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**"Go into ALL THE WORLD
and preach the gospel to every creature."**

AROUND THE GLOBE

American Samoa, Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, China,
Cook Islands, Dominican Republic, Easter Island, El Salvador,
Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Israel,
Jamaica, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia, Nauru,
New Caledonia, New Guinea, New Zealand, N. Mariana Islands,
Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niue, Palau, Paraguay, Peru, Russia,
Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand,
Tokelau, Tonga, Trinidad, Turk Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu,
Venezuela, Western Samoa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

IN THE U.S. & AT HOME

Apologetics Press, House to House/Heart to Heart,
Douglas Alvarenga, Spanish Work, Mauricio Yegros,
School of Preaching Students, Assisting Local Congregations,
I-95 Banners, Print Pieces, Radio Program, Robert Lupo,
Tracts, TV Program, TV Spot Ads, HD Video Equipment,
"Silencing of God," "In Search of the Lord's Way,"
Salvation Mailout, Teen Mission Trips,
Car Magnets, I-95 Sign

17 years of Mission Sundays

How will the Lord continue to use us in 2021?



By Dan Jenkins

The Election Is Over—Now What?

Is it possible that we have lost focus in the midst of all the political turmoil seen in the last election? Can you recall a time when so many people felt so strongly about the choice of a new president and the direction each of them would take our nation? Social media has reflected the division in a land envisioned as being “one nation under God, indivisible...”

Is it possible that we have forgotten that “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20)? Those Old Testament saints understood this. Abraham left the luxury of an easy life in the city of Ur, and he and his family spent the rest of their lives in tents. By faith they saw the promises of God were in the future and “...embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Heb. 11:13). “They desire a better, that is a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them” (Heb. 11:16). Is it possible that we have lost sight of this fundamental truth and that God is ashamed to be called our God? We must never forget our true citizenship.

Paul says that we are soldiers of the cross and our lives demand that “we must endure hardship” (2 Tim. 2:3). He then describes the focus every Christian must have. “No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this

life, that he may please Him who enlisted him as a soldier.” Has the turmoil in our lives caused us to get entangled with worldly affairs?

How many Christians are there whose lives have centered on the election? Let me ask you a simple question. Have your posts on social media and conversations with others talked more of the affairs of this world than on the souls of the lost? Are you still seeing souls rather than the political ideas they hold? Are you one who has lost focus?

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So, what do we need to do about all that is happening? Hear the words of Paul again about that which is *first of all* in these matters. “I exhort first of all that supplication, prayers, intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority” (1 Tim. 2:1-2). Remember who the king was Paul had in mind—it was Nero Caesar!

What should we pray about? “That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” (1 Tim. 2:3). It makes no difference who won the election, we must pray for those in Washington—of both parties.

The next verse sums it all up. God “...desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” This is heaven’s focus on the world, and it *must* be ours. The destiny of our nation does not lie in converting others to our political persuasion, but in converting them to Christ!



By David Sproule

Why Is “Virgin” a Dirty Word?

If your only source of information in the last forty years has been television and movies, then you would believe that there is great shame in being called a “virgin.” Teen-agers and adults in television and movies snicker at, laugh at, point at, mock, tease, shame and ostracize anyone who is believed

to be (or known to be) a virgin, and usually great pressure is put on that virgin to as quickly as possible lose their virginity. Again, if you’ve been raised with a steady diet of that kind of “entertainment,” then you may also have those same thoughts about virginity. Perhaps you have felt shamed or have shamed another in this matter.

However, I want you to know (not merely think or believe) that an unmarried virgin is held in the highest esteem by the God of heaven! Do you hear that? Do you believe that? Do you trust that? Think about this.

The whole thrust of the Old Testament message is that “Someone is coming.” More than 300 specific prophecies are made in the first 39 books of your Bible that foretell of the coming Messiah. One of those prophecies is found in Isaiah 7:14 and finds its fulfillment in Matthew 1:23. “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” On the very first page of our New Testament, we

read about a “virgin.” She was not mocked or teased for not having sex yet. Just the opposite! When God sent His angel to the “virgin,” the message delivered is striking: “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!...You have found favor with God” (Luke 1:26-30).

Question: Would Mary have been chosen to be the mother of Jesus if she was not a virgin? No! Isaiah 7:14 proves that. She could not have fulfilled God’s plan if she wasn’t a virgin!

Now, consider this. Why was Joseph concerned at all when he discovered that Mary was pregnant with a child that was not his? Did it matter to Joseph if Mary was a virgin or not? It most certainly did!

It mattered to Mary that she was a virgin! She had obviously saved herself for her husband. It mattered to Joseph that Mary was a virgin! He was ready to “put her away” when he thought that she was not. It mattered to God that Mary was a virgin! He would not have selected her if she was not. “Virgin” was not a dirty word in the Bible!

God looked down at a virgin girl and used the words “highly favored” and “blessed among women”! Friends, please ignore today’s “entertainment” industry! They don’t have a clue! Don’t be ashamed to follow God’s plan and find favor in His sight, even if it doesn’t bring favor in anyone else’s sight!

It mattered to God that Mary was a virgin!



By Josh Blackmer

Evangelism, Something We Can All Do

It is clear from the teaching of our Lord and His apostles that it is the imperative of the church to spread the Gospel message. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20). This directive we've been given we see played out so many times in the book of Acts. What is interesting is that it is not something that is reserved for just the Apostles or big names in the Bible. Ordinary men, women, and whole households were involved in those evangelistic efforts.

Early in Acts we see the majority of the preaching is done by the Apostles. However, a sermon that we have recorded in Acts chapter seven was preached by a deacon in the church, Stephen (Acts 6:5). Before that moment we had no idea who he was. He was a man who stepped out on faith, full of the Holy Spirit began preaching and doing the work. He was a great example of one with the faith of a mustard seed and what God was able to do through him (Matt. 17:20).

After the death of Stephen and the persecution that followed, we have a group of people that leave Jerusalem.

When they leave, they don't hide the beliefs that were dangerous to them. They don't stop talking about the very thing that caused them to flee. "Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). They were counted among those that put the fear of death aside for the joy of the gospel and continued share the saving message (Rev. 2:10).

People of all walks of life were involved in sharing the gospel.

There were families that helped with the spreading of the gospel. Cornelius, one who feared God before he even became a Christian, had his house full of people ready to listen to the gospel (Acts 10:27). "A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God" was one that shared in the work that took place in Philippi as she implored that Paul and his company stay with her and her family (Acts 16:15). The work that was done

there in that city was also accredited to her account as she was a fellow partaker in the work (Phil. 4:17). When Paul was in Thessalonica he had been staying in the house of Jason. That is where the mob went to find Paul. Not finding Paul, they dragged Jason out (Acts 17:5-6). We don't read of him shrinking from his faith after this. He was probably a part of helping Paul escape from the area.

Evangelism is something we can all do. Even with our families. We are armed with faith and the powerful gospel.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Taking offense at everything

Some people just get offended at anything and everything. Have you noticed? They are reminiscent of one of Jesus' disciples. Perhaps you've heard of him. His name was Judas.

During the last week of Jesus' life, Mary of Bethany came and anointed Jesus' head and feet with a costly fragrant oil worth a year's wages. Judas was indignant and scolded Mary for wasting something so valuable, which could have been sold and given to the poor (Mark 14:3-9; John 12:1-8). However, John tells us that it was not that Judas "cared for the poor, but because he was a thief" (12:6). Here was a generous, compassionate woman doing "a good work" for Jesus (Mark 14:6), and, of course, there had to be someone who took offense.

Are you someone who gets offended by the good deeds and good intentions of others? Be careful. So was Judas. Are others sometimes offended at good deeds that you do? Don't let their negative attitude affect you and stop you from serving the Lord. Keep your focus on Him! – DS



Today is a great day!

Every moment of every day (from the moment we wake up to the time we pillow our heads) should be viewed by every Christian as a great day! Not simply that it is "going to be" a great day, but that it "is" (right now) a great day! What's so great about every moment of every day?

I'm a Christian! I'm saved by the blood of Jesus! God loves me! Jesus loves me! I have a Bible with God's Word in it! I get to read my Bible! I get to talk to God! I have a church family, near and far! I'm alive! I have purpose! I get to serve the Lord! I have the saving power of the gospel in my possession! I have opportunities to make a positive difference in every person's life! I have more blessings than I can count, even when I don't realize it! I get to experience the wonderful creation of God all around me! God has been so good to me! God is watching over me and He is always with me! God has a place for me here and an eternal place for me there!

Yes, today is a great day! Every day is a great day! God, please help me to remember that! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Adrienne Banks	undergoing medical tests
Gorman Ericksen	undergoing therapy on his fractured shoulder
Charles Hayes	recovering at home
Joan Holloway	in Jupiter Rehabilitation and still has pneumonia
Dan Johnson	back at home, after being treated for an infection
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Betty Matter	now in Gardens Medical Center
Don Matter	in Gardens Medical Center with COVID-19
Cheryl Milton	dealing with some medical issues
Willie Smith	having back surgery on February 2

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Terri Hahn	leukemia
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

Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, back procedure on January 27
Shelley Dayman	Ally Alberga's sister, now under Hospice Care
Ronald Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Good Samaritan Medical Center
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, having severe health issues
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, recovering from a skin graft





Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, January 25

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, January 26

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Sunday, January 31

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!
- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Friday-Sunday, February 5-7

- ♦ **Mother-Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$40 per person. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Saturday, February 13

- ♦ **CANCELLED: Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.**

Sunday, February 14

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** Please have your photo taken by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Sunday, February 14 (cont.)

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

Monday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 3

- ♦ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Saturday, March 6

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do. See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for more details.

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

Tuesday, February 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jacqui Jenkins. Dinner will be provided. Please bring desserts. See Cindy Nelson for more details.

Friday-Monday, February 5-8

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Family Camping Trip** at Highlands Hammock State Park. Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby by January 24. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, February 12

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

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Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, January 24

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. Bring drinks or desserts.

Friday-Monday, February 5-8

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Saturday, February 13

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Jr. High Youth should arrive at 3:30 p.m. RSVP to Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Gai Ingram	3 b Jennifer Goodale	4 a Novel & Mary Brown a Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter b Rashana Green b Lilly Lolo	5 a Glen & Josie Dawson a Mike & Tasha Ellis a Joel & Jessica Ramirez b Maurine Reed	6 b Kenneth Long b Sherrie Tibbetts
					Youth & YA Camping Trip (5th-8th)	
					Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC	
7 b Connye Plouffe	8	9 a Joe & Janice Maloney a Rudolph & Verdell March	10 a Pete & Pat Brown	11 b David Brown	12 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Dave Holaday	13 a Eugene & Penny Williams
14 ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Jaime & Natasha Campbell-Flores a Marty & Leslie Williams	15	16 b Andy Anderson b Casey Commander b Pat Parnell b Laura Schuemann	17 b Julie Williams	18	19	20
21 b Lillian Bankston	22 b Lester Galloway	23 b Ricky Smedley	24	25 b Lisa Eutsey	26	27 b Chuck Milton
				CYC for Grades 8-12 (Feb. 25th-28th)		
28 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo a Marvin & Maggie Dozier						

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



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
January 17

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (January 24th)

Keila McLeod
Marisa Reeves

Tuesday (January 26th)

Jimmie Banks
Winifred Patterson

Wednesday (January 27th)

Christene Bean
Ed Buonadonna
Sasha Smith

Thursday (January 28th)

Joyce Parker
Lana Smith

Friday (January 29th)

Annie Faison

Saturday (January 30th)

Joyce Barnhouse
Dick Haines

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Shaunte Dempsey; Mr. Jesse Hover; Ms. Marie Telfort; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Wendy Barnes, Columbus, OH; Mrs. Amanda Benezra, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Nancy Hansel, Paris, IL; Mrs. Astrid Menendez, CA; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. Lawrence H. Richardson, Round Rock, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Beth Rosenblum, Mia & Mason, Huntsville, AL; and Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL.

News & Notes

This year's **Youth & Young Adult Family Camping Trip** will be February 5-8 at Highlands Hammock State Park. The cost is \$25 per person. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby by January 24. There will be a meeting after morning services on January 24 for all who plan to attend. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for more details.



We would like to thank the entire congregation for your prayers, love and support during our time of bereavement.

The family of Sallie Moses

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 9:50 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Morning, January 24

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading Orlando Lolo
Presiding at Table Dan Fuller
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Robert Mariano

Sunday Evening, January 24

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Graysen Hayes
Scripture Reading Josh Blackmer
Presiding at Table Jimmie Banks
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer TBD

Wednesday Evening, January 27

Lead Singing Dion Hayes
Invitation Cam Crotts
Family Prayer Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Jan. 17</u>	<u>Dec. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	150	144
Sun. AM Worship	213	197
Sun. PM Worship	115	118
Wed. Bible Study	126	121
Contribution	\$14,941	\$15,792

2021 Weekly Budget: TBA

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBA

Ushers for this week: Mike Damron (Head Usher); Mike Erickson

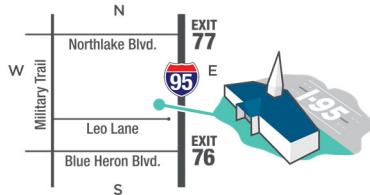
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

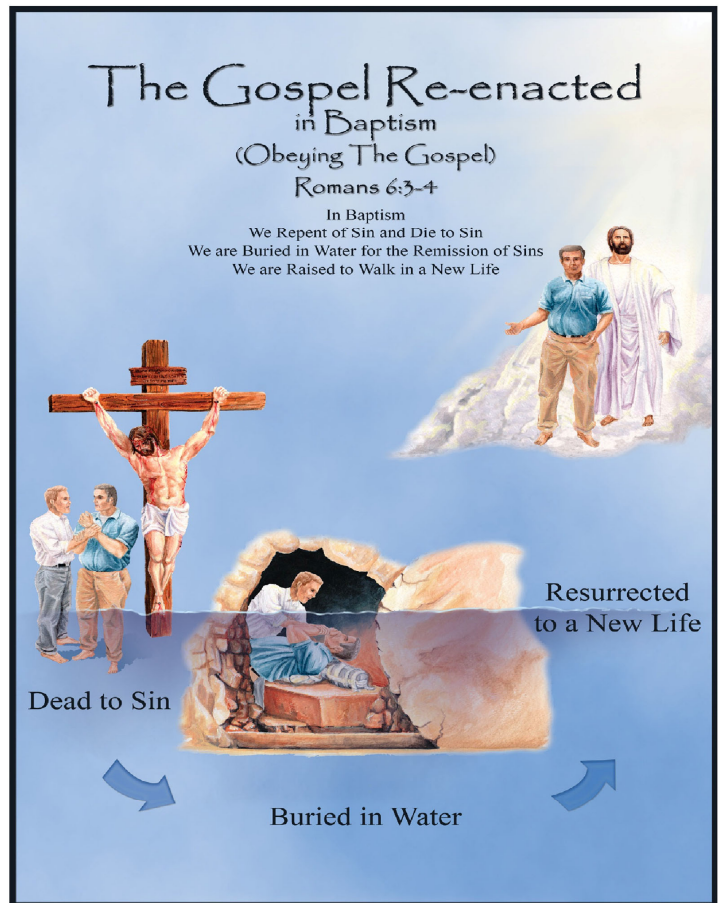
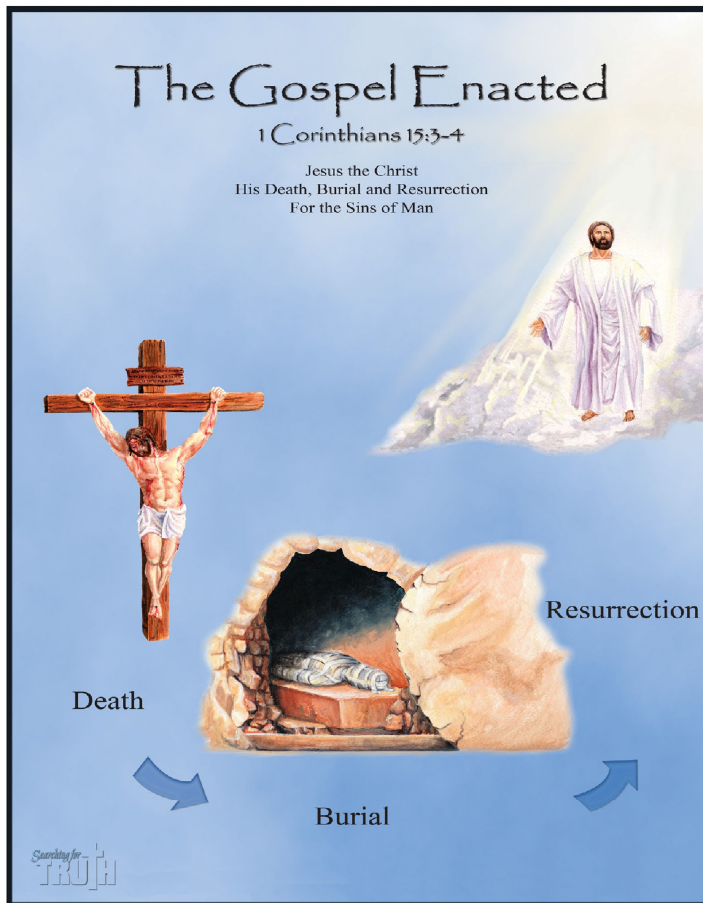
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: **Samantha Eutsey & Lydia Quinn**



(Chart from World Video Bible School, wvbs.org)