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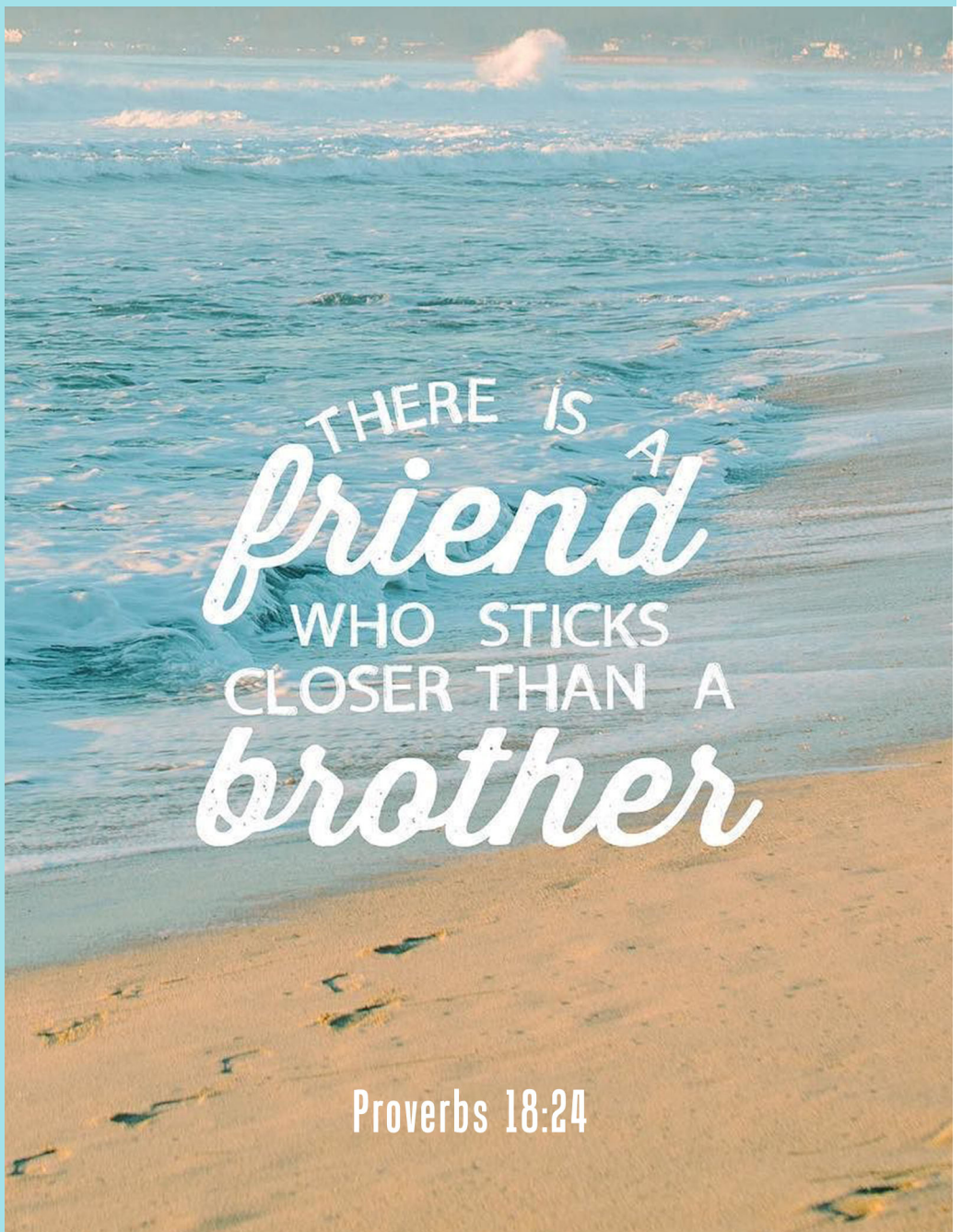


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Proverbs 18:24



By Dan Jenkins

Are You Really Listening to God?

The Bible places great emphasis on the importance of hearing, using the word “hear” over 500 times. Many times it is found in historical references, but when Jesus came He placed special emphasis on the way we hear. Since faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17), it is important that we make sure we listen when God’s word is speaking to us, building our faith and directing our lives.

It is true that there are at least two levels of hearing. The first level is when we are aware that someone is talking and while we may hear the words we really are not listening. What parents have not said to an older child, “I just told you what I wanted you to do—did you not HEAR what I said?” Obviously, the child heard, while at the same time they were not hearing what was being said. I wonder if God ever feels this way about us?

The importance of hearing on this second level is illustrated in the life of Mary as she raised Jesus. When the angel told her of the virgin birth, she was “...troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was” (Luke 1:29). There was no way she could understand the virgin birth, but having heard his words, she simply said, “Let it be to me according to your word.”

Even though she did not understand, she placed His words deep in her heart

Her perplexity is seen again after the shepherds told her what had happened to them. “But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart” (Luke 2:19). She was listening on that second level. When she heard young Jesus talk about being about His Father’s business, she “did not understand the statement when He spoke to them...but His mother kept all these things in her heart” (Luke 2:50-51). Our relationship with God depends on us, even though we might not fully understand, listening so intently that His words are kept in our hearts.

Jesus spoke so often about *using our ears* to hear (Matt. 13:9; Mark 4:23) and the importance of taking heed to *what* we hear (Mark 4:24). He added more when He spoke of the importance of taking heed *how* we hear (Luke 8:18). However, there is one phrase which deserved special emphasis. “Let these words sink down into your ears” (Luke 9:44). When God speaks, His words must never just enter into our ears on that first level. We must let His words sink down deep into our ears.

We must do more than read the words of the Bible. We must do more than hear words in Bible classes. We must do more than just sit and listen to a sermon. Great spiritual growth will never happen until we let the messages from heaven sink down deep into our ears, and like Mary, keep all these things and ponder them in our hearts.



By David Sproule

“As You Know”

It’s amazing that someone can be staring truth right in the face and yet be completely oblivious or even intentionally blind to it. Even more amazing is that such could happen in the face of Jesus Himself, yet that’s exactly what Peter accused the Jews of doing in Acts 2. Peter exclaimed, “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, **as you yourselves also know**” (Acts 2:22). Think about what Peter is telling those Jews – “as you yourselves also know.” *You know that Jesus did miracles! You know that those miracles had to be done by God! You know this yourselves, and yet you crucified Him! How could you?*

The reality is that such is still happening today. Not in the same way, with individuals rejecting Jesus to His face, but with folks rejecting the truth of His Word, and sometimes not even realizing it. I’m not talking about those who willfully reject Biblical truth out of defiant unbelief, but I’m talking about those well-meaning folks who read the Bible and study the Bible, but can stare a truth right in the face and completely disregard it and even argue against it. How is such possible?

The Bible says, “He who believes and is baptized will

Stare a truth right in the face and completely disregard it

be saved” (Mark 16:16). How many can read that verse and still say that baptism is not essential to being saved?

The Bible says, “Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone” (Jas. 2:17). How many can read that verse and still claim that faith alone can save?

The Bible says, “There is one body” (Eph. 4:4). How many can read that verse and still claim that God approves of more than one church?

The Bible says, “...[S]peak the same thing, and [let] there be no divisions among you” (1 Cor. 1:10). How many can read that verse and still believe that hundreds of divisions in faith and doctrine are approved?

The Bible says, “He takes away the first that He may establish the second” (Heb. 10:9). How many can read that verse and still teach that the Old Testament is binding today?

The Bible says, “The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night” (2 Pet. 3:10). How many can read that verse and still suggest that there are signs indicating the end?

The list of examples is almost endless. Friends, the truth is there in plain sight, “as you know.” We are responsible to accept and obey God’s truth, “as you know.” Let us put our personal preferences aside and fully follow His will today.



By Josh Blackmer

Will Your Faith Overcome the World?

There are events or moments in our lives that give us pause to think, “Am I going to get through this?” They seem to be bigger than anything we have dealt with. So, uncertainty creeps in. It is a natural response to the unknown. During those times, our faith plays a role in our determination and resolve.

There are thoughts in songs that highlight this idea: Faith Is the Victory, We Have an Anchor, Be Not Dismayed, Victory in Jesus, Safe in the Arms of Jesus, and Where Could I Go? Singing these reminds us of the Biblical truths concerning our faith. We will overcome.

There are many passages that help us with our faith. “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith” (1 John 5:4). “We who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil” (Heb. 6:18-19). As individuals, as families, and as a congregation, there is a great need to overcome the destructive forces of this world. Even our doubts and fears.

There should be reminders in our lives of what God has already done in our lives. “Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it Ebenezer, say-

ing, ‘Thus far the LORD has helped us’” (1 Sam. 7:12). This stone was a reminder of what God had done for them concerning the Philistines. The Passover was a reminder of God’s deliverance out of Egypt. The Lord’s Supper is a reminder of Christ’s sacrifice for our sins. Reminders are important. Have you set any up for yourself or your family? Do you talk about what God has done for you or your family with your loved ones or children?

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We need to be realistic with our expectations of this life. We quote Revelation 2:10 but just the last part about being “faithful unto death.” Rarely do we mention the first part about the fact that we will suffer in this life. But God has promised, “He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son” (Rev. 21:7).

In all these things, we need to “look to Jesus” (Heb. 12:1-2). “For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers” (1 Tim. 4:10). We must say, “I will put my trust in Him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me” (Heb. 2:13). We must have the resolve to “fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life” (1 Tim. 6:12). Always remembering, “thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:57).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

You are a saint

It is discouraging and a bit frustrating when a Bible word loses its meaning due to misuse of the word. The word “saint” is one such word. Unfortunately, one religious group has tainted the word to refer to a highly virtuous person who has died but was later canonized as a “saint.” Others think that only a perfect person is a “saint” — “What’d you expect! I’m no saint!”

But, aren’t you glad that Bible words have Bible meanings? A “saint” is another word for a Christian. The Greek word means “set apart for God, holy ones,” denoting children of God striving to be like their holy Father. Can you imagine being a Christian in the first century and receiving a letter addressed to the “saints” and to hear, “All the saints greet you” (Phil. 1:1; 4:22)? Or how about hearing that the Holy Spirit “makes intercession for the saints” (Rom. 8:27), or “the prayers of the saints” ascend “before God” (Rev. 8:3-4)? No, we’re not perfect! But, as a “saint,” we are set apart BY God and FOR God to become more LIKE God! What a great word! — DS



It is a joy to do right unto others

The first part of Proverbs 21:15 could (and probably does) have a dual meaning. The American Standard Version reads, “It is joy to the righteous to do justice.” The English Standard Version reads slightly different, “When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous.” According to the ESV, when the righteous see justice administered (perhaps by government or some other authority), it brings them joy, for the righteous are very interested in that which is right. However, the emphasis of the ASV, the KJV and the NKJV makes the passage a little more personal, by pinpointing the joy experienced by the righteous when they themselves “do justice.”

It is easy (and sometimes “enjoyable”) to retaliate, to react angrily, to return evil for evil, to seek revenge when someone has done us wrong. But, for the righteous, God says there is actually “joy” when we treat someone else fairly and do right to them (according to God’s standard, rather than the world’s standard). How much joy have you had lately in doing right to someone, particularly when they have not done right to you? Find God’s joy in that. — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike & Jean Archer	still recovering from their accident and in a lot of pain
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
Willie Smith	recovering at home from back surgery



Steven Livergood, upon the passing of his mother, **Gail Livergood**, on Tuesday, February 9.

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

Ronald Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, still in Good Samaritan Med Ctr
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

Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 23

- ♦ **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.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, March 7

- ♦ **Mount Dora Coin Cans Available** in the Lobby. Pick up a can to fill with change for Mount Dora. Please return by Wednesday, July 4.

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. See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for more details.

Sunday-Wednesday, March 28-31

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting with Neal Pollard.** More details coming soon.

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

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 Traci Sproule.

Friday, March 5

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

Saturday, March 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, April 2

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



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

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.

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ☆ Men Meet Monday Night b Willie Smith	2 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night	3 b John Patrick b Angela Walker	4 b Glen Dawson	5 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b John Hoelzer	6 b Susie Cox
					<div>Scrap the Weekend at CFBC (5th-7th)</div>	
7 ☆ Mount Dora Coin Cans Available b Justin Maloney b Bob Swayne	8 b Bereather Williams	9 b Bonnie Quigley	10	11	12 a Jim & Robin Davis b Marvin Dozier	13 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Bob & Jennifer Higbee b Vivian Blackmer b Leesa Schenk
14 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Begins b Mike Erickson b Michael Morning	15	16 b Tim Cox b Lynne Jorgensen b Sue Shelt	17	18	19 b Dion Hayes b Jermaine Smith b Ricky Smith	20 ☆ Jr. High & YA Bike Riding
21 ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship ☆ Sr. High Devo b Max Fonrose b Yolanda Stewart	22 a Christopher & Yolanda Stewart	23 b Betty Sanders	24 ☆ Prayer Meeting	25	26 b Matthew King a Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham b Carmen Ruckman	27 ☆ Congregational Work Day b Jerry Hopkins b Jerry Pittman
28 ☆ 2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin	29 b Martin Barr b Cruz Fernandez	30	31			
<div>Gospel Meeting with Neal Pollard (28th-31st)</div>						

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
February 14

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Silas Balfour; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Jettie B. Sweetenbury; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Joann Campbell, Sebring, FL; Ms. Ann Graham, Keystone Heights; Ms. Guerline Paul, AL; and Mrs. Julie Watson, Winter Garden, FL.

Thank You  notes

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (February 21st)
Lillian Bankston

Thursday (February 25th)
Lisa Eutsey

Monday (February 22nd)
Lester Galloway

Saturday (February 27th)
Chuck Milton

Tuesday (February 23rd)
Ricky Smedley

To My Dear Church Family,

I want to express my sincere heartfelt appreciation to each one of you, for the love and concern shown to me while I was in the hospital with the coronavirus and during my recovery period at the rehab center. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, and window visits meant so much to me. I miss all of you and pray we can all be back to worship services together in person soon.

In Christian love,

Joan Holloway

Thank you for all the love, compassion, understanding, appreciation, thankfulness and thoughtfulness. I love and thanked GOD for you all (Eph. 1:16). The prayers, coupled with the attempted visits, calls, texts, emails and cards were well timed and received blessings. Love you PBLCO.

Willie Smith

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 21

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Robert Mariano
Scripture Reading Lawrence Williams
Presiding at Table Richard Watson
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.

Sunday Evening, February 21

Lead Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Jerry Pittman
Presiding at Table Joe Maloney
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Harrison Crotts

Wednesday Evening, February 24

Lead Singing Josiah Blackmer
Invitation Ivan Villard
Family Prayer Johnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Feb. 14</u>	<u>Jan. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	136	151
Sun. AM Worship	162	199
Sun. PM Worship	95	116
Wed. Bible Study	117	127
Contribution	\$13,630	\$16,069

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$2,691

Ushers for this week: Victor Colage (Head Usher); Andy Fernandez

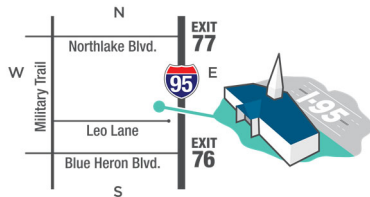
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks



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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: Julie Williams & Bree Solis



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*





This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.

First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

-  Speaking where the Bible speaks
-  Silent where the Bible is silent
-  Calling Bible things by Bible names
-  Doing Bible things in Bible ways

