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Wayne Parker Mission Report

Sunday, September 13

**Wayne
Kristi
Spencer
Connor
Gavin
Piper**

Live and work with
the church in
Pohnpei, Micronesia
in the Pacific Islands



**Wayne will give a report
during our Bible Class hour at 10:30 a.m.**

Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults
will meet together in the auditorium.



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**For Information on
Our Service Times**



By Dan Jenkins

So What's Your Problem?

So has this COVID-19 impacted your life so much that it has weakened your faith and negatively impacted your spirituality? Before you get too discouraged, think about the lives of the saints who lived before you and what they had to face. COVID-19 has impacted us for about six months, but what they faced often lasted years, if not a lifetime.

If you are a young person, think of the problems faced by young people in the Bible and compare it to what is happening to you. Think of Daniel and his three friends in Babylon. They were forcefully taken from their homes and family and found themselves living among people who were so strange. They were given new names and told they had to eat food which violated their young faith. It was not a virus they faced but the fiery furnace. How does that compare with what you are facing? So, what's your problem?

If you are older and wish that things could be like they used to be, think about the older saints who returned from Babylonian captivity. The journey to Jerusalem was so dangerous that the king offered them his army to protect them. The city was in ruins. It was in such a condition that when they cast lots as to who would live in the city, the losers had to go there. The temple was rebuilt, and those older Jews who had seen

Solomon's temple wept when they compared their temple to that one. How does that compare with what you are facing with the virus? So, what's your problem?

As you think about the adversity you are facing take time to read Hebrews 11. The first part describes the trials faced by the righteous in their world. How does what you are facing compare with Noah's life in a world so evil that no one ever thought of God? Abraham left the modern city of Ur to spend the rest of his life in tents, and when his wife died, he owned none of the land and had to purchase a burial plot from others.

Read the last half of the chapter of the lives of those saints. "Still others had trial of mocking and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy." How does that compare with what you are facing? What's your problem?

Think of all Paul endured (2 Cor. 11:24-28). Yet, he looked at all of this adversity and described it as light affliction, lasting just a moment (2 Cor. 4:17). So how does your COVID-19 trial of six months compare to his lifetime of trials? So, what's your problem?

Never forget this truth. God is still on His throne!

Discouraged?
How does what you are facing compare to other's trials?



By David Sproule

I Meant to Say It at the End of the Sermon

A big frustration of some preachers is when they forget to make an important point during the sermon. Such was the case for me this last Sunday. While I remembered to emphasize it in the second morning worship, it slipped my mind in the first worship service. Please consider this carefully.

The sermon on "Seeing My Brethren the Way God Sees Them," based on Galatians 3:26-29, focused a good bit on "All Are ONE in Christ Jesus" in verse 28. By repeating the phrase, "there is neither... nor," this text stresses that there is no room in Christ for social discriminations of any kind. We then focused on ten applications to make from this passage.

In Christ, one's relationship with God and acceptability to God, AND therefore, one's relationship with me and acceptability to me has NOTHING to do with: **their nationality**—there is neither Jew nor Greek; **their social position**—there is neither slave nor free; **their gender**—there is neither male nor female; **their age**—there is neither old fogey nor young whippersnapper; **their birthplace**—there is neither northerner nor southerner; **their economic status**—there is neither upper class nor lower class; **their political views**—there is neither Democrat nor Republican; **their education level**—there is neither Ph.D. nor 7th grade education; **their**

native language—there is neither English speakers nor non-English; **their skin color**—there is neither black nor white. We serve a God who shows no partiality (Acts 10:34-35), therefore, His children must NOT show ANY partiality (Jas. 2:9).

Here is the thing to remember (and the point I forgot to make in the first sermon on Sunday) about God's use of the "there is neither...nor" argumentation in verse 28: **It goes both ways!** Sometimes, in a sermon like this, listeners who feel discriminated against for one of these ten reasons (or another) may think to themselves, "Preach it! Tell 'em! I hope brother or sister so-and-so is listening to this!" While discrimination in Christ is unacceptable, we must recognize that discrimination is not a one-way street!

Both the old and the young can be guilty of discrimination against each other. Both Democrats and Republicans. Both the rich and the poor. Both blacks and whites. Both men and women. When one person (or group) discriminates against another in the Lord's church, it is absolutely unacceptable. But it is equally unacceptable for discrimination to be shown in the opposite direction (which happens). Brother and sister in Christ, let us not hope that God's Word being preached has an impact on others before we first make sure that it has an impact on us personally. "Neither...nor" includes me in one way or another.

Unacceptable for discrimination to be shown in the opposite direction



By Josh Blackmer

Follow Me!

Have you seen that person that is so worried about what others are doing or not doing that they don't do anything themselves? Jesus said to Peter, "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go" (John 21:18). John tells us that Jesus was talking about the kind of death that Peter would glorify God with. This was followed by a strong, "Follow me!" from Jesus. Right after that comment Peter seemingly points to John and says, "What about this guy?" (John 21:21 paraphrased). Jesus responded with, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!" (John 21:22). Peter, after hearing about his death at an old age, asks about John. He could've pondered his own life a bit longer. He could've thought about a long life in service to his Master. Instead, he asks about how someone else is going to die. Jesus' response was simply, "What does that matter? Follow Me!"

We may have all been guilty at some point of focusing too much on what others are doing, how others are serving and forget that we have our own role to play in the big scheme of things. There are some problems that arise from that kind of

thinking. One is the comparison game. We could start thinking, "I'm not as good" or "I'm better" than whoever is in our sights. Obviously, this is a dangerous game. We either exalt ourselves, or we debase our work God has given us to do. Another issue is losing focus. Jesus got Peter's attention by saying, "Follow me!" We need to remember who we are following, and He has a work for us to do. I'm not promoting the idea that we are given a "calling" as some would espouse. However, "Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin" (Jas. 4:17). This is a good one. We know the good that we can do. Have we lost focus by all the people around us? Lastly, this kind of thinking can affect our motivation. Why are we doing or living the way we need to live? Is it to be better or as good as someone? It would be better to be motivated out of love and service (John 14:15).

A few verses to help us in perspective. "The whole body being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love" (Eph. 4:16). We all have our individual role. What is yours? When we are working, we need to remember, "But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment" (1 Tim. 6:6). These concepts, when applied, will keep us focused and so busy we won't have time or desire to worry what other people are or aren't doing.

"What about that guy?"

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

I need the vaccine

I don't know about you, but there is nothing I'd love more right now than the vaccine! Things would be so much better for everyone! It is the only way right now to bring about peace—collective peace for everyone and personal peace for me! Truly, without the vaccine, I am missing out on the best time of my life! I am separated from the best people on earth! I am cut off from all the greatest blessings of life! I just really need that vaccine!

Our personal attention and that of an entire nation (let alone, an entire world) have been laser-focused on the need and availability of a vaccine for COVID-19. However, the first paragraph was not written about a vaccine for the coronavirus but about THE VACCINE for sin! Reread that first paragraph. THE VACCINE that I need, you need, we all need so desperately is the gospel of Jesus Christ! It alone can bring about true peace (Rom. 10:15), give me an abundant life (John 10:10), reconcile me to the greatest people on earth (Acts 2:47; 1 Pet. 2:9-11) and provide me with all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3). IT is the vaccine we ALL need! – DS



When the storms of life come raging

Just like you, Jesus experienced storms in His life. To make it through our own storms, we would do well to follow His example.

One day, "when evening had come" (Mark 4:35), Jesus "got into a boat with His disciples" (Luke 8:22), "just as He was" (Mark 4:36), in order that they might "cross over to the other side of the lake" (Luke 8:22). "A great windstorm" (Mark 4:37) "came down on the lake" (Luke 8:23), and "the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling" (Mark 4:37), and they "were in jeopardy" (Luke 8:23). However, Jesus "was in the stern, asleep on a pillow" (Mark 4:38). How could Jesus sleep in "a great tempest" (Matt. 8:24), with "the raging of the water" (Luke 8:24)?

Jesus knew some things. Jesus knew that the pillow on which He slept, the boat in which He was riding, the friends who surrounded Him, and even the elements of the wind and water **all belonged to His Father**. In other words, He knew that His Father was in control and was watching over Him. Whatever might happen that night, He trusted His Father to care for Him! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Patricia Hackshaw	now at home, undergoing therapy
Joe Holland	will be removed from Hospice Care on 9/18, stabilized
Trudie Holland	having eye problems
Inell Ingram	in Courtyard Gardens of Jupiter
Dan Johnson	recovering at home
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Robert Mariano	recovering from two sinus procedures
Tom Martens	Select Specialty Hospital
Sallie Moses	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
Phyiona Patterson	recovering from surgery
Angie Seames	recovering from surgery on her Achilles tendon
Linda Studer	Jupiter Medical Center, infection & in a lot of pain
Kevin Weeks	recovering at home, slowly improving

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bethany Boggs	Gary & Angie Seames' daughter, gallbladder surgery
Rena DeVaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's father, melanoma cancer on his head again
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, under Hospice Care
Tommy Mann	Terry Mann's brother, hospitalized with lung cancer
Carolyn Miller	Marcia Clough-Moss' mother-in-law, cancer treatments
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing medical tests
Donald Smith	Traci Sproule's father, recovering from surgery
Terry West	Amy West's father, having surgery on September 16





Church Family Calendar of Events

All Events Are Subject to Change.

Sunday, September 13

- ♦ **Morning Worship for Last Names: A thru H** at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Wayne Parker Mission Report** at 10:30 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Morning Worship for Last Names: I thru Z** at 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Evening Worship for ALL members** at 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

- ♦ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. See page 7 for children's classroom locations.

Thursday, September 17

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Members of Group 3 will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible study.

Sunday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 24

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Members of Group 4 will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible study.

Monday, October 5

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 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.

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

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.

Saturday, October 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nicole Freseman. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Monday, October 5

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 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.

Tuesday, October 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller.

Monday, November 2

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

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.

Friday-Monday, September 25-28

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$50 per person. We will leave from the building at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and return on Monday. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 20.

Friday, October 2

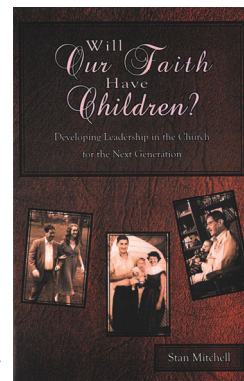
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***Will Our Faith Have Children?* by Stan Mitchell**

(An excerpt from pages 39-47 of this book published by Hester Publications in 2006)



Some kids grow up physically and chronologically; but not all kids are brought up. Some kids reach adulthood; not all kids mature in Christ. They will not achieve Christian character by accident. They must be taught and the primary responsibility for this lies, not with the church, but with the parents! How do we do it?

First, God's commands must be on our own hearts. You cannot teach your children that which you do not know; you cannot convey a commitment which you do not feel. Before they adopt it themselves, our children must see in us a commitment to God, his ways, and his church. What they fail to see in us will shout more loudly than what they hear from us...

Second, we must permeate our home with God's will. I appreciate it when I see on the wall a plaque that expresses some spiritual truth: "God is the head of this home, the unseen guest at every meal, the listener to every conversation." My grandmother had a large print (you have probably seen one) of an elderly man bowing his head in prayer, a simple loaf of bread on the table before him. It impressed me so much as a child that I now have a print (much smaller!) of the same painting...

In order to make this as practical as possible, may I suggest some areas where parents can be effective teachers of their children? I am aware that some of these ages are arbitrarily chosen. Every child is different, and one may advance more quickly, at a particular age, than another.

*Attendance: From the earliest age our children should know that worship and Bible class is the norm. If they were born into a Christian home, they should never have known a time when their family did not attend worship.

*Involvement: Allied to this, they should never have known a time when their parents were not vitally involved in the work of the church. It does not matter if a parent is an articulate person who can teach Bible classes or is a handyman who repairs widows' doors; children should believe that serving the church in some capacity is what Christians do.

*Devotionals in the Home: Take time for a daily *family* devotional. Keep a couple of hymnbooks at your house (buy them; don't take them from you-know-where!). Teach your children these songs by singing them. Use teachable moments. Your children will ask questions (often very insightful ones). If you need help, ask a wise and mature Christian whom you respect. Then get back with your child on the answer.

*By Age 5: By age five, children should know the books of the Old and New Testaments. They should have a basic knowledge of major Bible stories. They should be able (most of the time. Kids are kids) to sit quietly in worship. My advice is they work quietly on something appropriate, such as a Bible story coloring book. These days excellent resources can be found online such as Bible name word searches.

*By Age 10: Of course they can now read and write. Start them out by asking them to write three Bible verses given in the sermon, or three words they heard. Get them to draw a picture that relates to the lesson. Do not be ashamed to bring them back from sitting with their friends if they are influenced to misbehave. Any child can misbehave; it is up to the parent to train the child to better participate. By age ten they should be able to go beyond Bible stories to concepts, such as sin, grace, the church and so on.

*By Age 13: This is a key period in a child's life. A burgeoning interest in the opposite sex, a great sensitivity to embarrassment, and the opportunity (usually) to become a Christian. Teach the book of Acts, and especially how to become a Christian. Also teach them the need to be pure sexually, in the words they use, and with regard to harmful drugs. Teach them the danger of going along with the crowd, but also give them opportunities to form their own social group (a church youth group). Parents, become involved with that youth group yourselves. Don't leave your youngster's spiritual life entirely up to a twenty-three old youth minister. He needs (and deserves) help and support.

*By Age 18: Presumably here, or hereabouts your child is ready to leave for college. Hopefully he has been immersed into Christ. I think a balance is important here. Emphasize (once again) what we might think of as first principles (baptism, the organization of the church, worship, etc.). But also emphasize the heart of Christianity. Our young people need to know that we love the lost, love the poor, love God, and do so from the heart. Teach and demonstrate these qualities...

Kids need to be taught the following: Respect for their elders. Consideration for others. Keeping their word. Humility. Whatever one's hand finds to do, do it with all one's might. Fairness and compassion for those less fortunate. Love for the church. Love for God.

Especially the last two: Parents, please speak positively of the church before your children. Please do not give them the impression the church is there for our harsh, mocking derision. I am not saying the church is beyond criticism, but please be aware of eager, impressionable ears. And if I can put it kindly but clearly: If the Lord's cause is not number one in our lives, it is unlikely it will be number one in their lives.

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



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
September 6

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Caila Buonadonna; Miss Vanessa Cordero; Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; Miss Carmen Dussard; Mr. Damon Farrell; Mr. David Payne, II; Ms. Danielle Thunderhawk; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Mr. Terry West.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Jo Ann Campbell, The Villages, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday (September 14th)

Josh Blackmer
Taylor Hayes

Thursday (September 17th) cont.

Robert Lupo
Lisa Metzkes

Wednesday (September 16th)

Justilien & Adelene Honore (Ann.)
Peggy Hall

Friday (September 18th)

Marcia Kelley

Thursday (September 17th)

Mike Ellis

Saturday (September 19th)

Justilien Honore

Youth & Family *Singing* Sunday, September 13

After evening worship in the Family Room.
Every member is invited to stay and sing
for about 35 minutes.

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, September 13

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, September 16

7:00 pm. Meet in the Auditorium

Leading Singing Josiah Blackmer
Invitation Harrison Crotts
Family Prayer Nate Nelson

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

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Aug. 30</u>	<u>Aug Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	114	109
Sun. AM Worship	192	179
Sun. PM Worship	91	101
Wed. Bible Study	NA	108
Contribution	\$16,458	\$15,110

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$16,750

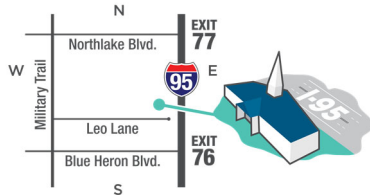
Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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: Gary Friedly



Service Times for Sunday, September 13

*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