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"And [Adam] had **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 5:4)
"Seth...had **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 5:7)
"Enosh...had **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 5:10)
"Cainan...had **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 5:13)
"Mahalalel...had **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 5:16)
"Jared...had **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 5:19)
"Enoch...had **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 5:22)
"Methuselah...had **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 5:26)
"Lamech...had **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 5:30)
"Shem...begot **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 11:11)
"Arphaxad...begot **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 11:13)
"Salah...begot **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 11:15)
"Eber...begot **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 11:17)
"Peleg...begot **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 11:19)
"Reu...begot **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 11:21)
"Serug...begot **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 11:23)
"Nahor...begot **sons** and **daughters**" (Gen. 11:25)
"She has borne him **sons** or **daughters**" (Ex. 21:4)
"You shall beget **sons** and **daughters**" (Deut. 28:41)
"Zelophehad...had no **sons**, but **only daughters**" (Josh. 17:3)
"Besides her he had neither **son** nor **daughter**" (Judg. 11:34)
"Hannah...conceived and bore three **sons** and two **daughters**" (1 Sam. 2:21)
"More **sons** and **daughters** were born to David" (2 Sam. 5:13)
"To Absalom were born three **sons**, and one **daughter**" (2 Sam. 14:27)
"Sheshan had no **sons**, **only daughters**" (1 Chron. 2:34)
"Shimei had sixteen **sons** and six **daughters**" (1 Chron. 4:27)
"David begot more **sons** and **daughters**" (1 Chron. 14:3)
"Eleazar died, and had no **sons**, but **only daughters**" (1 Chron. 23:22)
"God gave Heman fourteen **sons** and three **daughters**" (1 Chron. 25:5)
"Rehoboam...begot twenty-eight **sons** and sixty **daughters**" (2 Chron. 11:21)
"Abijah...begot twenty-two **sons** and sixteen **daughters**" (2 Chron. 13:21)
"Jehoiada...had **sons** and **daughters**" (2 Chron. 24:3)
"Seven **sons** and three **daughters** were born to him" (Job 1:2)
"He also had seven **sons** and three **daughters**" (Job 42:13)
"The **sons** and **daughters** who are born in this place" (Jer. 16:3)
"Take wives and beget **sons** and **daughters**" (Jer. 29:6)

**The Old Testament records at least 36 times when (in the same verse)
"sons" and/or "daughters" were conceived, begot or born.**

*How did they know the difference? How could they 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

Our Constantly Changing World

Take a quick look at your world and it immediately becomes obvious that all that is around us is in a constant state of change. While the nature of man has not changed, the world in which we live is so different from the world of our grandparents. Imagine what former generations would think if they were transported into our world. It is so different from what they knew.

There is an interesting Greek word used to describe this change. In a historical setting, it was used to describe Jesus as He passed by Matthew, the tax collector, and called him to become a follower of Jesus. Matthew was sitting at his place, but immediately he left all to follow Jesus (Matt. 9:9). Jesus passed by and the situation was never the same.

It is used to describe Jesus' encounter with Bartimaeus, the blind man. As the Lord was passing out of Jericho, He opened his eyes (Matt. 9:27). Jesus continued His journey and the blind man was no longer sitting and begging. He followed Jesus. The world of all those who lived in Jericho was never the same because Jesus walked through their world.

One lexicographer illustrated the meaning of this word as seeing what happened in a panoramic picture as a movie camera scans what is before. As the action occurs, the

picture continually changes. This continuous change is emphasized when we note that this Greek word is in the present tense, indicating ongoing change.

With this in mind, consider the spiritual application made of this word. In 2 Corinthians 3, Paul described the face of Moses as it glowed after he had been in the presence of God. The veil Moses wore kept them from immediately seeing the change, but soon it was gone. Paul says that they could not see "what was passing away" (2 Cor. 3:13). That glory shown in his face was passing away. As Paul wrote these words, the glory associated with that law was about to end. Just 15 years after the apostle wrote these words, Judaism came to a crashing halt when the Romans destroyed the temple.

The same is true of our world. John described all that was in the world—the lust of the flesh and eyes and the pride of life—and says it all "is passing away" (1 John 2:15-17). This truth shows us the folly of investing our lives in the physical world. It is passing away.

Our world is constantly changing. Yesterday's world with all its problems does not exist. Can you think of anything which has not changed? I know of only one thing which never changes. "The word of the Lord endures forever" (1 Pet. 1:25). "Every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever" (Psa. 119:160). The world is changing, but He never does!

Think of the one thing is there in our world which never does change



By David Sproule

Look What Jesus Did When He Was Hurting

"C'mon, life! Gimme a break, would you!" Are you tired? Are you discouraged? Are you ready to give up? Does it seem like everything is against you? Are people and circumstances pushing you into deep loneliness or deep frustration or both? What should you do? Answer: Do what Jesus did!

Take a few minutes and think through the life of Jesus. What did Jesus do when He grew tired, discouraged, disappointed, lonely and frustrated? What did Jesus do when people and circumstances were out to get Him? There is much for us to learn.

When Jesus was awakened to the faithlessness of His friends, He went and helped two men who were having a really bad day (Matt. 8:23-32). When Jesus was told to go away and that He was not wanted (although He had just done a good deed), He went and cheered up another man (Matt. 9:1-7). When Jesus was interrupted and taken advantage of, He turned and was kind to the person who disrupted what He was doing (Matt. 9:18-22).

When critics continued to accuse Jesus for doing things they didn't like, He found a man who was hurting and made a positive difference in his life (Matt. 12:9-13). When His enemies were plotting against Him and trying to do away with Him, Jesus withdrew from them and helped some others

(Matt. 12:14-15). When some of those closest to Him were offended at Him, He still sought to do nice things for them (Matt. 13:53-58), and when they wanted nothing to do with Him, Jesus went and did good to another man (Luke 4:16-37).

When Jesus felt like He needed to pull back to Himself, especially after repeated frustrations and personal loss, He actually was moved with compassion for others who were hurting and He did what He could to help them, even serving them a meal (Matt. 14:1-21). When those closest to Him continued to struggle with various things, He went out of His way to encourage them and lend them a hand (Matt. 14:22-33).

Even in His darkest moment—when most people would surely have turned inward by now and would be focused on self and would be ready to give up due to discouragement and frustration—Jesus was concerned about others (Luke 23:34, 43) and Jesus was taking care of others (John 19:25-27).

What do we learn from Jesus? What does Jesus teach us to do when life seems unfair and falling in on us, when we get tired and discouraged and disappointed and lonely? The lesson that rings loud and clear throughout the life of Jesus is to get up, go out and... *Serve others. Do good unto others. Help others. When it would be easy to focus on self, instead focus on other people.* That's what Jesus did.

What did Jesus do when people and circumstances were out to get Him?



By Josh Blackmer

Trust In Him

Pew Research Center did a study on trust in a survey of 10,618 U.S. adults, conducted November 27-December 10, 2018. Here are some excerpts from an article describing the findings. “Moreover, some see fading trust as a sign of cultural sickness and national decline. Some also tie it to what they perceive to be increased loneliness and excessive individualism. About half of Americans (49%) link the decline in interpersonal trust to a belief that people are not as reliable as they used to be. Many ascribe shrinking trust to a political culture they believe is broken and spawns suspicion, even cynicism, about the ability of others to distinguish fact from fiction.

In a comment typical of the views expressed by many people of different political leanings, ages and educational backgrounds, one participant in a new Pew Research Center survey said, “Many people no longer think the federal government can actually be a force for good or change in their lives. This kind of apathy and disengagement will lead to an even worse and less representative government.” Another addressed the issue of fading interpersonal trust saying, “As a democracy founded on the principle of E Pluribus Unum, the fact that we are divided and can’t trust sound facts means we have lost our confidence in each other.”

Only God is most faithful, governments and mankind will fail us.

This was written before the COVID-19 pandemic, presidential election and other events that continued to erode trust. With social media algorithms also coming under fire for manipulating the information you see, trust is being eroded on all sides. What glimmer of hope that as Americans we could pull together and trust is fleeting? With the glut of information available, the responsibility is left to us to determine what is right and what is wrong. Everyone believes what tickles their ear or follows their own preconceived notions. What is our response to all of this? How do Christians act when trust in anything is at an all-time low?

First, we continue to portray Christ-like attributes in our lives. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). We don’t work and trust at a national level. We work with individuals pointing them to the true source of knowledge.

Second, we put our trust in God, not in man or manmade institutions. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight” (Prov. 3:5-6). We need to rely on God, not a government or municipality. We follow after the One that has the power of heaven at His disposal. Government has always done what is in their best interest. God’s promise is to keep us on a straight path.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“Where is your faith?”

There have always been challenges that have faced God’s people. This latest round of trials over the last year is nothing new for our Lord (cf. Ecc. 1:9). One question that we must ask ourselves is, “Where is our faith?”

This is the same question that Jesus asked His disciples in Luke 8:25, when they were being tossed and drenched by the great windstorm on the Sea of Galilee and came to Jesus under great distress. He took care of the storm and then said, “Where is your faith?”

Friends, in what have we placed our faith? Is it possible (just thinking here) that we have put our faith in our government, in a particular political party, in a particular presidential leadership, in a particular infectious disease expert, in a particular medical treatment, in a particular news outlet, in a particular social movement, etc., etc.? When Jesus asked the question, the purpose was to get His disciples to REFOCUS their faith exclusively IN HIM. Where is our faith? – DS



“Good and acceptable in the sight of the Lord”

There are a number of times when Scripture talks about something being “acceptable to the Lord.” Doesn’t that expression sound so appealing? Doing something that is “acceptable” in the eyes of the Lord. What a motivation! One such time is in First Timothy chapter two.



Verse three begins with the word “For,” which points back as an explanation to (i.e., a reason for doing) the first two verses. The text reads, “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved...” (1 Tim. 2:3-4). So, the wording demands this question: “WHAT is good and acceptable in the sight of the God?”

The answer: “...That supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority” (2:1-2). Do you pray for those in authority? Do you intercede to God on behalf of those in authority? Do you give thanks for those in authority? Only by doing ALL (see the word “and”) of these can we be “good and acceptable in the sight of God.” – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike & Jean Archer	still recovering from their accident and in a lot of pain
Adrienne Banks	not doing well, undergoing tests
Joyce Barnhouse	in Medicana Rehab in Lake Worth
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
Maurine Reed	fell and broke her foot
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



Tonya Ross, upon the passing of **her father, Lucius Davis**, on Saturday, February 27.

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

JoAnn Campbell	Tasha Ellis' mother, fell and broke her lower leg
Ronald Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, under Hospice Care at Lakeside
Julie Jenkins	Tina Wagner's sister, in the hospital in Melbourne
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, having severe health issues





Church Family Calendar of Events

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.
- ♦ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

Monday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 9

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

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.** This year's theme is "A Call for New Testament Christianity."

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	12:15 p.m.	Midday Bible Study
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	7:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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 (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).

Friday, April 2

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

Saturday, April 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Casey Bound. See Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, April 5

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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).

Sunday, March 21

- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. Please bring a dessert or drinks. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Friday, April 2

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

Monday, April 5

- ♦ **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.



IN MY FAITH
IN THE
UNIQUE NATURE
OF THE CHURCH

MARCH

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 28

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Silas Balfour; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. Jesse Hover Ms. Dannette Margarini; Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury; Ms. Marie Telfont; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Cory & Nicole Brown & family, Eagon, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Patty Kos, Pittsburgh, PA; Mrs. Astrid Menendez, CA; Mr. & Mrs. José & Yolanda Munoz, Hialeah Gardens, FL; Mr. Alphonso Paul; and Ms. Guerline Paul, AL.

News&Notes

There is a **Wedding Shower for Jacob Campbell & Lauren Fuller** on Sunday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon, Target and Wayfair.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (March 7th)

Justin Maloney
Bob Swayne

Friday (March 12th)

Jim & Robin Davis (Ann.)
Marvin Dozier

Monday (March 8th)

Bereather Williams

Saturday (March 13th)

Bob & Jennifer Higbee (Ann.)
Vivian Blackmer
Leesa Schenk

Tuesday (March 9th)

Bonnie Quigley



Labeling Night

Sunday, March 7

Begins at 5:00 p.m. in the
Family Room. Everyone is
encouraged to come and help out.

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, March 7

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Freddie Gadson
Scripture Reading Rick Hall
Presiding at Table Victor Colage
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Dan McLeod

Sunday Evening, March 7

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Bob Higbee
Scripture Reading Andy Anderson
Presiding at Table Dan Fuller
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Eugene Williams

Wednesday Evening, March 10

Lead Singing Harrison Crotts
Invitation Stephen Beliech
Family Prayer Dan McLeod

Our Record

	<u>Feb. 28</u>	<u>Jan. Avg</u>
Attendance		
Sun. Bible Study	145	151
Sun. AM Worship	196	199
Sun. PM Worship	121	116
Wed. Bible Study	101	127
Contribution	\$18,537	\$16,069

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,987

Ushers for this week: David Brown (Head Usher); Dirk Summerlot

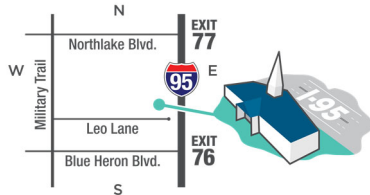
Safety Team for this week: Andy Fernandez



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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: **Josiah Blackmer**

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