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March 28-31	Gospel Meeting <i>with Neal Pollard</i>
April 15	Ladies' Day <i>with Brenda Weaver</i>
May 1	Power Up! <i>For Christian Men</i>
May 21-23	Biblical Creation Seminar <i>with Dr. Jeff Miller</i>



By Dan Jenkins

Until These Calamities Have Passed

The headings of the psalms are not inspired words from God but reflect the ancient concepts of what was occurring in the life of the psalmist when he penned that psalm. The heading of Psalm 57 describes the events happening in the life of David when he wrote the psalm—"When David fled from Saul into the cave." Regardless of when it was written, it shows us how David dealt with the most dire situations in his life.

David first looked at the most high God. In the midst of trials, God was one who "performs all things." David's God (and ours!) was not one who sat idly by when He saw His children suffering (verse 2). He is One who sends forth blessing of salvation from heaven and reproaches the enemies of those who threatened His children, attempting to swallow them up. He was the God who sends forth mercy and truth (v. 3).

David then looked around him and thought about his enemies. If the heading is accurate, King Saul had just returned from fighting with the Philistines and, upon learning where David had fled, took 3,000 soldiers to kill him (1 Sam. 24). David and his men had taken refuge in the recesses of a large cave when Saul approached the cave and went inside. David's greatest enemy was before him with thousands of soldiers just

outside the cave. Look at how David described them. They were the fiercest warriors among the sons of men. Their violent spirit was like coals of fire, their teeth were like spears and arrows and their tongues were like a sharp sword (v. 4). They had figuratively dug a pit into which David might fall and prepared a net to ensnare him (v. 6).

David knew that the calamities of his life would pass by. God was always with him.

David then showed his reactions to God's providence in the midst of ungodly men. "My heart is steadfast." His heart was anchored and firmly fixed on God and His nature. None of the adversity moved him. Instead of trembling with fear, David's heart was singing the praises of God. As each day dawned, the man after God's own heart loudly proclaimed His glory (vs. 7-9).

The psalm closes with words contrasting God and those fierce beasts of David's enemies. God was glorious, and His mercy and truth reached from David (in the recesses of that cave) unto the highest heavens. Read the events of what happened at the cave to see how God responded to all of this and delivered David.

Look again at the first verse. "In the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have passed by." Our lives are so often stressful and surrounded by adversity. When you find yourself in these circumstances never give up. We serve an eternal merciful God and all "these calamities" will pass by. Remember He is with you in your darkest "cave."



By David Sproule

People Don't Understand Why I "Go to Church" So Much

In 1988, DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince released their classic hip hop single, "Parents Just Don't Understand." The song regaled of how parents and teenagers are on two different pages and parents don't get why their kids do what they do. It was a memorable and entertaining piece.

The lyrics of the song came to mind when thinking of how faithful Christians try to explain to their friends, family members, neighbors and coworkers why they attend church services so often. Sometimes we get the question, "Why do you go to church three times a week? Isn't once a week more than enough?" One Christian was even asked if he was a really bad sinner and that's why he went to church all the time. We try to explain but folks "just don't understand."

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Folks just don't understand that we "go to church all the time" because we deeply love the Lord. We don't "go" because we "have to go." We "go" because we "long to go." The "greatest" thing we can do is to "love the Lord with all of our hearts" (Matt. 22:36-37), and our worship is THE premier time to do that. Why would I want to miss out on an opportunity to praise my God?

Folks just don't understand that we "go to church all the time" because we deeply love the Bible. The psalmist

wrote the longest chapter in the Bible (176 verses) about his greatest treasure on earth—God's Word. Twelve times in that psalm, he exclaimed his "love" (even "exceedingly") for God's Word, more than anything else. Assemblies on Sundays and Wednesdays are THE premier time for me to study and learn more of it with my brethren. Why would I want to miss out on an opportunity to spend time with and in God's Word?

Folks just don't understand that we "go to church all the time" because we deeply love our church family. One of the major blessings "in Christ" (Eph. 1:3) is being "set...in the body just as He pleased" (1 Cor. 12:18) and enjoying the "one another" relationships that we have in the church. "Going to church" is THE premier time for me to be with those whom I love so much. Why would I want to miss out on an opportunity to be surrounded by the family of God?

The Fresh Prince rapped about how the kids at school were "cracking up laughing at the clothes Mom bought" and "pointing and whispering as I walked down the hall." But here is what his mom told him at home: "If they were laughing you don't need them, 'Cause they're not good friends." It's ok for folks to ask you "why you go to church so often," but truly good friends will not mock you for it. Surround yourself with people who support you in your decisions, especially as those decisions relate to your faith.



By Josh Blackmer

Pardon Me

"One who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made. So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.' And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt" (Matt. 18:24-27). What relief to be pardoned of a debt so enormous as this man's debt! It is only by the grace of our Lord that we can receive such a pardon.

"Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:7). These words penned by Isaiah thousands of years ago are still true. Pardon is the only remedy for sin. The penalty for sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Since all have sinned, all need pardoned (Rom. 3:23). God is the source of the sinner's pardon. Since all sin is against Him, pardon must come from Him (Psa. 51:4). God was willing to pay the highest price for our sins. The cost of the pardon was great. "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21).

We should show gratitude for the immense debt that was forgiven us.

There are many passages where the apostles wrote about having received pardon. The first sermon preached in the kingdom was to provide information about this pardon and how to receive it (Acts 2:38). Paul wrote, "He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us, in all wisdom and insight" (Eph. 1:5-8). As Isaiah mentions an "abundant" pardon, Paul here mentions grace being "lavished" on us. That word means to "super-abound." This grace is not deserved or earned in any way. It is a gift of God (Eph. 2:8). However, obedience to the truth, that is the word of God, is required to receive the gift. "Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God" (1 Pet. 1:22-23).

We should live in a constant state of gratitude for the immense debt that was forgiven us. "For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great" (Psa. 25:11). God's act of pardon should be an example to us, "forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Constant in prayer

From the time that Nehemiah set out to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, there was opposition, namely from some neighboring officials named, Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem (Neh. 2:19-20). At every step of the way, they tried to interfere and stop the rebuilding. In chapter 6, they attempted a variety of devious and dishonest methods of discouraging and impeding Nehemiah. It's no wonder that in the middle of these stressful encounters that Nehemiah prayed this short petition, "But now, O God, strengthen my hands" (6:9).

Think about that prayer. It was not long. It was not filled with big words. It was not lofty and grandiose. It was simple. It was to-the-point. It was sincere. It was urgent. It was trusting. As you read through Nehemiah, that describes most of the times that he burst into prayer.

Think about your prayers. Nehemiah seemed to pray short prayers throughout his day, whenever He needed to talk to his God. That's not a bad practice. — DS



How's your happiness level?

Some people's happiness level goes up and down with (and like) the stock market, or fluctuates like (or with) the weather, or ebbs and flows with the words, attitudes and relationships of folks around them. In other words, a person's happiness level could vary (in these circumstances) throughout a typical day.

Will you read Proverbs 16:20 and think about it? Remember that Hebrew parallelism often (not always) restates in the second part of a verse what was stated in the first part of the verse but with a different emphasis. "He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he." Who is happy? The one who trusts in the Lord. Who trusts in the Lord? The one who heeds (gives thought to) the Word. What will one who gives heed to the Word find? Good...or stated another way...happiness.

Want to stabilize your happiness level? Solidify your trust in the Lord. How do you do that? Spend more time WITH Him... and IN His Word. Don't dismiss the solution because of its simplicity. — 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
Eva Fulton	undergoing treatments
Patricia Hackshaw	undergoing physical therapy at home
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Angie Seames	dealing with a lot of pain following her surgery
Willie Smith	recovering at home from back surgery
Patricia Ventress	in the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital



John Loftis, upon the passing of **his mother, Clarice Loftis**, on Friday, February 19.

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





Church Family Calendar of Events

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

Tuesday, March 2

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

Friday-Sunday, March 5-7

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

Sunday, April 4

- ♦ **Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults in the Auditorium.

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. Bring sides, desserts and drinks.

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.

Saturday, March 20

- ♦ **Jr. High & YA Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

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.

Saturday, March 20

- ♦ **Jr. High & YA Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop (50 Cocoanut Row, Suite 117; Palm Beach 33480). Bring a bike and your lunch. If you do not have a bike, bike rentals are available at our meeting location (Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop).

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - March, 2021

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 28

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	
Opening Prayer	Freddie Gadson	Jeff Goodale	Stephen Beliech	Novel Brown	
Scripture Reading	Rick Hall	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Vince Rogers	Orlando Lolo	
Presiding at Table	Victor Colage	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Jimmie Banks	Darin Summerlot	
Closing Prayer	Dan McLeod	Mike Archer	Kane Campbell	Gary Jenkins	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Jerry Pittman	Dion Hayes	Bobbo Lupo	
Opening Prayer	Bob Higbee	Richard Watson	Joe Maloney	David Lord	
Scripture Reading	Andy Anderson	Dion Hayes	Cam Crotts	Daniel Lord	
Presiding at Table	Dan Fuller	Mike Ellis	Paul Metzkes	Ricky Smith	
Closing Prayer	Eugene Williams	Greysen Hayes	Phil Porter	Johnny Davis	

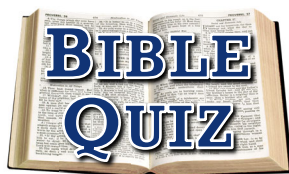
Technical Assignments					
Morning:	Computer	TBD	TBD	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
	Video	Scott Studer	TBD	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman
Evening:	Computer	TBD	TBD	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
	Video	Scott Studer	TBD	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Ushers:	Mar. 7 & 10	Mar. 14 & 17	Mar. 21 & 24	Mar. 28 & 31	
	David Brown	Victor Colage	Nahum Villard	Stephen Beliech	
	Dirk Summerlot	Ricky Smith	Daniel Wagner	Eugene Williams	
Safety Team	Andy Fernandez	Seth Watson	Jerry Pittman	Rick Hall	

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet at front of auditorium at 9:45 A.M. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.

Call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.



Answer These Bible Questions FIRST

1. What king had the first birthday party in the Bible (Genesis 40:20)? _____
2. Who was the first Christian martyr (Acts 7:57-60)? _____
3. What was the first commandment given in the Bible (Genesis 1:28)? _____
4. Who is the first person mentioned to build a city (Genesis 4:17)? _____
5. What is the first book of the Bible named after a woman? _____
6. Who is the first prophet mentioned in the Bible (Jude 14)? _____
7. Where did Jesus work His first miracle (John 2:1-11)? _____
8. What was the first of the ten plagues against Egypt (Exodus 7:14-25)? _____
9. Who told the first lie (Genesis 3:4)? _____
10. Who was the first priest mentioned in Scripture (Genesis 14:18)? _____

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
February 21



Directory Changes

Buzz & Kathy Nelson no longer have a home phone number. They are only using their cell phones.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (February 28th)

Marvin & Maggie Dozier (Ann.)

Monday (March 1st)

Willie Smith

Wednesday (March 3rd)

John Patrick
Angela Walker

Thursday (March 4th)

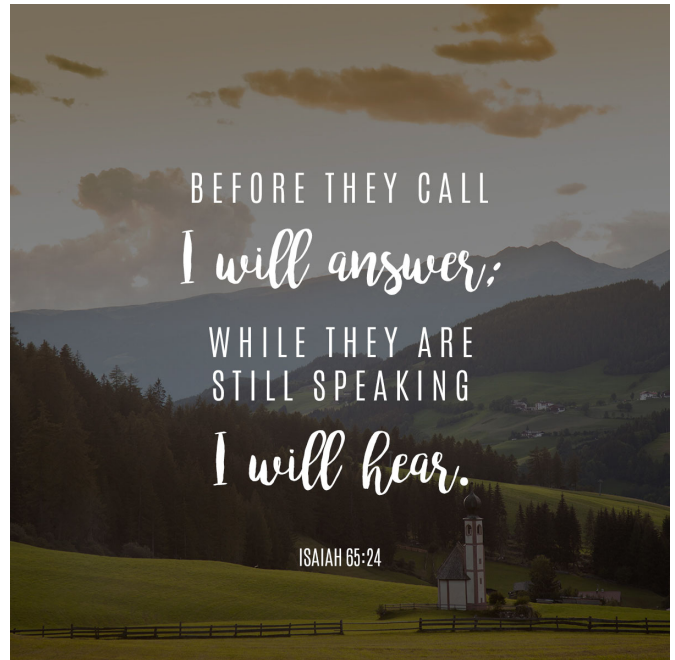
Glen Dawson

Friday (March 5th)

John Hoelzer

Saturday (March 6th)

Susie Cox



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 28

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer TBD
Scripture Reading Johnny Davis
Presiding at Table Novel Brown
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Josiah Blackmer

Sunday Evening, February 28

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading Darin Summerlot
Presiding at Table Stephen Beliech
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Dion Hayes

Wednesday Evening, March 3

Lead Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation Graysen Hayes
Family Prayer Dan Fuller

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Feb. 21</u>	<u>Jan. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	166	151
Sun. AM Worship	201	199
Sun. PM Worship	112	116
Wed. Bible Study	125	127
Contribution	\$15,747	\$16,069

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$3,444

Ushers for this week: Bob Higbee (Head Usher); Gary Jenkins

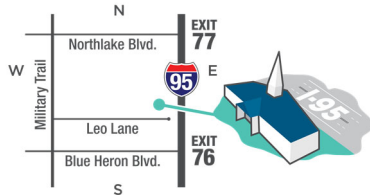
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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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**

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

