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Is There a God?

Sunday, May 2

9:00 a.m.

We Can Know God Exists

10:00 a.m.

Christian Faith Is Not Blind Faith

Guest Speaker:

Dave Miller (Executive Director of Apologetics Press)



By Dan Jenkins

Doing It Again

There are those events in our lives which need to be repeated. There was great reward when we did them the first time. To do them again can often bring even greater rewards. Consider the following verses which contain the word “again” to see just how true this is.

When we became a Christian, our lives were changed as the old man of sin died, and in baptism we became a new person. “For as many of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:27). We began our new lives seeking to follow the example He set for us. However, some Christians lose sight of this goal and become complacent and stop growing.

This is what happened in the churches in Galatia. Paul established these churches on his first missionary journey and apparently visited them on each of his journeys. False teachers had come among them, and they were about to leave the Lord. “I marvel that you are turning so soon away from Him into the grace of Christ” (Gal. 1:6). He wrote to them and said these words, “My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you” (Gal. 4:19). Paul had witnessed their transformation, but it had stopped. His agony and anxiety, described as being a labor, had returned. He was *again* in labor as he saw the direction

they were headed. Those who teach others fully understand the labor pains he was having *again*.

What is the solution to those who have stagnated in their growth into the full image of Christ? The church in Ephesus had done this. While they had not left the Lord, He said to them, “You have left your first love” (Rev. 2:4). That devotion and joy they had when they had become Christians had diminished. He then told them the solution to this problem, “Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do your first works” (Rev. 2:5). Christians can remember the joy they had when they were saved and how fervently they worshiped and the zeal they had in their lives. The solution for our stagnation is simple. Do the works *again*. Serve the Lord *again* with that enthusiasm we once had. Do it *again*.

Solomon describes the righteous man and his walk with the Lord. “For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again” (Prov. 24:16). Regardless of how many times you may make mistakes in your Christian life, rise up *again* and continue the journey. That is what Peter did after he had denied Jesus three times. He arose and continued his life having learned from his mistakes.

Spiritual growth is so simple—love Him with all your heart and if you stumble rise up, renew that love *again*. He will help you *again* and *again* and *again* and *again* and *again* and...

When you stumble, rise up and renew that love again. He will help you again...



By David Sproule

17 Thoughts After 20 Years

It hardly seems like it has been 20 years. But, time marches on, and it seems to go faster and faster. Twenty years ago this week, my baby sister, who was the Maid of Honor in our wedding, was killed in a car accident. I’ve come to realize a number of things over the last 20 years (or at least to be reminded of some important truths that I already knew) that I thought I’d share with you (in no particular order and not exhaustive by any means). Perhaps you may find some of these things to be helpful.

1. Life on earth is not forever. It never was intended to be.
2. Life on earth is not guaranteed for a certain length of time...for anyone.
3. Grief may get “easier” in some ways (or not) or it may just get “different.” But don’t let it define who I am.
4. Listen to people’s hearts and their good intentions and don’t get caught up in someone’s poor choice of words.
5. Be there for others who experience similar loss, but don’t act like a know it all. Each death and grief is different.
6. Don’t lean on or rely on trite sayings that are not Biblically sound. Discard them.
7. Lean on Jesus and His word. More and more and more.

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8. TRUST GOD! He has made promises to which He IS and WILL BE faithful! He will NOT leave me or forsake me! He IS there FOR me and WITH me, even if I doubt that sometimes. No matter what, trust Him! He knows! He cares!
9. There may not be an answer to the question, “Why?” And that’s ok. Don’t go digging for it.
10. It’s ok to not have all the answers or not even most of the answers, and sometimes (even often) it is better that way.
11. Hang on to her (through memories) and miss her every day, but it’s ok to keep living, loving, going, doing, serving, etc.
12. It’s ok to be sad, but it’s ok to be happy, too.
13. It’s ok to talk about her, and it’s ok to not talk about her.
14. It’s ok for others to talk about her, and it’s ok for others to not talk about her.
15. Blame (whether directed at God, me, her or someone else) is NOT helpful or healthy, and it is often harmful and usually misplaced (because I lack full knowledge and information). Resist blame. It doesn’t bring her back and it only serves to embitter me.
16. Don’t play the “What if...?” game. I will lose every time!
17. Ask God to use this to help me to be a stronger Christian—trusting Him more, serving Him more, loving Him more.



By Josh Blackmer

A Lesson From a Mask

I witnessed an event that brought certain aspects of our current climate into focus. There was a barista at a local coffee establishment. She was at the register wearing a mask, as we have been commanded, but her mask held a message. It was the name of a certain activist group that heralds the message that the lives of a people belonging to a certain ethnic group matter. Standing before her was a woman of that ethnic group. The barista activist was visibly annoyed by the young lady trying to order and pay. It was taking her longer than normal to do both, and it was clear that she had a disability that was causing the delay. I was puzzled. Here is a worker wearing the mask that says she cares for people just like the girl standing in front of her. However, her body language and demeanor was saying quite the opposite. For fear of sounding “judgy,” I’ll give the activist barista the benefit of the doubt. She could’ve been borrowing the mask, it could’ve been a long day for her, or something was going on in her life that had her otherwise distracted. However, at face value it didn’t look good.

It looked like what many have accused Christians of doing. On the outside, there is the mask that everything is fine. The mask of piety and devotion. On the inside, hypocrisy and lies. The heart is not engaged with the mask that is being seen.

The actions betray the facade. Jesus said this concerning some with the same propensity, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like white-washed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness” (Matt. 23:25-28). Paul said this to Titus concerning such people, “They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed” (Tit. 1:16). It is for this reason that even Paul said, “but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified” (1 Cor. 9:27). Our bodies, hearts, and minds need to be in sync with the message that we profess.

The barista could’ve been having a bad day, so now a few people might think less of the movement. When we “have a bad day,” people might use it as an excuse to never darken the door of the church again. We might give the Lord a bad name and bring reproach on His bride. In the end, be careful that our actions match up with the name we’re given to wear.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Take responsibility

It seems that a generation (or maybe two or three generations) of children (who are now legally adult age) have been raised to eschew any kind of personal responsibility in their lives. (I’m not saying all in these generations are that way, but there is certainly a large number.) Many in these generations expect others to take care of them, expect others to accept the blame, expect others to coddle them and concede to whatever they desire.

Isn’t it interesting that such a mindset is 100% opposed to the mindset that God calls upon His creation to have! God calls upon His creation to work (2 Thess. 3:10). God calls upon His creation to pay their debts (Rom. 13:7). God calls upon His creation to help others, rather than always expecting others to help them (Eph. 4:28). God calls upon His creation to confess wrongs committed (Jas. 5:16) and seek to reconcile with those wronged (Matt. 5:23-24). God calls upon His creation to refuse to possess or act upon selfish ambitions (Phil. 2:3-4). Oh, that God’s creation would take responsibility! – DS



Hear Him!

Imagine that you got to be in the presence of Moses about 1,500 years after he died. Imagine just hearing this lawgiver speak and how enthralled you would be. Imagine that you got to be in the presence of Elijah about 850 years after he died. Imagine just hearing this prophet speak and how gripped you would be on his every word. Then, imagine that God points to a third one who was present and echoes from heaven, “Hear Him!” Not Moses! Not Elijah! Jesus! Hear Him! Would you be completely overcome? When it comes to Jesus, there is no comparison!

Some see a choice between Mohammed and Jesus Christ. There is no parallel, no comparison! Jesus Christ IS the Son of God (John 20:30-31)! He IS God (John 1:1-3)! Mohammed is not! Hear Jesus!

Some read the Bible (i.e., the words of Jesus) but then say something like, “Well, my pastor says...” No! There is no other voice to hear! Jesus is Lord of all (Acts 10:36)! Jesus is Judge of all (Heb. 12:23)! Hear Him (Luke 9:35)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	in The Addington Rehab, knee replacement surgery
Adrienne Banks	ICU in Wellington Regional, undergoing tests
Jackie Creary	scheduled for cataract surgeries on May 4 and May 18
Annie Faison	under Hospice Care at her daughter's home in Miami
Lena Gadson	hospitalized this week but is now at home
Patricia Hackshaw	undergoing physical therapy at home
Loretta Holaday	having hip replacement surgery on May 11
Jon Jordan	having a second back procedure on May 12
Diane Leslie	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Rose Martens	recovering at home and improving
Betty Sanders	undergoing medical tests
Les Sawyer	in the VA Hospital, dealing with an infection
Angie Seames	recovering from her outpatient surgery
Willie Smith	recovering from his back procedure
Patricia Ventress	in the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Terri Hahn	leukemia
Inell Ingram	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
John Loftis	severe back pain, weakness
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

Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, in Darcy Hall Nursing Home
Johnell Coe	Linda Coe's brother, recovering from ankle surgery
Johnny Mark Davis	Johnny & Betty Davis' son, Jupiter Med Ctr, kidney cancer
Julie Jenkins	Tina Wagner's sister, recovering from another surgery
Carla Kimberland	Cindy Nelson's mother, bypass surgery on May 12
Kevin Wagner	Daniel Wagner's father, still in the hospital





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 2

- ♦ **"Stronger in My Faith" Sunday with Dave Miller, Jr.** High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
9:00 a.m. "We Can Know God Exists"
10:00 a.m. "Christian Faith Is Not Blind Faith"
- ♦ **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, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 4

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

Thursday, May 6

- ♦ **Live Online Bible Study (Part 3: Responding to the Salvation of the Bible)** at 7:00 p.m. Click on "Watch Our Services Live" on the front page of our website to access the lesson.

Sunday, May 9

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

Friday-Sunday, May 21-23

- ♦ **Biblical Creation Seminar with Dr. Jeff Miller** (Apologetics Press; Montgomery, AL).

Saturday, May 29

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, May 30

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Saturday, June 5

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help out.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, May 3

- ♦ **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, May 4

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. Meet at Panera on Northlake Blvd.

Friday, May 7

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

Saturday, May 8

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, May 29

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help out.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Monday, May 3

- ♦ **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, May 7

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

Sunday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 29

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Picnic & Transition Event** at 10:00 a.m. at PGA National Park for Grades 5-8.



IN MY FAITH
IN THE
EXISTENCE
OF GOD

MAY

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



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
April 25

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Nicholas Bonanno; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; and Ms. Sylvia Goldie.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Jo Ann Campbell, The Villages, FL; Mr. Colton Kelley & Mr. Jacob Kelley, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Joshua & Samantha Lupo, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. José and Yolanda Muñoz-O'Connor, Hialeah Gardens, FL; and Ms. Guerline Paul.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (May 3rd)

Julio Aristy
Bill Ingram, Sr.

Tuesday (May 4th)

Dan Johnson

Wednesday (May 5th)

Taylor & Natalie Reeves (Ann.)
Willie Wilkins
Trina Wright

Thursday (May 6th)

Johnnie Green
Nicholas Pietro
Rachel Fuller

Saturday (May 8th)

Jacqui Jenkins
Alice Nelson
Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Jackie Stout

Thank You  notes

Dear brethren,

Thank you so much for a very lovely Ladies' Day! The dinner was delicious. Thank you to all those men involved. All the details were noticed and appreciated. Brenda's message was great!

Stuart church of Christ Ladies

Let's Go Back to the Bible

Online Bible Study
May 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 6 at 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Responding to the Salvation of the Bible



youtube.com/user/PBLchurchofChrist
pblcoc.org > "Watch Our Services Live"



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, May 2

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Freddie Gadson
Scripture Reading Andy Fernandez
Presiding at Table Gary Jenkins
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Dion Hayes

Sunday Evening, May 2

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Josiah Blackmer
Scripture Reading Lawrence Williams
Presiding at Table Jeff Goodale
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Wednesday Evening, May 5

Lead Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Tyler Williams
Family Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Apr. 25</u>	<u>Mar. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	169	165
Sun. AM Worship	203	227
Sun. PM Worship	112	129
Wed. Bible Study	125	144
Contribution	\$13,960	\$17,140

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$20,610

Ushers for this week: Rick Hall (Head Usher); James Green

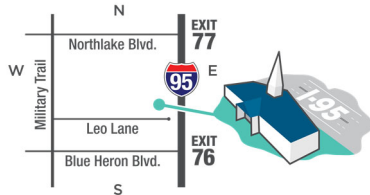
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



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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.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 19-20



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).