Elders

Johnny Davis	307-4232
Dan Fuller	685-4454
Jerry Hopkins	818-7164
Paul Metzkes	870-8042
Phil Porter	575-4782
*Richard Watson	307-2608

stChairman for the Month of November

Evangelists

Dan Jenkins	.379-2325
David Sproule	301-2230
Josh Blackmer	319-1418

Deacons

Deacons	
Mike Archer	422-2995
David Brown	972-7608
Novel Brown	848-6988
Chuck Clark	627-4132
Victor Colage	719-1490
Lance Collier	793-2718
Kirk Crews	339-9283
Cam Crotts	214-3114
Mike Erickson	310-9916
Tim Fry	373-9121
Jeff Goodale	261-1188
Rick Hall	622-5131
Bob Higbee30	03-386-6405
Bill Ingram, Jr77	72-341-5463
Gary Jenkins	889-3585
Jeff Leslie	744-3444
Buzz Nelson	627-4890
Nate Nelson	801-9456
Jerry Pittman	389-2935
Shaun Tyson61	15-513-2045
Ivan Villard	422-5041
Kevin Weeks	386-4108

Church Office

Phone	561-848-1111
Fax	561-848-1198
Website	www.pblcoc.org
E-mail	office@pblcoc.org



Vol. LVIV

November 29, 2020

No. 48



- "She bore a son and named him Seth" (Gen. 4:25)
- "Hagar **bore** Abram **a son**; and Abram named his son..." (Gen. 16:15)
- "The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab" (Gen. 19:37)
- "The younger also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi" (Gen. 19:38)
- "Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age" (Gen. 21:2)
- "Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben" (Gen. 29:32)
- "She conceived again and **bore a son**" (Gen. 29:33) "She conceived again and **bore a son**" (Gen. 29:34)
- "She conceived again and bore a son" (Gen. 29:35)
- "Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son" (Gen. 30:5)
- "Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son" (Gen. 30:7)
- "Zilpah bore Jacob a son" (Gen. 30:10)
- "Zilpah bore Jacob a second son" (Gen. 30:12)
- "Leah conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son" (Gen. 30:17)
- "Leah conceived again and bore Jacob a sixth son" (Gen. 30:19)
- "She conceived and bore a son" (Gen. 30:23)
- "She conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er" (Gen. 38:3)
- "She conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan" (Gen. 38:4)
- "She conceived yet again and bore a son, and called his name Shelah" (Gen. 38:5)
- "So the woman conceived and bore a son" (Ex. 2:2)
- "She bore him a son, and he called his name Gershom" (Ex. 2:22)
- "His concubine also bore him a son, whose name he called Abimelech" (Judg. 8:31)
- "So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson" (Judg. 13:24)
- "The Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son" (Ruth 4:13)
- "Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel" (1 Sam. 1:20)
- "She became his wife and bore him a son" (2 Sam. 11:27)
- "So she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon" (2 Sam. 12:24)
- "The **two sons** of Rizpah, whom she **bore** to Saul" (2 Sam. 21:8)
- "The sister of Tahpenes bore him Genubath his son" (1 Kgs. 11:20)
- "The woman conceived, and bore a son" (2 Kgs. 4:17)
- "Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh" (1 Chron. 7:16)
- "She conceived and **bore a son**; and he called his name Beriah" (1 Chron. 7:23)
- "She conceived and bore a son" (Isa. 8:3)
- "She conceived and bore him a son" (Hos. 1:3)
- "She conceived and bore a son" (Hos. 1:8)

The Old Testament records at least 35 times when a woman "bore a son"!

How did she know it was a son? How could she tell the baby's gender? God makes it very clear in the Bible that one's gender is obvious at one's birth!

By Dan Jenkins

The End of Demon Possession

In last week's article, we looked at the closing chapters of Zechariah which described the New Testament age. The prophet foresaw the piercing of the side of Jesus and the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost (Zech. 12:10). He also saw the smiting of the Shepherd in Gethsemane and the scattering

of His sheep (Zech. 13:7; Matt. 26:31).

He looked at the day when a fountain would be opened in Jerusalem and its healing water would cleanse the world of sin and uncleanness (Zech. 13:1). You know who that Fountain is.

Then, in Zechariah 13:2, the prophet revealed a truth that so many have not seen. He prophesied that when the Messianic age came there would be the end of demon possession. "It shall be in that

day...I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land" (12:7). It is tragic that so many have failed to see this prophecy. Many believe that people today are demon possessed, and Hollywood has popularized the concept of the exorcism of demons. Look again at this verse. God foretold the day when there would be an end to demon possession.

Demon possession is rarely found in the Old Testament. Perhaps they might have been included in the diviners and those with familiar spirits mentioned there, but this is far

different from those demons which possessed people in the New Testament and caused blindness, deafness, inability to speak, a child casting himself into the fire and superhuman strength to Legion. Demons could even be found in a heard of swine (Luke 8:30-32).

Those demons in Luke eight recognized that Jesus was the Son of God and that His work included casting them into the abyss of the bottomless pit (Matt. 8:28; Luke 8:31). They

knew it was eventually going to happen, but questioned Jesus if that time had fully come. Obviously, it had not, so they were sent into the swine.

Demon possession is rarely found in either the Old Testament or after the ascension of Jesus. Study Matthew 12 to see Jesus' discussion of what was happening as He cast out demons. He was doing this to bind the strong man (Satan) before the Lord

entered the house Satan possessed. Jesus entered that house and came out of Hades possessing the keys. Satan was ruined for he no longer could trouble men by the fear they had of death (Heb. 2:14-15). Study these passages carefully. Jesus had to visibly show, by casting out demons, that He and His apostles had power over Satan.

We misunderstand demons because we have been more influenced by false teaching (and movies) than by the Bible. Study the Bible more deeply. It is truly a light to us.



By David Sproule

Many Will Seek to Enter and Will Not Be Able

Many will seek

to enter into

heaven but will

not. Why not?

We misunder-

stand demons

because of false

teaching movies

we have seen

Jesus "went through the cities and villages" of Perea and was "teaching," while He was "journeying toward Jerusalem" for the last time (Luke 13:22). There were many things He needed to share with the people in these closing weeks of His life.

One message that resonated with "one" of His hearers was when Jesus spoke of "few" who

would be "saved" (13:23). Perhaps this follower heard Jesus say, "Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are **few** who find it" (Matt. 7:14). Perhaps He heard Jesus say, "For many are called, but **few** chosen" (Matt. 20:16). The response of Jesus is striking when the man asked, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" Jesus did not say, "No! What are you talking about?" In fact, Jesus emphasized the point even more.

The words of Jesus in Luke 13:24 are sobering! He answered the querist intensely, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able." Jesus emphasized that the way to salvation is "narrow" (i.e., difficult to navigate), and that one must "strive" (Greek word is *agonizomai*) or "agonize" in every way to enter that narrow door. So, the first part of Jesus' response to the man is affirmative: "Few will be saved!"

The second part of Jesus' response in this verse is just as affirmative. Jesus plays off of the word "few" who will be saved and focuses on the "many" who will not. Consider carefully what Jesus says: "Many (not a few!), I say to you (not someone else!) will seek to enter (a true desire and endeavor) and will not be able." How sad! How tragic! How sobering! Many will seek to enter into heaven but will not. Why not?

Some seekers will not enter heaven because they have been deceived by human doctrines and are following manmade religion (Mark 7:6-13). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they do not have a love for the truth and have instead believed a lie (2 Thess. 2:10-12). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they think that their own goodness or the goodness of their family will secure their entrance (John 8:31-59). Some seekers will not enter heaven

because they are led astray by the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches (Matt. 13:22). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they are gradually hardened by the deceitfulness of sin in their lives and don't even realize it (Heb. 3:7-18).

This is no joking matter! This is no "the preacher is too strict" matter! This is an eternal matter that caught a man's attention to ask, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" Jesus said, "Many will seek to enter and will not be able!"



By Josh Blackmer

Confidence in God's Provision

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe (Prov. 18:10). This is a lesson that Solomon learned from his father, David. Many of the Psalms are prayers to the Lord.

"Hear my cry, O God; Give heed to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call to

You when my heart is faint; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been a refuge for me, A tower of strength against the enemy" (Psa. 61:1-3). This is a Psalm of prayer. Many times, David had been in a "Lead me to the situation to cry out to God for help—in times of war, rock that is in times of personal sin, in times of family issues. higher than I" Over and over he faced many challenges. During those challenges, he always cried out to the Lord. From that he learned to trust in Him. We see his confidence in his prayer. "This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14). Similarly, in Hebrews, "Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward" (10:34).

It is faith that produces this confident hope. "Let me dwell in Your tent forever; Let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings. For You have heard my vows, O God; You have given me the inheritance of those who fear Your name" (Psa.

61:4-5). This is similar to "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:1-3). We trust the One that is the Good Shepherd. "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father

knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep" (John 10:14-15).

David understood the promises of God. "You will prolong the king's life; His years will be as many generations. He will abide before God forever; Appoint lovingkindness and truth that they may preserve him. So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may pay my vows day by day" (Psa. 61:6-8).

There are some lessons that we can draw from this today. God knows our dilemmas and cares (1 Pet. 5:7). We are to trust God and "know in whom we have believed" (2 Tim. 1:12}. We are to pray earnestly without losing heart (Luke 18:1). We can remember the mercies of God—His longsuffering and patience with us. That can motivate us to keep our vows just as Thomas declared, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). We can still say with confidence and trust, "lead me to the rock that is higher than I" (Psa. 61:2).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Do you know more than the devil?

While Satan was attacking the integrity of God in his denunciation of Job, the evil one actually revealed much about the providential care of God for His people. And, he was tipping his hand to show that even the devil knows and can see how much God blesses His people.

The devil knows that God has "made a hedge around" His children (Job 1:10). Did you know that? Read Psalm 139:5 and John 10:27-29.

The devil knows that God has "blessed the work of" His children (Job 1:10). Did you know that. Read Colossians 3:23-24 and Ephesians 6:7-8.

The devil knows that God has "increased" the "possessions" of His people. Did you know that? Read Matthew 6:33 and 2 Corinthians 9:8.

Do you know as much as the devil knows? Actually, as a faithful child of God, you know more! The devil thought that God's "servant Job" would "surely curse" God if his physical blessings were removed (Job 1:11). The devil was wrong! You are more blessed than Job ever was! You have even more reason to stand strong against the dumb devil! – DS

Your purpose, even from your mother's womb

We often quote Jeremiah 1:5 to prove that there is life in the womb. But have you considered the rest of the verse? God looked at the life in the womb, and even before his birth, God "ordained" Jeremiah to be "a prophet to the nations." Consider a similar statement made by the prophet Isaiah (Isa. 49:1).

The apostle Paul said that "God...separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles..." (Gal. 1:15-16). All of these passages emphasize life in the womb (before birth), but they also emphasize a desire of God for that life to grow to be used by



While there may have been some factors in place with Jeremiah, Isaiah and Paul in the womb that are a bit different than with us today, consider the fact that God still has the same desire for every baby, child, teen and adult today—to be used by God and to be used for God! We have been "created... formed...yes...made" for His "glory" (Isa. 43:7). Simple as that! – DS



Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jean Archer recovering at home

Glen Dawson recovering at home from a mitral valve procedure

Eva Fulton recovering at home

Terri Hahn diagnosed with leukemia

Lynne Jorgensen recovering from a medical procedure

John Loftis still dealing with severe back pain and weakness

Cheryl Milton dealing with some medical issues

Angie Seames recovering from surgery on her foot

Wesley Williams hospitalized last week but is recovering at home



The family of Sallie Moses, who passed away on Friday, November 20. The Funeral Services will be held at our building on Tuesday, December 1. The viewing will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by the funeral at 11:00 a.m.

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Inell Ingram Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)

Joel Ramirez dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames Daniel Johnson

Josie Dawson Don & Betty Matter

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

Shelley Dayman Ally Alberga's sister, nursing home, stage 4 kidney disease

Ron Fernander Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center

Perrethia King Bettye King's sister, still under Hospice Care

Doug Philips Jacqui Jenkins' brother, hospitalized with a spider bite

Lori Wolfe Mike Ellis' sister, tested positive for COVID-19



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

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

Thursday, December 3

 Ladies' Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange. See Traci Sproule for more details.

Sunday, December 6

- **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, December 7

 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.

Monday, December 7 (cont.)

 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, December 10

 Combined Family Group Online Zoom Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Wednesday, December 30

No Midweek Bible Study. Meet on Thursday, December 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 31

- Midweek Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Regular Bible classes will meet for children and adults (instead of Wednesday night).
- New Year's Eve Gathering at 9:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring your favorite games to play and some personal snacks for yourself. Singing in the New Year will begin at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 3

Every Member Present Sunday for class and worship.

Young Adults

Thursday, December 3

 Ladies' Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange. See Traci Sproule for more details.

Friday, December 4

 Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.
 See Michelle Franck for more details.

Saturday, December 5

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson. Bring sides, desserts and drinks. Wear some holiday themed clothing. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Monday, December 7

 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.



Friday, December 4

 Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.
 See Michelle Franck for more details.

Monday, December 7

• 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.

Sunday, December 13

◆ Jr. High & Sr. High Family Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All families are encouraged to come and hear about the plans for 2021.

Saturday, December 19

- Jr. High Mini-Golf & Ice Cream at 5:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.
- Sr. High Holiday Party at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Bob
 & Jennifer Higbee. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange.



Key Verses in Hebrews & James

Find these verses. Could you find some without a concordance?

1.	"It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."	
2.	"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."	
3.	"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword"	
4.	"If you show partiality, you commit sin"	
5.	"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."	
6.	"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled"	
7.	"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."	
8.	"Where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator."	
9.	"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."	
10.	. "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some"	
11.	. "but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."	
12.	. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."	
13.	. "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment"	
14.	. "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."	
15.	. "He takes away the first that He may establish the second."	
16.	. "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials."	
17.	. "Leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection" $$	
18.	. "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."	
19.	. "He who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death"	
20.	. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins."	
21.	. "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God."	
22.	. "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?"	
23.	. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above"	
24.	. "He always lives to make intercession for them."	
25.	. "has in these last days spoken to us by His Son"	

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



Sunday, November 22

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Dillon Airey; Mr. Damon Farrell; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Conley Brown, Tupelo, MS; Mr. & Mrs. Shea & Jordan Brown, Medina, TN; Mr. Jacob Campbell, Franklin, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Yvonne Clark, Chattanooga, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Eli & Kristen Dye, Addison, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller, Kennesaw, GA; Miss Lauren Fuller, Franklin, TN; Miss Kelly Hall, Dallas, TX; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Kay Jenkins & Halie, Abilene, TX; and Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Lindsey McPherson, Mason & Maddie, Nashville, TN.



ys <u>Sunday (November 29th)</u> to Aaron & Jennifer Walker (Ann.) Karen MacDonald

Regina Paul

Monday (November 30th)
Andres Fernandez

Wednesday (December 2nd)
Pat Brown

Wednesday (December 2nd) cont. Steward Lynch

Friday (December 4th)
Guadalupe Tipton

Saturday (December 5th) Troy Alberga Adrienna Gadson Janice Osborne



Thank you for your kind remembrance of me and my family during the death of my brother, Benjamin Smith. I am grateful for your kind expressions of sympathy. I will always keep you close in heart and prayers. May God continue to bless you.

Mary Brown



Sloan Davis placed membership on Sunday, November 22.

Sunday Worship Services

All Bible classes and worship services will be at the church building this week and will be webcast live from our website.

Worship Services for Sunday, November 29		
9:00 a.m Bible Class		
10:00 a.mMorning Worship for ALL		
6:00 p.m Evening Worship for ALL		

Dible cluss for Weathesday, December 2
7:00 pm Meet in the Auditorium
Leading Singing Ivan Villard Invitation Jimmie Banks Family Prayer Paul Metzkes

Rible Class for Wednesday December 2

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

Our Record					
Attendance	<u>Nov. 22</u>	Oct. Avg			
Sun. Bible Study	133	129			
Sun. AM Worshi	p 197	196			
Sun. PM Worship	o 93	107			
Wed. Bible Study	y NA	126			
Contribution	\$13,384	\$15,940			
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944					
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$17,841					

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



4067 Leo Lane Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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. Worship6:00 p.m. Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Cara Blackmer & Traci Sproule

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)