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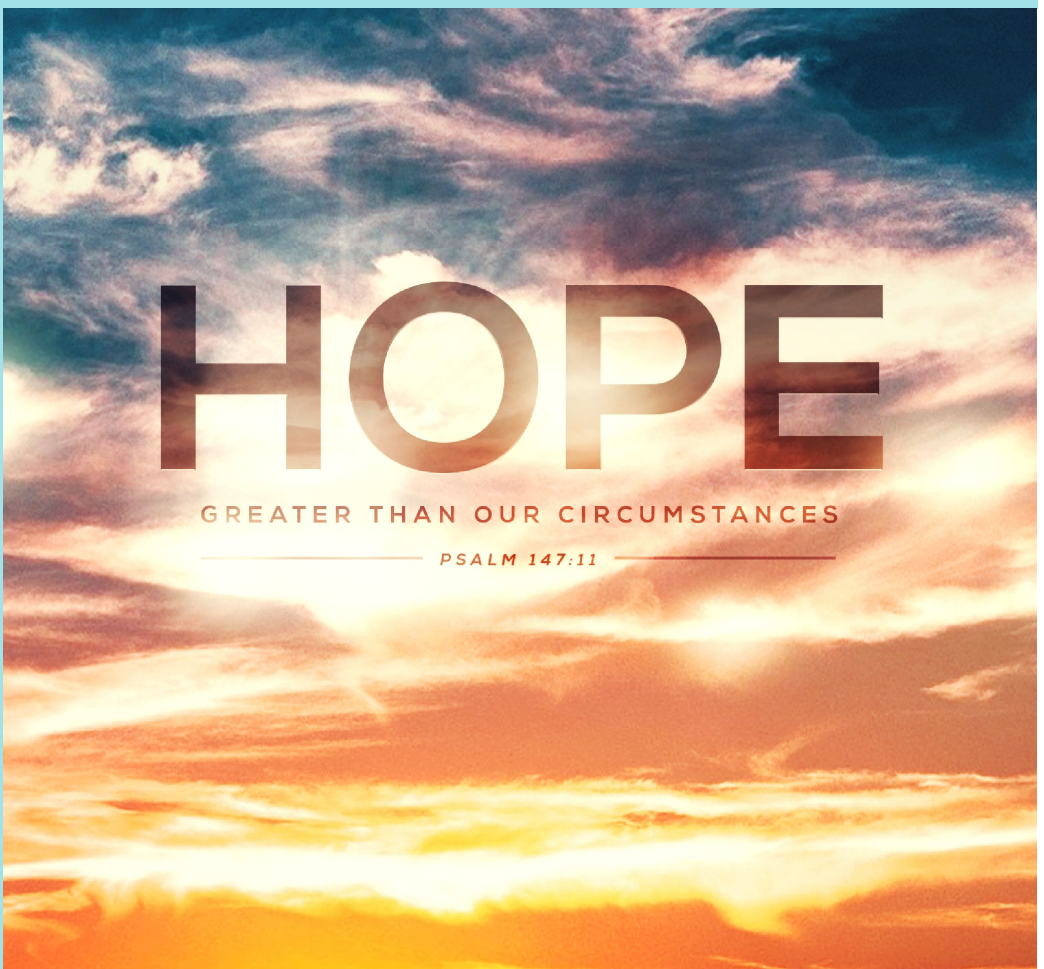


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By Dan Jenkins

Understanding the “Patriarchal Age”

We may have assumed too much about what we commonly call the Patriarchal Dispensation. While it is true that Abraham and the sons of Jacob are called patriarchs (Heb 7:4; Acts 7:8-9), God also calls David, who lived over 500 years after the Patriarchal Dispensation ended, a patriarch (Acts 2:29).

I was told as a child that during that ancient age God spoke to the fathers, but this expression is used to refer to the period of the Mosaic Dispensation when He spoke to the fathers by the Old Testament prophets (Heb. 1:1). The assumption I made was that God spoke first to “father Adam,” then spoke to “father Seth,” and then in each succeeding generation He spoke to each of the fathers one after another. I understand that God did communicate orally to men during that age but probably not in the way I once viewed it.

Last week in our in-depth Monday night study of the Bible, we looked at the ages of the ancient to see how much “overlap” that would have been by each of the twenty generations from Adam to Abraham. (By the way, this class is open to anyone who wants to come or who want to attend using Skype—just let me know.) We think the “begats” found in Matthew chapter one help us trace the lineage of Jesus, but Genesis chapter five has the “begats” from Adam to Noah and

Genesis chapter eleven has the “begats” from Noah to Abraham. One striking difference in the Genesis “begats” and Matthew’s “begats” is that Genesis tells exactly how old each person in the lineage was when each had his son. It is therefore possible to know the exact number of years there was from Adam to Noah and from Noah to Abraham. That Monday night study was so enlightening to all in the class. Consider the following truths revealed in the Genesis accounts.

God did not need to speak to every father during the Patriarchal Dispensation

(1) Adam lived for 930 years and obviously knew his children and grandchildren for so many years. What can easily be overlooked is that Enoch, who walked with God, could have known Adam for over 250 years before God took him. Even Methuselah (eight generations from Adam) could have known Adam for 66 years. By the way, Methuselah died the same year the flood came.

(2) Noah lived nearly 350 years after the flood came and Terah, the father of Abraham, could have known Noah for the first 44 years of his life. Shem, the son of Noah who was in the ark, lived so long after the flood that his life overlaps 120 years of Abraham’s life and twenty years of Isaac’s life.

Monday night classes are different and allow a deeper look into the text. We discovered more than this article discusses. It is a different class—come and see. I believe you would enjoy it. You can attend using Skype on your computer.



By David Sproule

Death Is Not of God

Often times, when a friend or loved one has passed, we are at a loss for words. We don’t know what to say, so we search for something we believe could provide comfort. However, sometimes what we say may actually confuse, complicate or even compound the grief. It is usually best to stick to short

expressions of our heart (ex: “I am sorry.” “I love you.” “I am hurting for you.” “I am praying for you.” “You are special to me.”), and it is best to avoid stating things that we do not actually know or cannot prove.

An example of that last category of statements is when we attribute what has happened to be of God. We may say something like, “God must have needed him more than we do. We just never know when God is going to call us up. It’s all in God’s good time.” When we say something that attributes a person’s death “to God,” we are stating something that we do not know, that we cannot prove, and is typically something that is outside the scope of Biblical teaching. Let’s consider God and death for a few moments.

“God” and “death” are two things that do not go together, Scripturally speaking. How do we know? We know that “death” is the consequence of man’s sin, not God’s actions. “The day you eat of it, you shall surely die” (Gen. 2:16-

17). “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). “Just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men” (Rom. 5:12). Don’t misunderstand. This is not stating that every death of a person is connected to their personal sin. No! But, it is connected to the introduction of sin into the world in Genesis 3. Sin brought about spiritual death and physical death. Thus, death is not the result of God’s action but of man’s choice in the Garden.

God is in the business to “give life”

Additionally, note that death is the result of Satan’s work and not God’s work. Jesus identified the devil as “a murderer from the beginning” (John 8:44). Death is to be laid at the devil’s feet and attributed to him, not laid at God’s feet and attributed to Him. God and death do not go together.

In fact, just the opposite is taught in Scripture. “God” and “life” (not death) are tied together in Scripture. God “breathed into [man] the breath of life; and man became a living being” (Gen. 2:7). “In Him was life” (John 1:4). God is in the business to “give life” (Rom. 8:11), not death. That is such a critical difference to understand.

“Death” is an appointment that we all have (Heb. 9:27), but that is because of man’s introduction of sin into the world at the working of Satan. We may not know what to say at death, but let us not attribute it to “the Prince of life” (Acts 3:15), who “gives life to all things” (1 Tim. 6:13).



By Josh Blackmer

A Message from a Friend

I started reading through her Facebook profile recently. I remember all these posts and at the time I remember thinking, “Man, she is kinda preachy.” But all the things she posted came right from her heart. All the injustice, people suffering, her love for God, her love for His creation and her love for her husband. At the time, I thought it was a little much. Now, what I wouldn’t give to read some more. In an effort to find comfort, I would like you to read some things my friend wrote.

“No matter what is happening right now in the world, our focus should remain on the promises of our Lord.”

“Singing praises to God and fellowshipping around a fire on a beautiful night at home. Even in trying times, opportunities like this bring a lot of peace.”

“Thankful for my church family. God knows our hearts. God is compassionate for us. He will take care of us! ‘And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you’ (1 Pet. 5:10).”

“Let your motivation to take action in any scenario to be love, not fear! ‘For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control’ (2 Tim. 1:7).”

“We should never get too comfortable in this world, our life can drastically change at any given moment. The disaster in Nashville is a perfect example of that. I don’t say this just because of a natural disaster or a bad accident that gets the world’s attention. People fail us, too. There can be extreme heartache and loss. We are not guaranteed anything in this life, no matter how good it may look or feel. As creatures of habit, sometimes we don’t think anything that bad will happen to us. The older I get the more I realize how materialistic, trivial, and vain we can be. Myself included. We shouldn’t live our lives in fear, but we should live with a deep understanding of what God’s will is for us. No excuses. Jesus paid a price and the truth is that we are ‘Lovable and Forgivable.’ Don’t take that for granted. Live with purpose. ‘For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal’ (2 Cor. 4:17-18).”

Share her light.

I hope you have found comfort in these words from my friend. I would encourage you to read and share her light with her family and those that knew her. She was a light, a great example, and a positive influence to so many. I truly believe that she is with her Friend now. She lived to be with Him one day. Let us follow her in that path.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Staying positive

Have you had enough? Are you “about up to here” with all that is going on? Would you say that your discouragement level has reached new highs in recent days? What can you do?

Staying positive is a hard thing to do...even for a Christian. Some non-Christians look at Christians and expect perfect peace and sunniness all the time, but such is not always the case. However, here is the truth—**Christians have more to be positive about than anyone else!**

It’s all a matter of perspective. Perspective involves *what* you choose to look at and *how* you choose to regard it. So, what if you chose to look at the “positives” of being a child of God more than you look at the “negatives” of being a citizen of earth? (Make a list.) What if you intentionally “turned off the inputs” of constant bad news and “turned on the outputs” of finding ways to do good to others? (Make a list.) What if you decided to say, “Thank you, Lord,” every time you look at a clock during the day? We have much for which to be and stay positive! – DS



Without the church?

How many times have you heard someone say it? Or, how many times have you said it yourself? Some tragedy happens, and as fellow Christians are working through it together, someone says, “I don’t know how folks in the world make it through times like this **without the church!**” Isn’t that the truth!?

Only Christians share a deep (and almost inexplicable) connection with each other through the blood of Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:16). Only Christians can possess together “the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding” (Phil. 4:7). Only Christians have the continual presence of Jesus Christ in their lives (Matt. 28:20). Only Christians live their lives together with their focus on a future home (Phil. 3:20-21). Only Christians understand, possess and jointly enjoy the hope that is found only in Jesus Christ, which acts as “an anchor of the soul” (Heb. 6:19-20).

Thank God for the church! **Where would we be without our brothers and sisters in Christ?** Unable to make it through life—that’s where we’d be! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Richard Haines	dealing with constant pain
Joe Holland	under Hospice Care at Brookdale
Inell Ingram	Jupiter Pavilion for rehab (No phone calls, please)
Dan Johnson	Heartland Health Care for rehab
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Robert Mariano	having trouble with skin cancer again
Tom Martens	Gardens Court for rehab (No phone calls, please)
Sallie Moses	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
Carolyn Preston	diagnosed with vertigo
Angie Seames	recovering from surgery on her Achilles tendon
Kevin Weeks	hospitalized with COVID-19, Steph & Mel recovering

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Linda Studer	chemo every three weeks

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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



Darin Summerlot and Tina & Daniel Wagner, upon the passing of Katie Summerlot, on Tuesday, August 11.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Rena DeVaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, under Hospice Care
Carolyn Miller	Marcia Clough-Moss' mother-in-law, Cleveland Clinic
Adrian Patterson	Deborah Lynch's mother, diagnosed with COVID-19
Noel Sinclair	back in the hospital, recovering from a stroke

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, August 16

- ◆ **Morning Worship for Last Names: A thru H** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Bible Study for ALL members** at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Morning Worship for Last Names: I thru Z** at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Evening Worship for ALL members** at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 17

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.

Tuesday, August 18

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.

Wednesday, August 19

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Meet in the Auditorium for a short devotional and the Family Prayer. All adults will stay in the Auditorium for class. See page 7 for children's classroom locations.

Saturday, September 12

- ◆ **CANCELLED: Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Please RSVP to Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

Sunday, September 13

- ◆ **Wayne Parker Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, September 20

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Sunday, October 11

- ◆ **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 Young Adults

Friday, September 4

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

Saturday, September 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Tuesday, September 8

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. See Cindy or Traci for details.

Saturday, September 19

- ◆ **Jr. High & Young Adult Bowling** at 4:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, October 2

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



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, August 23

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Friday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 19

- ◆ **Jr. High & Young Adult Bowling** at 4:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Equipping & Edifying Families

Wendell and Betty Winkler's Advice on Marriage



Wendell Winkler was a preacher of the gospel for over 60 years before his passing in 2005. He was a prince among preachers, and he influenced and trained hundreds of gospel preachers. He and his wife, Betty, were married for 55 years. On Valentine's Day in 2004, they responded to a request from brother Neal Pollard for some advice on marriage. Neal reported, "Their suggestions were broken into two categories, the first being positive things couples can do for their marriages and the latter being habits, actions, and attitudes that hurt a marriage. Here are the answers from a couple who seemed as happily married as any two people I have known."

Positive things:

1. Put your companion first.
2. Build the confidence of each other, never making the other feel inferior.
3. Maintain a beautiful togetherness [laugh, cry, plan vacations, and work together]. Walk through life together. Do not ride off in opposite directions [in interests, finance, recreation, etc.].
4. Adjust to your companion's interests [if he fishes, she learns to fish; if she loves to shop, he learns to shop].
5. Be united in your goals and aspirations [for your children, for your retirement].
6. Cooperate with each other [in disciplining your children, etc.].
7. Make your companion a partner in all things.
8. Be open, free, and uninhibited in your communication.
9. Close each day on a positive note.
10. Practice 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

Things to Avoid:

1. Excessive debt.
2. "Me" and "I" syndrome instead of "we."
3. Suspicion and distrust.
4. Failure to understand what is involved in "headship" and "submission."
5. Misarranged priorities.
6. Failure to be commendatory.
7. Failure to notice and apply the little things.
8. Refusal to eliminate annoyances.
9. Failure to keep romance in the marriage [never become too old to hold hands].

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



Sunday,
August 9

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Mark Clayton; Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Chance & Tara Blackmer, Hayden, Lillah & Charlotte, Valdosta, GA; Mr. John Daniels, Folsom, CA; Ms. Rebecca Daniels, Folsom, CA; and Mr. & Mrs. Allen & Sharon Morningstar, Fayetteville, AR.

Summary of Some PBL Members' Facebook Survey Questions for the Last Few Weeks

Here are the results of some "very scientific" surveys on The PBL Family Group on Facebook. PBL members prefer:

- Star Wars over Star Trek by 3-to-1 margin.
- Reese's over Snickers by 3-to-2 margin.
- Dogs over cats by 4-to-1 margin.
- The Beach Boys over The Beatles by 3-to-2 margin.
- TP over rather than TP under by 17-to-1 margin.
- Peanut M&M's over Plain M&M's by 3-to-1 margin.
- Printed book over e-book by 9-to-1 margin.
- Michael Jackson over Stevie Wonder by 2-to-1 margin.
- Dunkin' over Starbucks by 2-to-1 margin.
- Superman over Batman by 2-to-1 margin.
- Disney over Universal by 4-to-1 margin.
- Crispy bacon over limp bacon unanimously.
- They are evenly split on: Chocolate vs. vanilla ice cream; Monopoly vs. Mario Bros; and Elvis vs. Sinatra.

If you're a PBL member and not in The PBL Family Group on Facebook, join it today and stay connected and enjoy some fun together!

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (August 16th)
Tom Martens
Chad Morgan

Wednesday (August 19th)
David & Mary A. Jackson (Ann.)

Monday (August 17th)
Jonathan Swayne
Connie Tipton

Thursday (August 20th)
Josiah Blackmer

Tuesday (August 18th)
Benny Rodgers
Deboria Walker

Friday (August 21st)
Josie Dawson
Bettye King

Saturday (August 22nd)
Nicole Freseman

Sunday Worship Services

All Bible classes and worship services will be at the church building this week.

The 9:00 a.m. worship, 10:30 class and 6:00 p.m. worship will be webcast live from our website.

Worship Services for Sunday, August 16

9:00 a.m. Last Names: A thru H
10:30 a.m. Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Last Names: I thru Z
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship for ALL

Bible Class Locations

Adults Auditorium
Grades 6-12 Adult 1-2
Age 3-Grade 5 "Stepping into the Bible"
Toddlers Toddler Room
Babies Cradle Roll

Bible Class for Wednesday, August 19

7:00 pm. Meet in the Auditorium

Leading Singing Harrison Crotts
Invitation Josh Blackmer
Family Prayer Dan Fuller

(We will have a devotional, the Family Prayer, then be dismissed to classes)

Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 9	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	NA	108
Sun. AM Worship	176	178
Sun. PM Worship	79	91
Wed. Bible Study	112	110
Contribution	\$16,084	\$16,323

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

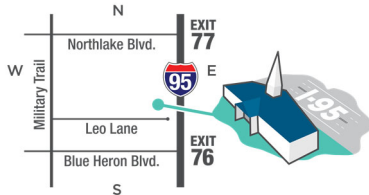
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$12,353



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Bible Classes..... 10:30 a.m.
Worship 11:30 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Darin & Katie Summerlot



Service Times for Sunday, August 16

*Please worship at your allotted time
in the morning.*

*Please observe proper social distancing
inside the building and sit only in
the designated pews.*

*If you feel that you are at high risk,
it is ok to stay home for now.*

**The 9:00 a.m. worship and 10:30 class
will be webcast live from our website.*

9:00 a.m.*

AM Worship: **Last Names: A thru H**

10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes for All

11:30 a.m.

AM Worship: **Last Names: I thru Z**

6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship for All