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Better Than I Deserve

Kick Start Your Summer

June 9

My God Loved Me Before I Ever Was
Heath Johnson (Jog Road)

June 16

My God Answers Me When I Pray to Him
Terry Casey (West Broward)

June 23

My God Runs to Me When I Repent
Terry Frizzell (Stuart)

June 30

My God Has a Room Ready for Me
Kevin Patterson (Sebring)



By Dan Jenkins

Has Satan Robbed Us of Our Joy?

“Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing” (Psa. 100:1-2). These are strange words when one considers all the trials David faced. They began at the slaying of Goliath, continued for years as a fugitive from the jealous wrath of

King Saul and then the rebellion lead by his son after he became king. Joyful shouts? Serving with gladness? Singing in His presence? How can one possibly find joy and gladness in the midst of all of this adversity?

Yet David did. Look at the thoughts which follow the opening words of this psalm. As you think about them, make application as to how you can find true joy in the midst of all that has happened to us in the midst of dealing with the threat of covid.

True joy comes from exalting Lord as God. “Know that the Lord, He is God.” While we may have become disheartened over the months because we have had little control in most aspects of our lives, one eternal truth has not changed. Our Father is greater than any trial we face. How do we face our Goliaths? A shepherd boy stood before a man almost twice his size and proclaimed, “I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts....This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand....For the battle is the Lord’s and He will give you into our hands” (1

Sam. 17:45-47). Knowing that God is in charge will always result in our victory, and our response will be the coming into His presence with joyful singing.

True joy comes from realizing He has made us. Continue reading that psalm. “It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves.” Whenever we think that our happiness and fulfillment come from our dealing with adversity, we are doomed to failure. He is the Creator, and we are the created ones. We are not in charge and looking inward will never bring happiness and fulfillment. David destroyed the giant but not from his own skills as a warrior. Those who were warriors in that day cowered in fear of the battle. David knew that the Creator was the One who fought against his enemy. The result is joyful praise and thanksgiving.

True joy comes from coming before God and praising Him. Look carefully at David’s words. We must make joyful noise to the Lord; come before His presence with singing; enter into His gates with thanksgiving; enter into His courts with praise; be thankful and bless His name. Covid has robbed us of assembling over the past several months, and we have been robbed of coming into His presence and His courts and finding the joy which comes from singing and praising His name as we once did.

We must not let Satan rob us of true joy!



By David Sproule

Church Membership: He Is One of You

While in prison in Rome for the first time, Paul picked up his pen, at the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to write a letter to a congregation in the city of Colosse. Paul addressed the letter generally to the entire congregation, but he also referred specifically to numerous individuals. There is something that we can learn about church membership from this.

Paul addressed the letter: “To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse...” (Col. 1:2). The city of Colosse was located in the Lycus Valley, along with the cities of Laodicea and Hierapolis. So here in this valley were three cities, located six to eighteen miles from each other, and there was a congregation of the Lord’s church in each of those cities (Col. 4:13). That sounds like a county here in the States, where there might be separate congregations about six to eighteen miles from each other but in the same region.

Here is an important point to understand. Paul is writing the letter of Colossians to the “saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse.” He did not write this letter to the saints in Laodicea or to the saints in Hierapolis. Thus, by the very addressing of the letter, we understand there is a distinction to be made between congregations. Again, we

see at the end of the letter that he makes a distinction between the church at Colosse (“you”) and “those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis” (4:13). Different congregations in different places.

As Paul closes this letter to the saints in the church at Colosse, he mentions several people by name. Note carefully that he mentions Onesimus (who was with Paul at the time of the writing) and says of Onesimus, “who is one of you” (4:9).

He later mentions Epaphras with those same words, “who is one of you” (4:12). That teaches us several things: (1) These men were from Colosse. (2) These men were members of the church in Colosse. (3) Even though temporarily more than 1,000 miles away from home, they were still considered members of the church in Colosse. (4) They were not a member of either of the congregations close by (Laodicea or Hierapolis). (5) They were not members in Rome.

The Lord’s church globally is made up of hundreds of congregations locally. And each local congregation is made up of individual Christians who are members specifically of that congregation. When the Lord looks at the local congregation, He sees the individual Christians there as being identified as “one of you.” That little expression, “who is one of you,” is just one of the ways in Scripture that the Lord emphasizes the essentiality of being a member of a local congregation.

Covid has robbed us of the joy of coming into His presence with joyful singing

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By Josh Blackmer

Are You Prepared for Life?

There are few experiences that can make you feel helpless like being subject to the forces of nature in an underpowered boat. For modern boaters there are weather and tide advisories that help caution people to the upcoming conditions. Wouldn't it be nice if life was that way? "This is your crazy life experiences advisory. You will not want to stay home and keep the kids inside." Life doesn't come with many warnings. You just need to be as prepared as possible. In the case of the disciples, they were doing everything right as experienced sailors. However, they were still caught out in a storm at the mercy of the elements in the middle of the night (Matt. 14:22-33).

Jesus sent the disciples ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee after feeding the five thousand. He stayed to send the people off and to pray. It is interesting that Jesus, knowing of the events that were to unfold that night, sent them anyway. There are some lessons that are best learned by experience. Between the hours of 3 and 6 a.m. the disciples still had not made it to the other shore. They were being "battered by the waves for the wind was contrary" (Matt. 14:24). That's when the disciples saw Jesus coming to them walking on the water. They thought He was a ghost. Random thought—do you think Jesus was smiling knowing that as He got close to the boat the disciples were going to be

afraid? Smiling or stoic, He calmed them down, assuring them of who He was (Matt. 14:27). Peter said, "If that is You, bid me to come out on the water" (Matt. 14:28). That is crazy! That is like saying "If it is You, tell me to jump out this plane without a parachute." The conditions were such that he wouldn't survive if it wasn't Jesus, and they were in great peril in the boat, much less the water. So, Jesus says "Come" and "Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came toward Jesus" (Matt. 14:29). He was doing it! "But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink" (Matt. 14:30). He did what the others wouldn't do. The other disciples held onto what they thought was safe. Even though the evidence around them was contrary to that belief. Peter went out to the one calm place. The One that was in control. When Peter was distracted by the danger he began to sink. He cried out the Lord for salvation, "Lord save me!" (Matt. 14:30). Jesus was the only source for the salvation that Peter saw, and he continues to be that for us. "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost" (Matt. 18:11).

Storms of life come up unexpectedly. Many people have prepared a boat to get them through, but they haven't prepared it with Jesus. "When Jesus got in the boat, the wind stopped" (Matt. 14:32). Is Jesus a part of your life? Have you been paying too much attention to the waves? Make a change.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

If you're not seeing Christ, you'd better look again

Our world is trying get you to see things and think things that Jesus Christ would NEVER have you to see or think. Who are you going to follow? Whose approval are you going to seek?

Satan's greatest attacks against the church are often those attacks that come from within. If the devil can get us turning on each other, then he's won the battle. Thus, he wants you to see certain things and think certain things when you look at your brethren. Instead of seeing Christ in each one, he wants you to think: "He's so old and out of touch." "She is so young and naïve." "Why do they have to have more money than we do?" "They couldn't afford this if they wanted to." "He's a black racist." "She's the posterchild for white supremacy."

If you have ever had any of those thoughts about your brethren (or anything similar at all), now is the time to repent and make up your mind that such devilish judgments will never cross your mind again. We are "ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS" (Gal. 3:28). Think about every word in that! – DS



I'm just a passing through

Have you ever been walking through a marketplace or similar place where there are a lot of vendors vying for your attention and, especially, your business? "Come over here and look at this!" "Have I got a great deal for you!" "You have gotta have one of these!" Have you ever tried to get through there without stopping or getting sidetracked and tried to shoo vendors away by saying, "I'm just passing through here to get over there"? It can be a tough challenge.

Isn't that a lot like life? We are walking through this life and there are "vendors" of the devil vying for our attention and, especially, our "business." The devil tries all he can to trick us, sell us on something, pull one over on us and make us think (1) that we can't live without something, (2) that everyone else is doing it, or (3) that we're getting a really good deal.

Watch out today! The devil is going to try to swindle you and rip you off. Don't fall for it! Tell him, "I'm just a passing through here to get up there!" (1 Pet. 1:13-17; 2:11-12; 4:7; 5:8-9). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	now at home and improving
Adrienne Banks	now at Kindred
Pete Brown	recovering at home from surgery on his foot
Chuck Clark	now at home
Mary Coombs	having cataract surgery on June 9
Johnny Davis, Jr.	immunotherapy for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	cardiac ablation postponed until July 9
Maria Hackshaw	undergoing medical tests
Loretta Holaday	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Grace Judge	diagnosed with auto immune and started treatment
Sabrina Pietro	suffering with shingles
Connye Plouffe	Encompass Health Rehab Hospital in Stuart
Les Sawyer	at home but is very weak
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	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Betty Matter
Dianne Frye	Les Sawyer
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Patricia Ventress
Joe Holland	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bobby Haines	June Pack's son, back surgery postponed until June 8
Carla Kimberland	Cindy Nelson's mother, recovering from bypass surgery
Michael Lupo	Robert Lupo's brother, recovering from surgery
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, chemo treatments for leukemia
Margie Williams	Norma Mariano's sister, recovering at home

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, June 6

- ◆ **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, June 7

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

Tuesday, June 8

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

Wednesday, June 9

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium. Heath Johnson (Jog Road) will be speaking on *“My God Loved Me Before I Ever Was.”*

Saturday, June 12

- ◆ **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.

Saturday, June 12 (cont.)

- ◆ **Ladies’ Day hosted by Sixth Street** from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Becky Blackmon will be speaking on *“It’s About Time.”*

Wednesday, June 16

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- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School at PBL.** This year’s theme is *“The Flood.”* There are classes for all ages, children and adults. This is a free event, but please arrive early for registration.

Saturday	10:00 a.m. until noon.
Sunday	6:30-8:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday, June 11

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot.

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Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Saturday, June 5

- ◆ **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.

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IN MY RESOLVE

TO

ENDURE

DIFFICULT TIMES

JUNE

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 30

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Nicholas Bonanno; Ms. Vera Gibson; Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton; Mr. Morris McDaniel; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Cody & Jessi Brown, Rosemount, MN; Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Astrid Menendez, CA; Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Yolanda Munoz-O'Connor, Hialeah Gardens, FL; and Ms. Guerline Paul.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (June 6th)

Andy & Letha Anderson (Ann.)
Sandy DeVall

Wednesday (June 9th) cont.

Casey & Aisha Commander (Ann.)
Namddie Ikon

Monday (June 7th)

David & Daisy Lord (Ann.)
Maria Hackshaw
Ted Friesner

Thursday (June 10th)

Bill & Gai Ingram (Ann.)
Errol Gower-Winter
Kinsey Hayes
Phyiona Patterson
Amberdenise Puckett

Tuesday (June 8th)

Maggie Dozier

Friday (June 11th)

Wednesday (June 9th)

Stephen & Carolina Beliech (Ann.)

Betsy Donahue

Richard Watson



Directory Changes

Joe & Marian Holland are now in Chatsworth at PGA National. They are in two separate rooms.

News & Notes

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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, June 6

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Freddie Gadson
Scripture Reading..... Josiah Blackmer
Presiding at Table Bill Ingram, Jr.
Serve at Table:
Tim Cox Dirk Summerlot
Kane Campbell Ivan Villard
James Green Daniel Wagner
Jeff Leslie Tyler Williams
Alternates:
Max Fonrose Dick Kelley
Closing Prayer Robert Mariano

Sunday Evening, June 6

Lead Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer David Brown
Scripture Reading..... Rick Hall
Presiding at Table..... Joe Maloney
Daniel Lord
Eugene Williams
Closing Prayer Ken Tipton

Wednesday Evening, June 9

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Invitation..... Tim Fry
Family Prayer Johnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	May 30	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	156	175
Sun. AM Worship	216	222
Sun. PM Worship	132	111
Wed. Bible Study	142	136
Contribution	\$13,169	\$16,154

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$24,682

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier; Orlando Lolo

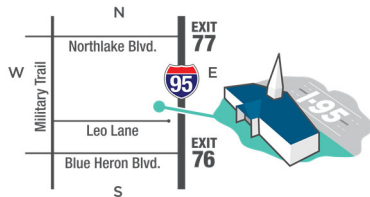
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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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