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Living By Faith

by James S. Wells

I care not today what the morrow may bring,
If shadow or sunshine or rain,
The Lord I know ruleth o'er everything,
And all of my worry is vain.

Tho' tempests may blow and the stormclouds arise,
Obscuring the brightness of life,
I'm never alarmed at the overcast skies,
The Master looks on at the strife.

I know that He safely will carry me through,
No matter what evils betide;
Why should I then care tho' the tempest may blow,
If Jesus walks close to my side.

Living by faith in Jesus above,
Trusting, confiding in His great love;
From all harm safe in His sheltering arm,
I'm living by faith and feel no alarm.



By Dan Jenkins

God Is More Than a Rescuer

The story is told of a young child who foolishly had climbed on top of the house. It was a metal roof, years ago called a tin roof, and each piece was held in place by several nails readily visible. The boy slipped and was sliding down the roof and knew he would be injured when he fell. He remembered the Bible class he had attended just days before where prayer had been discussed. So, as he was sliding, he prayed, "God help me." Those words had scarcely been uttered and then were followed by these, "That's all right, God, I do not need Your help; my pants caught on one of the nails and stopped me."

That boy's response was like that of Pharaoh when the plagues came on the Egyptians. When the second plague of frogs came, the king called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Entreat the Lord...and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the Lord." God removed the frogs. "But when Pharaoh saw there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them" (Ex. 8:8, 15).

When the fourth plague of flies came it happened again. The king said, "I will let you go that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God...intercede for me." Every single fly was removed. "But Pharaoh hardened his heart again at this time also" (Ex. 8:28, 32). He was like the boy on the rooftop who

called out to God asking for His help, but when help came he told God to forget his first prayer.

I can imagine what might repeatedly happen in this land in the coming months in the lives of those who never have had a place for God. There will be those who will be in a difficult financial crisis and begin to pray to God for the first time. There may be those who have friends and family members who become infected with the virus and in desperation will pray to God. They may even make promises to God that if He will help them, they will serve Him forever. When better times come, they will say to God, "Forget it, God, I no longer need you."

Turning to the Lord is far more than crying out to a Rescuer when trouble comes. He is a Rescuer, but He is Lord. He is Master. He is the Ruler of all His creation. He is the only Way. He is the Shepherd who demands His sheep follow Him. We are not at liberty to select only those traits of God we like and ignore the rest.

Meditate on these two verses. "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears open to their prayers" (1 Pet. 3:12). "He who turns his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination" (Prov. 28:9). As trials are coming toward us, make sure you are serving Him before they arrive. God has His "nails of rescue," but He only promises them to those who serve Him all the time.

"That's all right God, I no longer need your help. I worked it out by myself"



By David Sproule

When Paul Was Quarantined: The Beauty of Christ's Church

Paul spent two years quarantined. Can you imagine? Paul spent two years quarantined as a Roman prisoner. Can you imagine that? That's a bit different than being quarantined in the comfort of your own home for a few weeks. Well, what did the apostle Paul do with himself for two years?

Scripture tells us what he spent much of his time doing: "he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God" (Acts 28:23). Paul focused on the church. He even wrote a letter to his Christian friends in **Ephesus** extolling and glorifying the beauty of Christ's church.

While in quarantine, Paul focused on the abundant blessings possessed by those in Christ's church. Paul wanted his friends to be reminded that "God...has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). He went on in this chapter to enumerate and emphasize a number of these blessings provided only to those in Christ's church. "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world...He made us accepted in the Beloved...In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins...In Him also we have obtained an inheritance...in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise" (1:4, 6, 7, 11, 13). Although isolated, there are numerous spiritual blessings available only to those in the Lord's church, which is the reason the first chapter

ends by describing the church as "the fullness of Him who fills all in all" (1:23). Do you focus on these exclusive blessings?

While in quarantine, Paul focused on the incredible unity enjoyed by those in Christ's church. The church is made up of people who were all, at one time, "dead in trespasses and sins" (2:1), but had been "saved" by the "grace" of God (2:4-9). The church is made up of people who were not only estranged from Christ (2:12), but were also estranged from each other and needed to be "brought near by the blood of Christ" (2:13) and reconciled "to God in one body through the cross" (2:16). Once in the church, these peoples from such varied backgrounds and even sharp enmity, all now "have access by one Spirit to the Father," all are "fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God," and all are "built together for a dwelling place of God" (2:18-22).

Although isolated, there should still exist a genuine unity and cross-shaped bond that ties us together no matter what. Do you focus on the unity of God's people?

Although Paul was separated from his dear friends in the church, he counted his blessings to be a part of God's family. In the rest of the letter, he focused on the amazing transformation experienced by those in Christ's church. What a glorious blessing to a part of the beautiful church of Christ. Let's not take it for granted! Let us glorify Him in it (3:21)!

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By Josh Blackmer

Executive Order of the Bible

There have been a lot of executive orders being handed down by our government lately. Those in power have been telling those subject to that power what they need to do to be safer as a community. What would it look like if the Bible was summed up as an executive order?

Whereas, in the beginning, the Lord, created the universe, the earth and all there in (Gen. 1:1-31), and

Whereas, God created mankind in His image (Gen. 1:27), and

Whereas, God provided a garden for Adam and Eve to eat of every tree in the garden with exception of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:16-17), and

Whereas, the serpent did tempt Eve, and she ate of the tree and gave Adam to eat of it, by that action sin entered the world (Gen. 3:1-6), and

Whereas, God punished them and sent them out of the garden and from His presence but foretold of One that would destroy Satan (Gen. 3:7-24), and

Whereas, man became exceedingly wicked, God punished the earth with water; only Noah, his family, and the animals were saved by building the ark (Gen. 6-9), and

Whereas, God chose Abraham to be the father of the Israelite nation, to bless them with land and to bless the world through one of his descendants (Gen. 12:1-3), and

Whereas, Abraham's descendants did become a great people, and God gave a law to govern them (Ex. 20:1), and

Whereas, this great people became a great nation; God blessed them with a king, David son of Jesse, and continued the seed promise given to Abraham through David (2 Sam. 7:11-13), and

Whereas, God sent His only begotten Son to be born of a woman, He was named Jesus who would take away the sins of the world (Luke 1:30-33), and

Whereas, Jesus made disciples, taught of the kingdom that would come, introduced a new covenant that would be ratified upon His death, burial, and resurrection (Matt. 16:18, 21; 26:28), and

Whereas, Jesus was crucified, buried, raised on the third day (Matt. 27-28);

Now, therefore, God, the Creator of the universe, now commands all men everywhere to repent, to be buried, and to be raised from water to walk in newness of life, a life lived in obedience and free from sin (Acts 17:30; Rom. 6:1-7; Rev. 2:10).

When it is written in this manner it is easy to see the power behind what God has done for us. We are subject to it.

All men are subject to this order.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Stay positive

According to my personal, unscientific research, it is often easier to be negative than it is to be positive. Why is that? Have you also found that to be true? We are heavily influenced by our environment. When you turn on the television or go online, would you say that the majority of what you see and hear is negative or positive? When you reflect on your personal life, do you sometimes focus more on the problems, aches, pains, fears, uncertainties, crises, arguments, etc. than you do the blessings, joys, hopes, promises, gifts and presence of God?

Of all people on this earth, Christians ought to be the most positive people anywhere. That doesn't mean that we can't have a bad day, or get stressed out, or be concerned about various circumstances. But, those of us who are in tune with Jesus have mountains of reasons to be positive in this life. Train your mind to think positively (Phil. 4:8). Train your words to speak positively (Ecc. 10:12). Let the salt and light of Christ-like living make the world around you a more positive place to be (Matt. 5:13-16). – DS



Macs and Windows PCs don't get along

We had a large video on an iPhone that we could not get to our computer for anything. We tried almost everything. Then, we found the solution. We had to download a third-party app that would transfer the video from the iPhone to our PC. Worked like magic. The apple iOS and Windows would not cooperate with each other at all! We had to get someone else involved!



Does that sound like any certain individuals that you know? Do you know people who cannot get along and cannot cooperate with each other at all? Maybe you could be that "third-party app." Maybe you could be the one that calms each side and brings about peace and reconciliation. Christians, by their nature, should be some of the best "peacemakers" that can be found (Matt. 5:9), because they belong to the "Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6), who brought peace between peoples who vehemently hated one another (like the Jews and Samaritans, and Jews and Gentiles). Let's help the Macs and PCs around us to find peace through Christ! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee	recovering from lung surgery
Betty Davis	recovering at home
Joe Holland	Heartland Health Care, treatments for an infection
Ophelia Holmes	in a lot of pain
Idara Ikon	has second degree burns on her leg
Bettye King	recovering at home from surgery
Sallie Moses	recovering at home from falling last week
Connye Plouffe	Martin Nursing & Restorative Care Center (room 204-A)
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
Conrad Mills	Tasha Ellis' brother, dealing with 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, April 5

- ♦ **ALL SERVICES WILL BE ONLINE ONLY.** Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live."
 - 9:00 a.m. **Family Bible Study (for ALL ages)**
 - 10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship**
 - 6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship**
- ♦ **Communion:** You can pick up the Lord's Supper from church on Friday, if you need it. Please come in the morning (9:00-11:00 a.m.) or afternoon (1:00-3:00 p.m.). Call ahead and it will be ready for you.

Wednesday, April 8

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

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.

Sunday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 16

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

Sunday, May 24

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Sunday, May 31

- ♦ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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.

Saturday, May 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 30

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Friday, May 1

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- ♦ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Josh Blackmer for details.

2020 VISION: SEEING WHAT GOD SEES

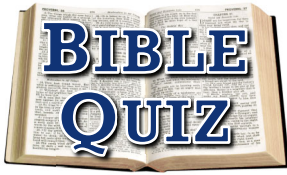


“BLESSED ARE THE EYES WHICH SEE THE THINGS YOU SEE” LUKE 10:23

April

SEE THE EMPTY TOMB

*“See the place where they laid Him”
(Mark 16:6)*



Various Viruses, Diseases, Ailments and Illnesses in the Bible

1. What was Job afflicted with from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head (Job 2:7)? _____
2. With what was Peter's mother-in-law sick (Luke 4:38-39)? _____
3. What did the father of Publius have (Acts 28:8)? _____
4. Of what had Simon of Bethany been healed at some point (Matthew 26:6)? _____
5. From what had Aeneas suffered before Peter came to him (Acts 9:33, KJV)? _____
6. What did the unnamed man in Luke 6:6-10 have before he was healed by Jesus? _____
7. What did the unnamed man in Luke 14:1-4 have before he was healed by Jesus? _____
8. With what were certain Philistines and Ekronites stricken (1 Samuel 5:12)? _____
9. From what did the woman, who touched the hem of Jesus' garment, suffer (Matthew 9:20)? _____
10. With what was the beggar Lazarus' body covered (Luke 16:20)? _____
11. Where did Asa develop disease in his old age (1 Kings 15:23)? _____
12. With what did Mephibosheth suffer (2 Samuel 4:4)? _____
13. Of what did Jesus heal Bartimaeus along the road outside Jericho (Mark 10:46-52)? _____
14. Of what did Jesus heal a man near the Sea of Galilee in Mark 7:31-37? _____
15. Of what convulsion-prone disorder did Jesus heal many (Matthew 4:24)? _____
16. As a result of his leprosy, where did Uzziah dwell (2 Chronicles 26:21)? _____

Sunday Worship Services

All services this week will be streamed live on our website:
 Sunday (9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (April 5th)
 Elizabeth Summerlot

Wednesday (April 8th)
 Micky Affron
 Jean Archer
 Zula Garrett
 Nadia King

Friday (April 10th)
 Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.)
 Anthioda Charles
 Jennifer Higbee
 Rose Martens
 Stephanie Weeks

Our Record

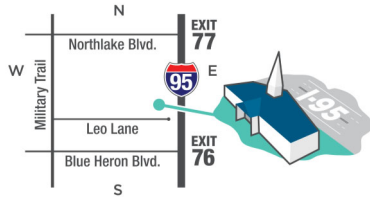
Attendance	<u>Mar. 29</u>	<u>Feb. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	NA	207
Sun. A.M. Worship	NA	321
Sun. P.M. Worship	NA	154
Wed. Bible Study	NA	166
Contribution	\$12,017	\$14,931
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$1,137		



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.

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What Jesus DID for YOU ...and why

He created you

(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

He came to this earth for you

(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

He died on the cross for you

(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

He shed His blood for you

(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

He was raised from the dead for you

(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

Because...

He loves you

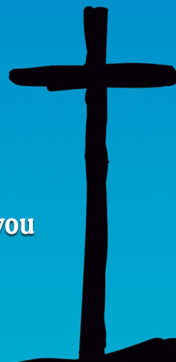
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

He wants to save you

(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

He wants to take you to heaven

(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)



What Jesus EXPECTS of YOU ...and why

Learn and know the truth (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

Obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

Believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

Repent (turn) from your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

Confess your faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

Be immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

Live faithfully and serve Him (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

So that...

You can prove your love for Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

You can be saved from your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

You can go to heaven (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)