are not in the boat. The waves and the danger are not in the ship. So many things that would give us pause or cause fear are so insignificant compared to the church that keeps us safe in Christ. We sing and talk about not having fear—we should act like it.

In the ship, Paul was not reckless with the lives of those around him; however, he was confident in what God had promised. Are we allowing the fear that the waves in life may get into the ship; or are we confident in God, come what may?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“That his spirit may be saved”

We know that God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). We immediately identify that statement with God’s desire for non-Christians, which we also do with 2 Peter 3:9, knowing that “the Lord is... not willing that any should perish.” But does that desire apply only to non-Christians?

God wants all to be saved, and that includes Christians who have fallen into sin and strayed from the Lord. God’s greatest desire is for that wayward brother’s brethren to reach out to him, “restore” him (Gal. 6:1) and “save his soul from death” (Jas. 5:20). If such a person cannot be restored by diligent efforts, even the purpose of withdrawing fellowship is so “that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus” (1 Cor. 5:5).

Brethren, what are we doing to fulfill God’s desire for non-Christians and unfaithful Christians alike? Are we working to help them to be saved? – DS



The same in all the churches

When you look around at all of the denominations today, while some teach similar doctrines, most of them teach very diverse things. Of course, that’s the very reason that they are all in existence. If they taught the same thing, they would not be divided. Is that God’s design?

To the first-century congregation that was struggling with division, Paul made the singularity of his teaching very clear. Consider the collective impact of these inspired statements from the apostle’s pen: “...as I teach everywhere in every church...And so I ordain in all the churches... as in all the churches of the saints...as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also...” (1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17; 14:33; 16:1). Note carefully that what Paul taught in one church is what he taught in all churches. He did not change his message one iota in any place!

God’s design is for all people and all churches to “all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions” (1 Cor. 1:10). What would the landscape of religion look like if we all did that? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Lillian Bankston	Rehabilitation Center of the Palm Beaches (room 12)
Jordan Beasley	recovering at home from heart procedure
Betty Davis	recovering at home
Joe Holland	VA Hospital, being treated for an infection (NO visitors)
Ophelia Holmes	in a lot of pain
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Jon Jordan	has shingles and in a lot of pain
Lynne Jorgensen	at home but is very weak
Bettye King	recovering at home from surgery
Connye Plouffe	Martin Nursing & Restorative Care Center (room 204-A)
Mary Reeves	recovering from her neck and back surgery
Linda Studer	undergoing chemo treatments every three weeks
Ralph Williams	in the VA Hospital in Miami

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, suffering with Alzheimer's
Lucious Davis	Tonya Ross' father, diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, multiple health 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

All Events Are Subject to Change.

Sunday, March 22

- ◆ **Mount Dora Supply Deadline.** Place supplies in the Lobby. Gift cards to Publix or Sam's Club, checks (made out to Mt. Dora Children's Home) and cash are also helpful in buying perishable items.

Wednesday, March 25

- ◆ **ONLINE Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live."

Sunday, April 5

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

Friday, April 10

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

Thursday, April 16

- ◆ **Ladies' Day at Palm Beach Lakes** at 6:00 p.m. See Judie Jenkins for details.

Friday-Sunday, April 17-19

- ◆ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Proverbs: Tools for Skillful Living." Cost is \$40.

Saturday, April 18

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Magnolia Park** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The year's theme is "Diamond in a Rut." Cost is \$10. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, April 19

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Saturday, May 2

- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Empowered by God."

Sunday, May 3

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday, April 3

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

Saturday, April 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devotion** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. See Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, April 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Luann McLeod. See Keila McLeod for details.

Friday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 5

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Friday, April 3

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

Wednesday, April 8

- ◆ **Deadline to RSVP for Spring Formal.** Please contact Josh Blackmer to RSVP. Tickets are \$40.

Saturday, April 11

- ◆ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** See Ivan Villard or Taylor Reeves for more details.

Saturday, April 18

- ◆ **Sr. High Spring Formal** at 6:00 p.m. at the Jupiter Country Club. This year's theme is "A Night on the Red Carpet." Tickets are \$40. All attendees must abide by the dress code. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, April 26

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devotion** after evening worship.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 b Taylor Reeves	2 b Lorena Pittman	3 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Giselle Smith	4 ☆ Young Adult Devo b Jeannie Hamilton
5 ☆ North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Elizabeth Summerlot	6	7 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night	8 b Micky Affron b Jean Archer b Zula Garrett b Nadia King	9	10 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting a Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna b Anthioda Charles b Jennifer Higbee b Rose Martens b Stephanie Weeks	11 ☆ Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by Jr. High Youth
12 a Bill & Inell Ingram b Kaylani Carmona b Mendy Crews	13 a Alex & Stephanie Contreras a Henry & Be-reather Williams b Marcia Clough-Moss	14	15 a Aaron & Squadeina Ross	16 ☆ Ladies' Day	17 b Joseph Charles	18 ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Magnolia Park ☆ Sr. High Spring Formal a Jerry & Shirley Hopkins b Loni Fuller
					Father/Son Retreat at CFBC (17th-19th)	
19 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin b Katie Summerlot	20	21 b Kay Richardson	22 a Steward & Rowena Lynch b Jeremy Maloney b Amber Villard	23	24	25
26 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo b Helen Burney b Rick Hall b Ivan Villard	27 a Jordan & Marsha Beasley b Jessica Gibbins	28 b Kane Campbell b James Green	29 b Beth Fry b Terri Hahn	30		

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
March 15



Directory Changes

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Tracy Durandisse; Mr. Dylan Johnson; Mr. Milton Jones; Vonetta McPherson; Ms. Sherri Richmond; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; and Mr. Terry West.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Lorraine Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David & Kenva Barr, Humble, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Nick & Kimberly Dodd, Daniel, Crews, Conner & Baylor, Corinth, MS; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Miss Caroline Freund, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Amber Hammond, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Carol Hammond, Nashville, TN; Mr. Cole Hammond, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Heather James & Emily, Burns, TN; Ms. Reanna Johnson, Higdon, AL; Ms. Karen Jones & Trinity Wheat, Aylett, VA; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; Mrs. Laurie Oulton, South Haven, MI; Mr. Richard Perkins, Webster, TX; the Jon Reames family, Franklin, TN; Mrs. Julie Watson & Jonah, Winter Garden, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Williams, Nashville, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (March 22nd)

Christopher & Yolanda Stewart (Ann.)

Thursday (March 26th) cont.

Matthew King
Carmen Ruckman

Monday (March 23rd)

Betty Sanders

Friday (March 27th)

Jerry Hopkins
Jerry Pittman

Thursday (March 26th)

Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham (Ann.)

News & Notes

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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.

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Strengthen and defend your faith!

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).