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Phil Porter 575-4782
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David Sproule 301-2230
Josh Blackmer 319-1418

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Grief Workshop



*Facing Life's Issues
of Grief and Loss*

September 24-26
w/ Ron & Don Williams



By Dan Jenkins

The Day Satan Was Cast Out of Heaven

There may be details in the last book of the Bible that we struggle to understand, but the message of Revelation chapter twelve so vividly describes, in figurative language, the conflict between heaven and hell and the battle between Satan and Christians. That message is so easy to understand. Take time to read this chapter, and let God assure you that there is no question we will win the battle.

Verse four depicts Satan (described as a dragon) standing before the woman, who was in labor and ready to give birth to her son, as soon as he was born. Who was this son?

We know who this son is. The next verse tells us that he was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. The Bible leaves no doubt as to the identity of this child. Let God tell you who this son in the second psalm. "You are My Son, today I have begotten You...Ask of me and I will give You the nations...You shall break them with a rod of iron." Acts 4:25-27 quotes this psalm and emphatically applies it to Jesus. Jesus is the child born in Revelation twelve whom Satan sought to destroy as soon he was born (Matt. 2).

The text says that "...the Child was caught up to God and His throne" (v. 5). What happened when He ascended into heaven? In figurative language, there was war in heaven with

the armies of Satan fighting the armies of God. Satan was cast down to the earth. He "no longer" (v. 8) had access to the presence of God as he did when he brought accusation against Job. Note carefully that this war did not happen before the creation of Adam. It happened when Jesus ascended. When Satan was cast out he tried to destroy the saints—those "...who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (v. 17). The book of Acts describes this.

Satan was not "cast out" in a war in heaven before the world was created

How was Satan defeated by the resurrected Jesus? Jesus became a mortal that through His death "...He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil...and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14-15). Jesus destroyed Satan. He did not annihilate him but took from him the fear of death that all men since Adam had struggled with.

His open tomb released all mankind from that fearful bondage.

Jesus' life and death brought a revelation of our immortality. "Now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Tim. 2:10).

When John saw Jesus on the island of Patmos, Jesus said, "I am He who lives, and was dead...and I have the keys of Hades and Death" (Rev. 1:18). Our Savior destroyed Satan when He took from him the keys to the grave!



By David Sproule

Be Still and Know

We are living in uncertain times. We are living in dangerous times. We are living in troubling times. It seems that everywhere we turn there is something disastrous happening. It is enough to get you down and to keep you down. With all that's going on around us—from our families, to our local communities, to our nation, to the whole globe—what can we do? How can we keep from being distraught?

Be still...and know that God is still God.

God has not surrendered His throne. He is still "the ruler over the kings of the earth" (Rev. 1:5). He is still the God of "love" (1 John 4:8), "peace" (Phil. 4:9), "all grace" (1 Pet. 5:10), "patience and comfort" (Rom. 15:5) and "hope" (Rom. 15:13). No matter what happens, put your trust in that!

Don't put your trust in appearances

Be still...and know that right is still right. The world is doing its dead level best to confuse those who know what is right and who stand for what is right. Over 2,700 years ago, God said, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:20). Those people are still living among us in the twenty-first century. Nevertheless, never doubt that the "commandments" of the Lord are "right" every time (Psa. 119:172), without fail, without ex-

ception. No matter what happens, put your trust in that!

Be still...and know that truth is still truth. We are told that we are living in a post-truth era and that truth today is subject to "the eye of the beholder" of whatever that truth is. However, God's truth is immutable (Matt. 24:35; 1 Pet. 1:23-25), just as God is (Heb. 6:18-20). Folks may try to twist and turn it to fit their agenda, but remember that "the truth of the Lord endures forever" (Psa. 117:2). No matter what happens, put your trust in that!

Be still...and know that eternity is still real.

It is so easy to take our eyes off of the "eternal," place them on the "temporary," and as a result, "lose heart" (2 Cor. 4:16-18). When that happens, work twice as hard to "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). Remember that "the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:17). No matter what happens, put your trust in that!

Be still...and know that Christians still win in the end. You may not feel like you are winning. Around the world it may appear that Christians are on the losing side. But don't put your trust in appearances (2 Cor. 5:7). Jesus has already crushed the adversary (Heb. 2:14). Satan has already lost! Faithful Christians will be victorious (2 Tim. 4:7-8). No matter what happens, put your trust in that!



By Josh Blackmer

Epaphras, An Example of Conviction and Service

The Bible is full of examples of the faithfulness of man. We have some examples that are more prominent and famous. There are also examples that are more obscure. These seem to represent more of the common godly person. Epaphras is one that was faithful and fierce in his service but was not prominent in the pages of the New Testament.

Epaphras is mentioned in two books of the New Testament, Philemon and Colossians. In Philemon Paul writes, “Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you” (1:23). It is clear that at the writing of this letter Epaphras was also imprisoned, assumingly for the crime of being a Christian. This speaks of his conviction in his service.

In Colossians, we are given a little more information about him. “Because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth; just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit” (Col. 1:5-8). From this passage we can discern a few

things about the work of Epaphras. Paul talks about them having heard the gospel, understood it, and that it is bearing fruit. The worker behind these efforts was Epaphras. We have no record of Paul going to Colosse. However, Epaphras could have heard the message while Paul was in the region of Phrygia, either in Ephesus or Antioch of Phrygia. So Epaphras heard the message and preached it in his hometown. Then, at some point he goes to visit Paul in Rome when he was subsequently imprisoned.

May we strive to have the same level of conviction and service.

At the end of his letter, Paul mentions Epaphras again. “Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. For I testify for him that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis” (Col. 4:12-13). From this we learn that Epaphras is from Colosse. He is prayerful for the church, wanting them to “stand perfect” and “fully assured in the will of God.” Paul testifies of the deep concern that Epaphras has for the churches in Colosse, Laodicea and Hierapolis. These other cities are neighboring cities to Colosse. It is possible that he took the Gospel to those cities as well or he had worked extensively with them. It is clear from these brief glimpses of Epaphras that he was a determined worker in the kingdom. May we strive to have the same level of conviction and service.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“For His mercy endures forever”

41 times in the Old Testament, you will read the expression, “His mercy endures forever.” Perhaps not surprisingly, 33 of those 41 times are in the book of Psalms. And one of those psalms, which has 26 verses in it, contains that marvelous expression 26 times.

At the end of every verse in Psalm 136, the psalmist exclaims, “For His mercy endures forever.” Is that overkill? Is that a bit redundant? Certainly not! The psalmist reflected on the supremacy of God, on the power of God, on the wisdom of God, on the creation of God, and he came to one conclusion: “His mercy endures forever.” The psalmist then reflected on all that God had done in leading and protecting Israel and came to the same resounding conclusion: “His mercy endures forever.”

Take time to consider the majesty of your God! Take time to consider all that your God has done for you, is doing for you and has promised to do for you! Is there any better explanation for everything in your life than, “His mercy endures forever”? – DS



Take a minute to refresh and remember

Do the latest news reports have you worried about what’s going on? Are the stresses of your job becoming more unbearable? Is there family tension that is causing you to feel increased levels of anxiety? Are your personal finances not enough to meet increased expenses? Are you stressed, anxious, worried, overwhelmed, maybe even a bit panicked?

For 60 seconds, take a pause. Take two deep breaths. Shut out everything. Shut off everything. Think of two ways that God has blessed you just today. Think of two simple (30-second) ways you could make a positive difference in someone else’s day (who may be experiencing similar life issues). Talk to the Lord in simple terms, “Lord, I need you. I want you. I love you. Please, help me.” Remember that with the Lord, there is “relief,” “mercy,” “favor,” “good,” “gladness,” “peace” and “safety” (Psalm 4).

Is everything still going to be “going wrong” after these 60 seconds? Perhaps. But “put your trust in the Lord” (4:5) and He will “lift up the light of [His] face upon [you]” (4:6). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	dealing with severe pain
Joyce Barnhouse	recovering at home from pacemaker replacement surg.
Ed Buonadonna	in Gardens Medical Center, covid pneumonia
Johnny Davis, Jr.	immunotherapy treatment for kidney cancer
Loretta Holaday	now at home
Joan Holloway	in rehab at Chatsworth
Grace Judge	dealing with lung issues again
Marcia Kelley	recovering at home from heart stent procedure
David Lord	still recovering at home
Maddon Reeves	recovering from surgery on his fractured elbow
Les Sawyer	Gardens Medical Ctr, recovering from procedure

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Kay Estes	Chuck & Cheryl Milton's sister, knee replacement surgery
William Jackson	Johnnie Green & Mary Jackson's brother, now in rehab
Julia Marks	Jennifer Goodale's sister, recovering at home, improving
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, determining cancer treatments
Henry Williams	Ralph Williams' brother, Royal Palm Manor, 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

Monday, August 23

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

Tuesday, August 24

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

Sunday, August 29

- ◆ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room.
- ◆ **Chad Wagner Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. about the work in Nigeria (Nnanna Aforji). Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room.

Wednesday, September 1

- ◆ **Congregational Prayer Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adults will stay in the Auditorium following the devotional. Grades 5 & under will have their regular classes.

Sunday, September 5

- ◆ **Joey Treat Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

Friday-Sunday, September 10-12

- ◆ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.** For more details or to register, visit www.cfbcamp.org.

Saturday, September 11

- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane or Fran.

Sunday, September 12

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday, September 3

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

Saturday, September 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, September 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD.

Monday, September 13

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. 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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Saturday, September 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Bowling Night** at 4:30 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, August 22

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson (not a "family" devo; youth only). Bring a dessert or drink. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, August 29

- ◆ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.

Friday, September 3

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

Sunday, September 12

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ☆ Congregational Prayer Meeting	2 b Ashley Alfaro b Johnny Davis b Owen Miley b Jessica Ramirez b Nahum Villard	3 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout a Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts	4 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Gary & Doris Friedly b Nate Nelson b Marty Williams
5 ☆ Joey Treat Mission Report ☆ New Member's Orientation Class ☆ House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling a Chuck & Trish Clark	6 b Derrick Banks	7 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Ariana Aristy b Bill Ingram, Jr. b Scott Lewis b Daniel Wagner	8 b Trinity Franck b Verdell March	9 b Jennifer Walker	10 b Debi Watson	11 ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon a Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss
Scrap the Weekend at CFBC (10th-12th)						
12 ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated ☆ New Bible Classes Begin ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Darin Summerlot	13 ☆ Men Meet Monday Night	14 b Josh Blackmer b Taylor Hayes	15	16 a Justlien & Adelelene Honore b Peggy Hall	17 b Mike Ellis b Robert Lupo b Lisa Metzkes	18 ☆ Young Adult Bowling Night b Marcia Kelley
19 ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship b Justilien Honore	20	21	22 b Luann McLeod	23	24 a Johnny & Betty Davis b Cornelius Brown b Sabrina Swayne	25 b Dan Fuller
Grief Workshop at PBL (24th-26th)						
RUSH Weekend at FHU (23rd-26th)						
26 ☆ Grief Workshop ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo b Betty Davis b Ophelia Holmes b Gary Jenkins b Vincent Rogers	27	28 b Graysen Hayes	29 b Angelica Fernandez	30		

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 15

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Jason Columbine; Mr. Keith Hutchison; Mr. Ian Lackey; Ms. Robyn Landen; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Mitch & Karen Green, Piedmont, OK; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; and Mr. Adam Seal, Seattle, WA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (August 22nd)
Nicole Freseman

Tuesday (August 24th)
Sandi Hanna
Turkessa Staley

Monday (August 23rd)
Orlando & Lilly Lolo (Ann.)
Skye Brown
Vita Chery
Inell Ingram

Friday (August 27th)
Daniel Lord
Whitney Williams

Thank You  notes

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Tasha and I are grateful for the many prayers and kind words of encouragement concerning my recent surgery. Recovery is our focus now, moving toward a successful outcome. God's blessings have been abundant, and we are thankful!

Joyfully,
Mike & Tasha Ellis

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To my brothers & sisters in Christ,

Thank you very much for your prayers, phone calls, cards and visits while I was out with pain. Glory be to God.

With love,
Ophelia Holmes

Thank You  notes

I would like to thank my Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ family for their prayers and cards for the loss of my son's dad. A special thank you to Jimmie Banks, Johnny Davis, Dan Fuller & David Sproule for helping with his service. I truly appreciate what was done and for this congregation.

Linda Coe, Billy & DeMarcus Turner, and Kelli Hickson

Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.
If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom 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, August 22

Opening Prayer Paul Metzkes
Singing Dion Hayes
Contribution..... Darin Summerlot
Scripture Reading..... Gary Jenkins
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Daniel Lord
Ed Gager	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Connor Goodale	Gary Seames
E Gower-Winter	Brandan Widner
Brent Leslie	Eugene Williams

Sunday Evening, August 22

Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Singing Jerry Pittman
Contribution Bob Higbee
Scripture Reading Dirk Summerlot
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

Daniel Lord	Brandan Widner
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Wednesday Evening, August 25

Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation..... Victor Colage
Family Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 15	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	147	146
Sun. AM Worship	198	234
Sun. PM Worship	116	101
Wed. Bible Study	146	126
Contribution	\$16,140	\$15,422

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$44,287

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

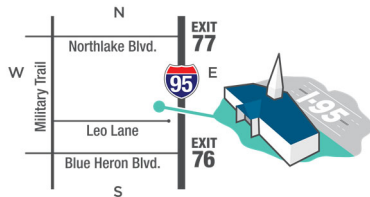
Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Cody Price
Safety Team for this week: TBD



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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: Kelly Sproule & Lydia Quinn



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week and tell others about it.

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).