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A Call for **New Testament Christianity**



Gospel Meeting
with Neal Pollard

March 28-31



By Dan Jenkins

Dealing With Preteens

Most individuals know the story of Jesus being separated from His parents because they accidentally left Him behind after observing the Passover. He was only twelve years of age, but this event shows just how sincere and devoted a preteen can be to God. Too often we overlook the ability of those of this age to be devoted to the Lord.

Look carefully at the words used to describe this time in the life of young Jesus. We sometimes think that this was the first trip Jesus made to the holy city, but Jesus grew up in a family in which from infancy God was first in the family. He had been circumcised on the eighth day just as God had commanded (Luke 2:21). The firstborn son belonged to God, for He bought them by the blood of lamb in the last plague in Egypt (Ex. 13:2), so forty days after His birth Jesus was brought from Bethlehem to the temple in Jerusalem and presented to God "according to the law of Moses" (Luke 2:22). The proper sacrifices were made "according to what is said in the law of the Lord" (Luke 2:24). "So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to...Nazareth" (Luke 2:39).

Jesus grew up knowing the importance of consistently doing what God said. "His parents went to Jerusalem every

year at the Feast of the Passover" (Luke 2:41). Think of the impact this had on Jesus in contrast to a modern child saying, "Are we going to Bible class this Sunday?" From infancy Jesus had been taught to do what God says all the time.

After three days of searching, Joseph and Mary found young Jesus in the temple. Read the text carefully. Mary said, "Your father and I have sought You anxiously" (Luke 2:48). Now look at how Jesus reminded them that He had another Father who had first claim over Him. "I must be about My Father's business." It is remarkable that "they did not understand the statement He spoke to them" (Luke 2:50). Twelve-year-old children really can have deep understanding of spiritual truth.

In response to Mary's words about their anxiety, Jesus simply implied that they could have avoided this anxiety and found Him much sooner had they realized that they had trained Him well. It is as though He said, "You should have known where I would be." The ESV reflects the impact of the Greek language when it says, "Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?"

Let me appeal to those who have younger children. Make sure the daily conversation in your home includes talking about God. Teach them by example the importance of worship and Bible study. Never underestimate the ability of preteens to have great spirituality. Make sure you do not lose your child.

Never underestimate the spiritual depth of those who are preteens



By David Sproule

Another Round of Stimulus

Here we go again. Many are waking up to find some extra money in their bank accounts. As with previous stimulus checks, many folks are excitedly looking for something they can do with their newfound money. What are you going to do with yours? Regardless of what you think about the relief bill and the government mailing out stimulus checks, for just a moment, think about a possible spiritual application.

Imagine if you woke up every morning and found that God had deposited a brand new, full amount of spiritual relief in your spiritual bank account. How would that make you feel? What would you do with it? While we would not necessarily use these terms to describe it, that is essentially what God does for us every day.

Every morning (as it were) God deposits a fresh, unearned, plush and infinite amount of **His love** into your account. Oh, what a blessing that is! It is truly a "great love" (Eph. 2:4), which is completely unsurpassed. It's rich, full and overflowing! And it's there just for you!

Every morning (as it were) God deposits a fresh, unearned, plush and infinite amount of **His grace** into your account. Oh, what a blessing that is! When you look at all the zeros on the end of God's grace, it is truly "exceedingly abun-

dant" (1 Tim. 1:14), which is completely indescribable. It's rich, full and overflowing! And it's there just for you!

Every morning (as it were) God deposits a fresh, unearned, plush and infinite amount of **His patience** into your account. Oh, what a blessing that is! It is truly "all" there (1 Tim. 1:16) and "enduring" (Jer. 15:15), which is completely undeserved. How we need God to be patient with us every day! It's rich, full and overflowing! And it's there just for you!

Every morning (as it were) God deposits a fresh, unearned, plush and infinite amount of **His forgiveness** into your account. Oh, what a blessing that is! As you look at it closely, it is continually flowing and continually cleansing you of your sin (1 John 1:7), which is completely overwhelming. It's rich, full and overflowing! And it's there just for you!

Obviously, the list of Divine blessings that are bestowed upon us abundantly and lavishly every day could go on and on. Can I ask you a question? Do those extravagant, undeserved and incomparable doses of spiritual relief "stimulate" you? Do they "stimulate" you to love the Lord, serve the Lord, sacrifice for the Lord, praise the Lord? Do they "stimulate" you to look for opportunities to share these abundant blessings with others? Finally, how much does it "stimulate" you to know that Someone else paid for you to get those "checks" every morning?

Every morning, God deposits a fresh, unearned, plush and infinite amount!



By Josh Blackmer

Consider the Bear: A Lesson From Nature

Often the Bible presents lessons from nature. “Go to the ant, o sluggard, observe her ways and be wise” (Prov. 6:6). For this lesson, let us consider the bear. During the winter they will spend four to eight months in hibernation, depending on the severity of the winter. During the months they are awake, they are consuming up to ninety pounds of food a day in preparation for hibernation. During hibernation, their heartbeat slows from fifty beats per minute down to ten. Their body temperature drops by ten to twelve degrees. During hibernation, they are burning four thousand calories a day. Bears do not urinate or defecate during hibernation. Instead, bears reabsorb their urine and feces in the form of proteins. Bears can lose 25-40% of their body weight during hibernation. They are burning their fat for fuel. When bears emerge from hibernation, they are in a state of “walking hibernation” for several weeks. Bears may appear drunk or in a stupor until their bodies get back to normal. So why consider the bear?

Is it possible that we feel like have been in hibernation for a year with these covid regulations? People are getting out more now. States are resending the mask mandates. Millions of people are getting vaccinated daily. What happened while were hibernating? The world changed a lot. Did we?

Were we ready for such a long period of not worshipping with our brothers and sisters? Had we been preparing for an extended period of time of spiritual isolation? Did we change any habits? Did some things slow down? Did a heart for God now beat slower? Did our fire of conviction lose a few degrees? Are we spiritually gaunt and emaciated? Did we return to old things that we should’ve left alone and start recycling through them? Are we in a spiritual stupor? Bears were made for hibernation. We were not.

Bears were made for hibernation, we were not.

“But you did not learn Christ in this way” (Eph. 4:20). Coming out of this hibernation there are things we can do to get our spiritual bodies back into shape. We need to return to good spiritual habits: feeding ourselves with the word of God (1 Pet. 2:2); benefiting from lessons from services, Bible studies online, reading, and getting together with others for study; returning to a habit of constant prayer is powerful (1 Thess. 5:17). If your health permits, returning to worship with the saints is a big step into getting our spiritual bodies in shape after hibernation. We were not designed for long periods of spiritual hibernation. Without constant nourishment, even those most prepared, need to be refueled.

Consider the bear and ask yourself these questions. Did I allow my spiritual life to slow down? Have I lost spiritual strength during this interrupted life? What should I change?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Can we soften it a bit?

Unfortunately, there are times when folks (including some preachers) think that we need to soften the message of the gospel a bit, to make it more palatable for those who hear it. A passage to which some will appeal is Paul’s statement, “I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:2). Folks will say, “There you have it. Let’s just talk about Jesus and not worry so much about all the harsh doctrinal topics.”

Take a moment and realize this is the same letter in which Paul (calling his readers, “carnal,” 3:1-4) dealt with (what some call) “harsh doctrinal topics” like withdrawing fellowship, adultery, homosexuality, divorce, denying self, idolatry, the Lord’s Supper, miraculous gifts, the role of women, the second coming, giving every Sunday, etc.

The Lord tells us to “speak the truth” (Eph. 4:15). We must do that. He also tells us to do it “in love.” We must do that, too. Preaching about Jesus includes preaching His doctrine. Who are we to soften that? – DS



Don’t minimize the obvious

Sometimes when you hear something so often, you might be tempted to dismiss it as “simplistic” or “old hat,” and think that you need to find something more modern or even more complex for it to be effective. That is not always the case.

There is a statement made about King David in Second Samuel 5:10, which reveals that he “went on and became great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him.” Certainly David’s success was attributable solely to the presence of God in his life. Mark that down—it will be the same for you. But, why was the Lord with him? A variety of answers might be given but note these two things that the chapter tells us that David did: “David inquired of the Lord” (5:19, 23) and “David did as the Lord commanded him” (5:25).

Having the Lord on your side is not a complex matter. David prayed to God, and then David obeyed what God told him to do. God’s promise to us when we do those two things is His abiding presence and our success in His eyes! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike & Jean Archer	still in a lot of pain
Adrienne Banks	dealing with blood pressure and other health issues
Joyce Barnhouse	home from rehab and improving
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
Rose Martens	in La Posada for rehab on her hip
Les Sawyer	in the VA Hospital
Giselle Smith	dealing with continual sickle cell crises
Patricia Ventress	in the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital



Douglas Alvarenga, upon the passing of his father last week in Texas.

Lovetta and Daniel Harmon and family, upon the passing of Daniel's father, DeAndre

Harmon, on Friday.

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, recovering from surgery on her ankle
Ronald Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, under Hospice Care at Lakeside
Hazel Hackshaw	Maria Hackshaw's daughter, recovering from car accident
Julie Jenkins	Tina Wagner's sister, myasthenia gravis crisis
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, March 21

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

Monday, March 22

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

Tuesday, March 23

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.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—inside and outside the building.* 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

Sunday, April 4

- ♦ **Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults in the Auditorium. Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room.
- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more 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. 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.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

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.** Time and location TBD. 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. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Tuesday, April 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amber Villard. See Amber for more details.

Friday, April 23

- ♦ **Young Adult Game Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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.

Saturday, April 3

- ♦ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber 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. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Friday-Sunday, April 16-18

- ♦ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$40 per person.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 b Taylor Reeves	2 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Lorena Pittman	3 ☆ Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under ☆ Young Adult Devo b Giselle Smith
4 ☆ New Member's Orientation Class b Jeannie Hamilton	5 ☆ Men Meet Monday Night b Elizabeth Summerlot	6 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night	7	8 b Micky Affron b Jean Archer b Zula Garrett b Nadia King	9	10 a Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna b Anthioda Charles b Jennifer Higbee b Rose Martens
11 ☆ New Bible Classes Begin	12 a Bill & Inell Ingram b Kaylani Carmona b Mendy Crews	13 a Alex & Stephanie Contreras a Henry & Be-reather Williams b Marcia Clough-Moss	14	15 ☆ Ladies' Day with Brenda Weaver a Aaron & Squadeina Ross	16	17 ☆ CFBC Birdies & BBQ Golf Tournament b Joseph Charles
					Father/Son Retreat at CFBC (16th-18th)	
18 a Jerry & Shirley Hopkins b Loni Fuller	19	20	21	22 a Steward & Rowena Lynch b Jeremy Maloney b Amber Villard	23 ☆ Sr. High Spring Formal ☆ Young Adult Game Night	24 ☆ EDP & Wives Dinner & Fellowship
25 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo	26 b Helen Burney b Rick Hall b Ivan Villard	27 a Jordan & Marsha Beasley b Jessica Gibbins	28 b Kane Campbell b James Green	29 b Beth Fry b Terri Hahn	30	

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
March 14



We rejoice with **Brandon Widner** who was baptized on Thursday, March 11.

Thank You 
notes

Thank you to all the PBL family for sharing concerns of sympathy after the passing of my mother. I really appreciate your ministry of encouragement. I will return to worship when health permits. Thanks for continued prayers.

John Loftis

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Nicholas Bananno; Ms. Amanda Calvert; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. James Miller; Ms. Jettie B. Sweetenbury; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Lorraine Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Mr. Jacob Campbell, Franklin, TN; Mrs. Jeanne Forman, Oklahoma City, OK; Miss Lauren Fuller, Franklin, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Amber Hammond, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Emily Hammond, Nashville, TN; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mr. Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Yolanda Munoz, Hialeah Gardens, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Buddy & Linda Williams, Nashville, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (March 21st)

Max Fonrose
Yolanda Stewart

Friday (March 26th)

Matthew King
Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham (Ann.)

Monday (March 22nd)

Christopher & Yolanda Stewart (Ann.)

Carmen Ruckman

Saturday (March 27th)

Jerry Hopkins
Jerry Pittman

Tuesday (March 23rd)

Betty Sanders

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 21

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading..... Vince Rogers
Presiding at Table Jimmie Banks
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Kane Campbell

Sunday Evening, March 21

Lead Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Joe Maloney
Scripture Reading..... Cam Crotts
Presiding at Table..... Paul Metzkes
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Phil Porter

Wednesday Evening, March 24

Lead Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation..... Freddie Gadson
Family Prayer Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 14	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	156	146
Sun. AM Worship	261	176
Sun. PM Worship	115	101
Wed. Bible Study	118	118
Contribution	\$16,199	\$15,666

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$10,443

Ushers for this week: Nahum Villard (Head Usher); Daniel Wagner

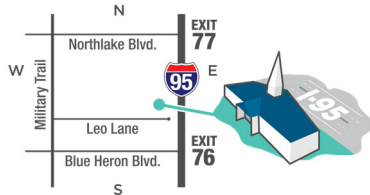
Safety Team for this week: Jerry Pittman



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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: Casey & David Bound and Nicole Freseman



"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).

Upcoming Events

March 28-31

Gospel Meeting with Neal Pollard

April 11

New Bible Class Semester Begins

April 15

Ladies' Day with Brenda Weaver

May 1

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men

May 21-23

Biblical Creation Seminar with Dr. Jeff Miller

May 30

Promotion Sunday

June 19-20

Vacation Bible School