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Two Mission Reports

Sunday, Sept. 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Chad Wagner will report about the work in Nigeria

Sunday, Sept. 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Federated States of Micronesia

Joey Treat will report about the Pacific Islands



By Dan Jenkins

Three Ways to Always Defeat Satan

In last week's bulletin, we showed that when Jesus ascended into heaven the power of Satan was amazingly diminished (read that bulletin or study Revelation chapter twelve to see how that occurred when there was war in heaven, and Satan was cast out). His power was so diminished that the Bible says that the life and death of Jesus destroyed his power and released all mankind from the fear of death and the ravages of Hades (Heb. 2:14-15).

The church had just begun when Satan was cast out of heaven, and he immediately attacked the church, knowing that his only hope was to destroy it in its infancy. After the church spread into all the world, the Devil could never destroy the kingdom of God. His time was short, for the text says, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down among you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time" (Rev. 12:12).

How could those members of the church in its infancy have any hope against the great wrath of Satan? What means did they have to win this battle on the earth which began just after Jesus ascended? The Bible gives such a clear answer to these questions. To understand how they won the battle is to show us how to defeat him in our lives. Look at the answer.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death" (Rev. 12:11). Their victory, and ours, was because they were saved by the blood of Jesus, they knew and used the word of God, and they loved heaven more than life!

Christians of all ages have been justified by the blood of Christ and are assured of victory. God, the judge of all mankind asks, "Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died...and is also risen..." Rom. 8:33-34). Satan has no basis to claim victory over God's saints.

Victorious saints of all ages have overcome Satan by the power of the word of God. David hid the word of God in his heart so that he might not sin (Psa. 119:9-11). Jesus used the word of God to overcome all three temptations by quoting that which is written. The devil fled from him and flees from Christians who use the Bible, the sword of the Spirit, to resist Satan.

Christians of all ages have robbed Satan of any power over them because they loved the Lord more than they did their lives. If you are willing to give your life for Christ, Satan has nothing left to use against you (consider Job).

They overcame Satan in three ways. Meditate on these three attitudes they had, and you can rest assured that victory is yours. Heaven is assured to those who know this!

Meditate on these three attitudes and rest assured victory will be yours



By David Sproule

A Call for Unity in Christ

The first-century congregation in the city of Corinth was dealing with a divisive spirit that had permeated the membership. A report had reached the apostle Paul that each member of the congregation was claiming allegiance to various ones—"I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or I am of Christ" (1 Cor. 1:12). The inspired penmen denounced such contentions with one statement—"Is Christ divided?" (1:13). The obvious answer is, "Absolutely not!" Therefore, if Christ is not divided, then what should those who are divided do?

While Paul was reflecting on the reality that was plaguing the followers of Christ in Corinth, he had just stated in no uncertain terms the divine, eternal, uncompromising will of God—"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1:10). How many "divisions" did (or would) heaven approve? None! Zero!

Look around today. The religious division and religious confusion that exists today is so widespread and so dominant that it would seem to some to be inevitable, acceptable and even preferable. Read God's will again—"that there be

no divisions among you." Therefore, it is not acceptable to God for there to be even one division of His followers into two different groups teaching two different things (let alone hundreds of different groups teaching hundreds of different things). The resulting and present-day division of believers has caused many others to reject Christ and refuse any form of Christianity, based upon what they witness among those who claim to be followers of Christ but cannot agree on the simplest of matters (see John 17:20-21).

So, what should we do? Read First Corinthians 1:10 again. "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that you all speak the same thing...**" ALL. SPEAK. THE SAME THING. Someone says, "That's easier said than done." But, why? If we ALL only SPEAK the SAME thing that the BIBLE says, there would be NO divisions. That's what God is telling us!

If there was ever a time in our modern era when the world needed Christ, it is now! But it cannot happen to its fullest while man divides believers into varying groups by their varying doctrines. Friends, please, let's abandon all manmade doctrines and manmade churches, and let's "all speak the same thing" by speaking only "the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). Salvation is only through Christ (Acts 4:12) and His word (Jas. 1:21). Let us believe it, love it, teach it and obey it!

Let's abandon all manmade doctrines and manmade churches



By Josh Blackmer

Apollos, An Example of Zeal

I am amazed at the people the Bible doesn't mention. There were untold thousands of people serving God with great zeal in the first century, doing amazing things and going to great lengths to spread the gospel. From my perspective that makes the ones that were mentioned all the more important to study. It is one thing to read about what the unnamed masses were doing (Acts 2:42-47). That is enough to give us an authoritative example. However, when someone is mentioned by name in their service it seems to be a little more personal.

Apollos is a great example to look into. We first see him in Ephesus (Acts 18:24-28). He is described as "a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit" (Acts 18:24-25a). We have no idea why a man from Alexandria, Egypt ends up so far away in Ephesus. It turned out to be good for him and the church. While Apollos was initially teaching he did not have a full grasp of baptism. "He was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more

accurately" (Acts 18:25b-26). He was teaching accurately things concerning Jesus, this would include prophecy about Him and His deity. He was not teaching accurately about baptism. This highlights the fact that it matters what we teach. You can't just teach any feel-good thing, slap a few verses pulled from context and call it scriptural.

Apollos' zeal continues after having learned about the baptism of Jesus. He expresses interest in going to Achaia, a region of Greece. "When he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace, for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ" (Acts 18:27-28). We can clearly see that he continued his practice of teaching Jesus and refuting the Jews wherever he went. Apollos was instrumental in the work in Greece. We have record of his help with Paul in Corinth. "I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth" (1 Cor. 3:6). We know that he also worked in other places (1 Cor. 16:12; Titus 3:13).

Apollos is a great example of someone who gave their life completely over to the service of the Lord. We know nothing about his circumstances. We are just informed about his work in the kingdom. May we strive to do the same.

May we strive to be an instrument of service to God.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Respect God's Word that much?

How can you tell how much someone respects God's Word? There may be a number of ways to answer that question, but one key measurement is to listen to his words. Consider the highest respect that two persons had for God's Word—a respect that we must emulate.

In John 12:49-50, Jesus stated, "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak." Think about that. Jesus would ONLY speak what the Father spoke. Now consider John 16:13—"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." The Holy Spirit also would ONLY speak what the Father spoke.

The Father, the Son and the Spirit all spoke the same thing and would not speak anything differently from each other. What about us? Do we teach the same as They teach? – DS



The praise I truly want

There were some individuals in John 12 who believed in Jesus. Not everyone in Jesus' day actually believed in Him, so these people were already in an elite group. However, note carefully what Scripture reveals about them: "Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (12:42-43).

Why did these "believers" not take their "belief" any further than a mental assent? "They loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." They considered their options, and it was more important to these individuals to be accepted by their peers than it was to be accepted by God.

That is a scary position in which to place oneself, but do we ever make the same choice? Whenever we give in to peer pressure, whenever we are ashamed to stand up for Jesus, we are making a choice to love the praise of men more than the praise of God. May God help us to be stronger and to crave His praise! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Joyce Barnhouse	recovering at home from pacemaker replacement surg.
Ed Buonadonna	now at home and recovering slowly
Johnny Davis, Jr.	immunotherapy treatment for kidney cancer
Joan Holloway	in rehab at Chatsworth
Grace Judge	dealing with lung issues again
Les Sawyer	no longer in Gardens Medical Center

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Lorraine Allen	Lisa Metzkes' sister, dealing with covid
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, recovering from a procedure

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

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, 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. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

Monday, August 30

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

Tuesday, August 31

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. 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.
- ♦ **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.cf biblecamp.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** after morning services or before evening services 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** at 4:30 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

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

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

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.

Thursday-Sunday, September 23-26

- ♦ **RUSH Weekend at FHU for Grades 8-12.** Sign up on the bulletin board by August 29. Cost is \$50 plus money for 10 meals/snacks.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - September 2021

September 5 ^(A)

September 12 ^(S)

September 19 ^(L)

September 26 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Richard Watson	Dan Fuller	Johnny Davis	Robert Mariano
Scripture Reader	Willie Smith	David Lord	Jimmie Banks	Richard Kelley
Presiding at Table	Tim Cox	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Leslie	Phil Porter
Serving at Table	Tim Fry Rick Hall Namdidie Ikon Orlando Lolo Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano Rick Price Taylor Reeves Nahum Villard Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Freddie Gadson Errol Gower-Winter Brent Leslie Daniel Lord Chuck Reeves, Jr. Benny Rodgers Gary Seames Daniel Swayne Brandan Widner	Lance Collier Kirk Crews Gorman Ericksen Jeffery Goodale Kameron Heitler Hunter Hinton Luther Robinson Jim Rogers Lawrence Williams Marty Williams	Stephen Beliech Novel Brown Michael Erickson Tim Fry Namdidie Ikon Orlando Lolo Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Vincent Rogers Ricky Smith
Closing Prayer	Mike Erickson	Dirk Summerlot	Michael Ellis	Morris McDaniel

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	Novel Brown	Bob Higbee	John Hoelzer	Victor Colage
Scripture Reader	Morris McDaniel	Daniel Wagner	Lawrence Williams	Richard Lerro
Presiding at Table	Stephen Beliech	Paul Metzkes	Joe Maloney	Richard Watson
Serving at Table	Tim Fry Trey Higbee	Connor Goodale Cody Price	Lance Collier Jeffery Goodale	Rick Hall Trey Higbee
Closing Prayer	Richard Lerro	Freddie Gadson	Kirk Crews	Tyler Williams

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Buzz Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
Video	Scott Studer	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Seth Watson	Darin Summerlot	Mike Damron	David Lord
Usher	Victor Colage	Kane Campbell	Ed Gager	Rick Price
	Vince Rogers	Andres Fernandez	Eugene Williams	Nahum Villard

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Tim Cox	Mike Damron

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 7-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium at 5:50 PM.

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 22

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Jennifer Anderson Hunter; Mr. Nathan Cox; Mr. Keith Hutchison; Mr. Ian Lackey; Ms. Robyn Landen; Ms. LaQuanda Renee Lane; Ms. Guerline Paul; Ms. Sherry Rodia; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Laura Martin, Mount Dora, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



Sunday (August 29th)

Jordan Beasley

Monday (August 30th)

Dion & Misty Hayes (Ann.)
Mary Brown

Tuesday (August 31st)

Dan & Luann McLeod (Ann.)
Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro (Ann.)
Trey Higbee
Cherylann Wineinger

Thursday (September 2nd)

Ashley Alfaro
Johnny Davis
Owen Miley
Jessica Ramirez
Nahum Villard

Friday (September 3rd)

Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts (Ann.)

Saturday (September 4th)

Gary & Doris Friedly (Ann.)
Nate Nelson
Marty Williams

We are so blessed to have such a loving and splendid family such as you all. We are thankful for the calls, cards and support. We are thankful for the loving heart you all expressed in a trying time like this. We love you more than words can express.

The Banks Family

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Brothers and Sisters,

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to you for all the acts of kindness shown to my family and me during the loss of my brother. Your thoughtfulness will always be appreciated. Please continue to keep us in prayer.

With love,

Mary Brown

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 29

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading Ivan Villard
Singing
Lord's Supper Johnny Davis
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Eugene Williams

Serve at Table:

Jordan Beasley Kameron Heitler
Lance Collier Jeff Leslie
Gorman Ericksen John Patrick
Max Fonrose Luther Robinson
James Green Jim Rogers

Sunday Evening, August 29

Singing Young Men
Opening Prayer Young Men
Scripture Reading Young Men
Singing
Lord's Supper Young Men
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Young Men

Serve at Table:

Young Men

Wednesday Evening, September 1

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Dan Fuller
Family Prayer Dan McLeod

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 22	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	179	146
Sun. AM Worship	219	234
Sun. PM Worship	120	101
Wed. Bible Study	143	126
Contribution	\$14,358	\$15,422

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$43,700

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Nahum Villard
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.

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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

 Speaking where the Bible speaks

 Silent where the Bible is silent

 Calling Bible things by Bible names

 Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

August 29

Nigeria Mission Report

September 5

Joey Treat Mission Report

September 12

New Bible Classes Begin

September 24-26

Grief Workshop with Ron & Don Williams

October 2

Knock-On-Your-Neighbor's Door Day

November 4-7

25th Annual South Florida Lectureship
Theme: "He Who Promised Is Faithful"

November 24

Congregational Singing