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Gospel Meeting

Change in this year's schedule

Previous Schedule

March 7-10
with Dan Winkler

(Dan is fighting cancer. Keep him in your prayers.)

New Schedule

March 28-31
with Neal Pollard

(Theme and lessons to be announced soon.)



By Dan Jenkins

Fret Not

Sometimes in our walk with the Lord we struggle simply because we do not understand the adversity that comes into our lives. It is not that we are about to lose our faith or leave the Lord. It is because we are perplexed about what is happening at the moment. It is remarkable how that at times like this, even the smallest troubles can cause so much stress.

Evidently, David had such times in his life, and his words can help us deal with frustration. The opening paragraph of Psalm 37 begins with the words, "Fret not." Eight verses later, David again tells us not to fret over matters. How do we deal with the complexity of our lives? Between the two "frets" David mentions four actions we should do which can really help us.

"Trust in the Lord and do good" (v. 3). One fundamental aspect of our character must be that we trust God. He knows! He sees! He cares! We become depressed and turn inward. These words of David point us in the other direction. Instead of pulling back and magnifying our problems, David reminds us to become active in our lives. The best cure for our frustrations is to look outward and, to use the words of Paul, "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).

It is not that we are about to lose our faith, but we have become so frustrated

"Delight yourself also in the Lord" (v. 4). Perhaps the cause of our frustration is that we have thought that true happiness comes from living a life without stress. A man once came to the Savior and was so troubled. Evidently his father had died and his own brother refused to share the inheritance. Think about these words of Jesus: "One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15). Yet, when we think that "things" are so important, we lose sight of the spiritual treasures and joy found in the Lord.

"Commit your way to the Lord" (v. 5). Remember Gethsemane. Jesus was so troubled with all that was happening, and He prayed to God. It is not wrong for us to pray even over the smallest matters. Yet, notice how Jesus ended His prayer. After asking God to remove that cup of suffering which lay before Him, the Lord said, "Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). The fretfulness of stress is overwhelming when we think we know what is the best way for us.

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him" (v. 7). Cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for you. Turn them over to God. Lay those burdens and patiently wait for Him. To paraphrase the words of Paul—do not be fretful about anything, but pray about everything and the peace of God will come to you to guide you (see Phil. 4:6-7). Wait for Him.

Brethren, hear His words—"Fret not."



By David Sproule

Miraculous Gifts of the Spirit Through the Apostles' Hands

The Bible has the answer to every question and every issue that a New Testament Christian will face today. We truly are "thoroughly equipped" (2 Tim. 3:17) with a clear understanding of "all things pertaining to life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3). Consider this question: Can Christians today possess the same miraculous gifts of the Spirit that Christians in New Testament times did? Can we prophesy, speak in tongues, heal the sick, etc. (1 Cor. 12:7-10)? Each of those "gifts" were given by "one and the same Spirit" (12:11). But, does He give those "gifts" to Christians today? Take time to consider the clarity of teaching in Acts 8:14-20.

Some Samaritans became Christians but had not received the Holy Spirit yet (Acts 8:16). We learn from this that the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit were not immediately endowed upon someone when they were baptized into Christ. They were saved by the blood of Christ (Acts 2:38; Matt. 26:28), but receiving a miraculous gift required something beyond baptism.

Two apostles were dispatched to Samaria (8:14-15). The purpose of Peter and John going to Samaria is not hidden from the Bible reader. They went down in order that the new Christians "might receive the Holy Spirit" (8:15). It's inter-

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esting that while Philip was an effective evangelist, he lacked the ability to impart the miraculous gift of the Spirit. Instead, the apostles sent two of their own to take care of this.

The apostles laid hands on the Christians to bestow the Holy Spirit (8:17-18). This is stated clearly in verse 17, but what was "the Holy Spirit" that they received? Was it merely a personal indwelling, or was it a miraculous endowment? The text states that "Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given" (8:18, emp. added). There was something perceptible about this gift, which distinctly identifies this as the miraculous. The visual demonstration of the Spirit is what intrigued Simon ("who previously practiced sorcery," 8:9), and he wanted to purchase that miraculous "gift of God" (8:20).

Note how often it is emphasized in this text the manner in which the miraculous gift of the Spirit was given. "They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit...through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given...anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit..." (8:17-19, emp. added). The text could not have made it any clearer that there was not another method of bestowal!

Can Christians today possess those same miraculous gifts? The answer is "no," and one clear reason such is not possible is that there are no apostles alive to lay hands on us.



By Josh Blackmer

Unity, You Keep Using That Word

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!” (Psa. 133:1). It doesn’t take much to understand this concept. Besides Jesus, unity is one thing our country could use. The unity that is being preached by the parties in control is not real unity. When people say “unity” these days, it is more like compliance with their system of thought. “We can be friends if you believe and think the way I do on everything” is the sentiment. Those that rule over this land will never unify. There would have to be a common good, the will of the people, and a common goal, the betterment of our nation. The only thing they seem to be in step on is greed. The need for power and money. In the end, it is a human institution. It is bound to have issues.

The church is quite the opposite. We must dwell in unity. This was something that Christ prayed for. “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me” (John 17:20-

23). It is clear that Jesus prayed for future believers and the unity that we should have in Himself and the Father. The purpose of that unity was “so that the world may believe that You sent Me” (John 17:23). Not only would we reap the benefits of dwelling in unity, but we would also be a testament to Christ and the Father.

The unity that we should be striving for is not unity with the world, with the government, or with a particular party. We will never be in unity with those human institutions. We should pray for them, “so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity” (1 Tim. 2:1-2). We need to be striving for unity despite the government and the world around us. Paul wrote, “Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4:1-3). The unity that we strive for starts with: (1) humility, each regarding the other more important than himself; (2) gentleness, not behaving in a contrary manner; (3) being patient and tolerant with the things that God would be patient and tolerant with; (4) displaying a love that wants the best for others. Those attributes coupled with a diligence to see it through is what the church needs to keep the division in our nation out. Don’t be guilty of divisiveness.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Convinced they’re right, but...

One of the most sobering passages in the Bible is found at the end of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 7. Jesus pleaded with His disciples to “Enter by the narrow gate,” because “many” will miss it and “go in” the wide gate “by” the broad way to destruction (7:13). Jesus used that same word—“many”—nine verses later to reveal what would happen on the judgment day: “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” (7:22-23).

These people had convinced themselves that what they were doing was right. And, without even considering that their actions could actually be wrong, they marched right into eternity without the Lord. Could we do the same thing today? Are we certain that what we’re doing is right *in the eyes of the Lord*? Rather than engage in actions that “seem right” (Prov. 14:12), let us engage in actions that are “the will of [our] Father in heaven” (Matt. 7:21). – DS



What’s my motivation for doing nice things?

Our world looks at “doing nice things for others” or “helping others” and sometimes asks, “Ok, well, what’s in it for me? What do I get out of it?” If we are not careful (as Christians), that same mentality can creep into our hearts. We must be vigilant to guard against it.

Jesus addressed this topic in Luke chapter 6, with three scenarios: “...if you love those who love you... if you do good to those who do good to you... if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back...” (6:32-35). Think about each of those. Those are the easy times to act, respond and do nice things for others—when it’s being reciprocated. But, to each situation, Jesus asked the same question: “What credit is that to you?” Then He affirmed that “even sinners” will do that, so what are you doing more than the average sinner?

My motivation in helping others should be higher than the average person. No wonder the verse right before these says, “Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise” (6:31). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Marie Achille	recovering at home
Mike & Jean Archer	still recovering from their accident and in a lot of pain
Adrienne Banks	still dealing with a lot of pain
Gorman Ericksen	undergoing therapy on his fractured shoulder
Annie Faison	under Hospice Care at her daughter's home in Miami
Patricia Hackshaw	undergoing physical therapy at home
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Betty Matter	recovering at home
Cheryl Milton	dealing with some medical issues
Willie Smith	recovering at home from back surgery



Eugene Williams, upon the passing of his mother, **Thelma Williams**, on Sunday, January 31.

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	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, going home from rehab soon
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, dealing with health issues
Ronald Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, still in Good Samaritan Med Ctr
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, testing for possible cancer
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, having severe health issues

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

Sunday, February 14

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, February 15

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

Tuesday, February 16

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

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.

Friday-Sunday, March 5-7

- ♦ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.** Cost is \$90. Register online at www.cf biblecamp.org.

Sunday, March 14

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

Sunday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 24

- ♦ **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 27

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** from 8:30 a.m. until noon to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do.

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

Sunday, February 14

- ♦ **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.

Tuesday, March 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Casey Bound. Bring your own dinner. Dessert will be provided. See Cindy Nelson for more details.

Friday, March 5

- ♦ **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, February 14

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

Thursday-Sunday, February 25-28

- ♦ **Challenge Youth Conference** for Grades 8-12 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Cost is \$75. Meet at the building on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. There will be a meeting on February 21 after morning services. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, February 28

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

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.

Equipping & Edifying Families



7 Ways to Have Spoiled Kids

1. Pick up after your kids instead of letting them clean up their own messes.

Sometimes it's just easier to clean up your children's messes rather than instructing them how to do it for themselves. It's hard, but resist the temptation. Instead, set aside enough clean-up time after playtime so you don't feel rushed. Then give each child one task at a time until everything is put in its place so they do not become overwhelmed. Let them know if they don't clean up, there will be consequences.

2. Let them boss you around and talk disrespectfully to you.

Spoiled kids can be master manipulators. They use words to induce guilt and to control their parents. As soon as this begins to happen, make sure you put your foot down. You have to let your child know what role you both play. As the parent, you must take charge.

3. Give them everything they want—even if it's not good for them.

Limits are absolutely necessary for everyone. Your child may not like them, but they are in his or her best interest. Parents must work as a team to draw limits for their children. There should be limits on what they wear, the movies they watch, the video games they play, the food they eat (the stuff you determine is not good for them), the music they listen to, and even the friends they should have. As your children get older, the limits can be extended in certain areas, but until then, parents must enforce the limits or else limits merely become suggestions.

4. Let them drop out instead of sticking it out.

When your child asks to quit an activity or sport, make sure you know his or her motive. Perhaps there is a good reason for the decision, but if children simply don't feel like putting forth the effort, they should not be allowed to quit. Many studies show that extracurricular activities help children learn valuable lessons or skills and can also help them academically.

5. Excuse their rude or bad behavior as just "kids being kids."

Since when did being a "kid" mean you can be rude, disrespectful, or careless in your actions? Age does at times go hand-in-hand with certain actions, especially when dealing with developmental behavior, such as crawling and toddlers. However, age should never be a blanket excuse for patterns of disrespect or disobedience.

6. Don't follow through on discipline.

When we ease off of an agreed-upon punishment or scrap it altogether, we are communicating to our child that our words don't mean much. So when you tell your child, "If you don't stop that right now, you'll go to your room," follow through.

7. Do everything for them.

As your children grow up, they should become increasingly self-sufficient. Unfortunately, it doesn't always work out that way, especially if they're used to you doing everything for them. Little by little, start to reinforce your child's independence and self-sufficiency by limiting the things you do for them. Teach them how to do those things and increase their responsibilities around the home. If they don't want to comply, limit the time they spend on the computer or watching TV. "He who does not work does not eat" is a good rule to live by in a family.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 7

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Silas Balfour; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Guerline Paul, Alabama; and Mrs. Julie Watson, Winter Garden, FL.



Directory Changes

Ivan & Amber Villard no longer have a home phone number. They are only using their cell phones.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (February 14th)

Jaime & Natasha Flores (Ann.)
Marty & Leslie Williams (Ann.)

Tuesday (February 16th) (cont.)

Pat Parnell
Laura Schuemann

Tuesday (February 16th)

Andy Anderson
Casey Commander

Wednesday (February 17th)

Julie Williams

PBL FAMILY PHOTOS
Sunday, February 14

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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, February 14

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading Phil Porter
Presiding at Table Dirk Summerlot
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Cam Crotts

Sunday Evening, February 14

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Ricky Smith
Scripture Reading Daniel Wagner
Presiding at Table Bob Higbee
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer James Green

Wednesday Evening, February 17

Lead Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Jeff Goodale
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 7	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	136	151
Sun. AM Worship	144	199
Sun. PM Worship	77	116
Wed. Bible Study	128	127
Contribution	\$14,750	\$16,069

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,055

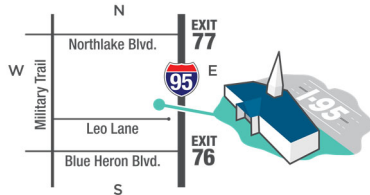
Ushers for this week: Vince Rogers (Head Usher); Lawrence Williams
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



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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: Tyler Williams, Taylor Hayes & Levi Nelson

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

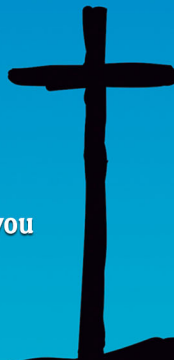
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

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)