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Welcome New Members



McCoy, Maxine

Group 2

Restored December 12



Seay, Donald

Group 2

Transferred December 19



Sweetenbury, Jettie

Group 2

Baptized January 28

Hungering for Truth

Gospel Meeting
with Phil Sanders

March 6-9



By Dan Jenkins

Guide, Guard and Direct Our Paths

It is remarkable how often we use the same phrases as we pray. There is nothing wrong with repetition, as long as it is not vain repetition (Matt. 6:7). Over the years I have heard others pray that the preacher might “have a happy recollection of the things he has studied.” I heard it for years but was unable to know what a *happy* recollection was. I sometimes wondered if the person praying those words knew what he was saying.

Another phrase I heard as a youth (it often preceded the words about asking all this in the name of Jesus) was that God would “guide, guard and direct our paths.” It is very possible that those who said these words thought God would whisper in their ears or give them “holy hunches” about whether to turn left or right at the next intersection.

We do need to rely on God to direct our paths but not in the way many think. One passage which helped me to understand how God “guides, guards and directs us” is found in the book of Proverbs. It appears that Solomon literally has his children in mind as he writes this book. The phrase “my son” is found 21 times in this book. It is found 15 times in the first seven chapters. The wise king is trying to impart wisdom to his son.

In chapter six, he tells his son to remember his father’s commandments and his mother’s law. He uses the words “lead” and “keep to” in the way many once prayed using the words “guide, guard and direct.” “When you roam, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep you...for the commandment is a lamp and the law a light” (Prov. 6:22-23).

Think of how these words about listening to the father apply to us listening to our Father. We ask our Father to guide, guard and direct us, and His commandments become a lamp and a law to direct our paths.

Now note one other admonition Solomon gave his son regarding his teachings. “Bind them continually upon your heart; tie them around your neck.” The father’s words can never guide, guard and direct the son if the son does not remember. Wherever the son went, he took his father’s words with him to lead him in the right way.

Isn’t this a beautiful picture of how God can guide us and lead us in the paths of righteousness. “The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple...the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes” (Psa. 19:7-8). So, as you ask God to help you walk close to Him, realize that when we bind His words on our hearts and tie them around our neck these very words become a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Letting Him guide, guard and direct demands Bible study.

I wondered what a “happy recollection” was. Is there an “unhappy” one?



By David Sproule

When Christ Returns (Part 5) — Eternal Destinies Rewarded

“The last day” is coming—the last day for life on this earth, the last day for the existence of this earth, the last day to have an opportunity to obey the gospel and be saved, the last day to make preparations for judgment and eternity!

While the day of Christ’s return will be “the last day” (John 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 12:48), it will also be the beginning of eternity for all people. Look carefully at Matthew 25:46. Jesus discussed the “eternal” rewards that await every person who has ever lived. Regarding the unrighteous, Jesus said that “these will go away into eternal punishment.” Then regarding the righteous, Jesus said that these will go “into eternal life.” What does the word “eternal” mean?

Notice that the same word “eternal” (from the Greek *aionios*) is used for both heaven and hell. Whatever it means for one it means for the other. Greek scholars define *aionios* as “pertains to a period of unending duration; *without end; never to cease; everlasting.*” Think about the terms in that definition as they apply to heaven and hell. There is nothing “temporary” about the “eternal,” as you see those two terms contrasted in 2 Corinthians 4:18. As eternal as “the everlasting God” is (Rom. 16:26), so eternal is the duration of the final destinies of all mankind.

There will be eternal, everlasting, without-end, never-to-cess “life” in heaven for the righteous. This is for those who “believe” in Jesus Christ (John 3:16), “obey” the will of Christ (Heb. 5:8-9; Matt. 7:21), are “in Christ” and in the Lord’s church (Rom. 6:23; Heb. 12:23; 1 Cor. 15:24), are the “few” who walk the “narrow way” (Matt. 7:13-14) and have their names written in the Book of Life (Rev. 20:15; 21:27). These will dwell eternally with the Lord in the place that Christ has prepared (1 Thess. 4:17; John 14:1-3; 2 Cor. 5:1-8).

There will be eternal, everlasting, without-end, never-to-cess “punishment” for the unrighteous. This is for those who “do not obey the gospel” (2 Thess. 1:8), for those who live in sin (Rev. 21:8; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 1:18-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-10), for those who once did obey but later “turned” from “the way of truth” (2 Pet. 2:20-22; Jas. 5:19-20), and even for some religious folks who do not actually “do the will of the Father” (Matt. 7:21-23). These will dwell eternally in punishment and torment “away from the presence of the Lord” (2 Thess. 1:9; Rev. 14:11; 20:10; 21:8), in the place that is “prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matt. 25:41).

Those in hell will endure a punishing for the same length of time that those in heaven will enjoy rest—forever. No one knows when “the last day” is going to come. You must be ready “this day,” in case it is “the last day.”

There is nothing “temporary” about the “eternal”



By Josh Blackmer

The Invasive Nature of God

Living in South Florida we are not strangers to the concept of invasive species. We deal with iguanas almost daily, but we also have walking catfish, Argentine Tegu, Muscovy ducks, Burmese pythons, Cane toads, Rhesus monkeys, Brazilian Pepper trees, wild boar, Cuban tree frogs, Snakehead fish, Lionfish, Giant African land snails, Air potato vines, and feral cats, to name a few. These non-native species get introduced to a spot where they have no predators or disease control and quickly reproduce. They begin to compete with native species that require similar habitat and food supply. If left unchecked the native species tends to decline while the invasive thrives. It completely takes over the new habitat while the natural fades away. While this is obviously not what we want to happen to the environment, it is what we want to happen in us.

If we are left to our own devices, we will not live righteous lives as God would have us. Paul said this is where we are without God. "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them, we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by na-

ture children of wrath, even as the rest" (Eph. 2:1-3). Not that we are born sinful, just that our own passions and lusts lead us to death. The very next verse gives us hope, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved" (Eph. 2:4-5). God, because of His great love, wants to save us from our nature and have us understand His divine nature.

This is a hostile take over that we should promote.

"Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust" (2 Pet. 1:3-4). That change to reflect His divine nature in us starts with knowledge and faith, then a continual growth (2 Pet. 1:5-8). We see this concept also in other passages. This process is referred to as putting on the "new self" that is renewed in the likeness of God (Eph. 4:20-24; Col. 3:5-17). In the Colossian letter, Paul prescribes that we "put to death" all those native attributes and allow the divine to take over in our hearts and minds. This is a hostile takeover that we should promote. We need this change in nature in order to enter the kingdom and thereby the promised land. Pick a native attribute in you and start killing it today.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Let it be at home in you

There is probably dwelling in your mind right now some really great movie quotes like, "You keep using that word" or "May the force be with you." There is probably abiding in your mind right now some really great song lyrics like, "When you wish upon a star" or "It's the eye of the tiger." Your mind could go on and on in reciting these kinds of things. How is that possible? Because you have spent so much time listening, watching and absorbing. That's not a bad thing, in this case. It's just an illustration of how that happens.

God tells us, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (Col. 3:16). The word "dwell" indicates to let something make its home within you. How often do you let the word of God richly "make its home" in your heart? Songs and movies get embedded in your heart due to repetition and finding enjoyment therefrom. The same can and should happen with Scripture. The more time you spend IN IT, the deeper and richer it will dwell IN YOU. – DS



"Under God"

Our nation is certainly not what it used to be. When the phrase "under God" was added to our Pledge of Allegiance, President Eisenhower commented about those two words, "They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man." Thirty years later, President Reagan advised, "If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." Look where we are now.

The spiritual and moral decline in our nation is apparent. Many reasons could be suggested as to the cause, but these two Presidents foretold the cause: choosing to not be "under God."

Forget the national application of this and make a personal application. Are you truly, daily, willingly, pleasantly "under God" in your personal life? Does your life reflect the dignity of living "under God"? While we need to be concerned about our nation, we need more to reflect on our own submission to our God! Have you pledged to live "under God" each day (Jas. 4:7-10)? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	undergoing treatments for stage 4 lymphoma
Shirley Hopkins	fractured pelvis, undergoing physical therapy
Bobby Ingraham	suffering with knee pain
Cynthia Ingraham	still waiting on test results for breast issues
Grace Judge	second degree burns
Carolyn Kemp	recovering from a hairline fracture of her pelvis
Peggy Simpkins	undergoing chemo treatments for rare cancer
Giselle Smith	recovering at home
Jermaine Smith	recovering at home from surgery on broken hip
Jennifer Walker	recovering at home



Angelica Fernandez, upon the passing of her mother, Carmen Delarosa, on Tuesday, February 15 in the Dominican Republic.

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Marian Holland
Bonnie Arthur	Joan Holloway
Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Connie Plouffe
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Yanick Charles	Michelle Franck's sister, in ICU in Canada with Covid
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering from pacemaker
William Jackson	Jonetta & Mary's brother, recovering from surgery
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, multiple health issues
Christopher Stewart	Yolanda Stewart's husband, recovering from oral surg.

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, February 20

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Monday, February 21

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

Tuesday, February 22

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

Wednesday, March 2

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Grades 5 & under will have their regular classes.

Friday, March 4

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.

Saturday, March 5

- ◆ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.

Sunday, March 6

- ◆ **Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home.** Please bring Wal-Mart or Publix gift cards and place them in the box in the Lobby. They are not having a truck pick up items this year, so please do NOT bring supplies.

Sunday-Wednesday, March 6-9

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders.** This year's theme is "Hungering for Truth."

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	12:45 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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Monday, February 21

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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.

Saturday, March 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson.

Monday, March 14

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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.

Friday, March 18

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Monday, February 21

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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.

Thursday-Sunday, February 24-27

- ◆ **Challenge Youth Conference** for Grades 8-12 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Cost is \$50 per person plus money for meals. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, March 13

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

Monday, March 14

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 b Willie Smith	2 ☆ Prayer Meeting	3 b John Patrick b Angela Walker	4 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting b Glen Dawson	5 ☆ Congregational Work Day b John Hoelzer
6 ☆ Gift Cards for Mount Dora Deadline b Susie Cox	7 b Justin Maloney b Bob Swayne	8 b Bereather Williams	9 b Bonnie Quigley	10	11	12 ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street ☆ Young Adult Devo a Jim & Robin Davis b Marvin Dozier
Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders (6th-9th)						
13 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Begins ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Bob & Jennifer Higbee b Vivian Blackmer b Leesa Schenk	14 ☆ Men's Meet b Mike Erickson	15 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting	16 b Tim Cox b Lynne Jorgensen b Sue Shelt	17	18 ☆ Ladies & Lattes	19 b Dion Hayes b Jermaine Smith b Ricky Smith
20 ☆ EDP Meeting ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo	21 b Max Fonrose b Yolanda Stewart	22 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting a Christopher & Yolanda Stewart	23 b Betty Sanders	24	25	26 ☆ Youth & Young Adult Family Bike Riding ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting a Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham b Matthew King b Carmen Ruckman
27 b Jerry Hopkins b Jerry Pittman	28	29 b Cruz Fernandez	30	31		

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
February 13

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Caila Buonadonna; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mrs. Jean Marlene; Ms. Susan Preston; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mrs. Trellini Smith; Mrs. Lisa Suarez; and Jean, Kimberly & Gabriella Tulgestka.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Wendy Barnes, Columbus, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Billy & Shayla Clabaugh, Sayre, OK; Mr. Bill Cline, Pensacola, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. Jud Davis, Henderson, TN; Mr. Fritz Exantus, West Park, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Stephani Minor, Lavon, TX; Mr. Ted Okolichany, Lakeland, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Erick & Mendy Rucker, Rockwall, TX; and Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Erin Wells, Spring Hill, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday, February 21st
Lillian Bankston

Wednesday, February 23rd
Ricky Smedley

Tuesday, February 22nd
Lester Galloway

Friday, February 25th
Lisa Eutsey



Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We deeply appreciate your expressions of sympathy and condolences.

Love,
Willie and Melissa Shaw

News & Notes

Mount Dora Children's Home is collecting gift cards this year instead of sending a truck for supplies. **Please bring Wal-Mart or Publix gift cards** and place them in the box in the Lobby by Sunday, March 6.

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, February 20

Singing.....Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading..... Orlando Lolo
Singing
Lord's Supper Novel Brown
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:
Tim Cox Tim Mahlbacher
Tim Fry Nicholas Pietro
Namddie Ikon Taylor Reeves
Richard Kelley Willie Smith
Steward Lynch Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, February 20

Singing Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading..... Richard Lerro
Opening Prayer Ricky Smith
Singing
Lord's Supper Victor Colage
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing PrayerRichard Watson

Serve at Table:
Silas Balfour Trey Higbee

Wednesday Evening, February 23

Singing.....Ivan Villard
Invitation Willie Smith
Family PrayerJohn Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 13	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	192	144
Sun. AM Worship	236	208
Sun. PM Worship	105	114
Wed. Bible Study	128	127
Contribution	\$17,414	\$16,063

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,085

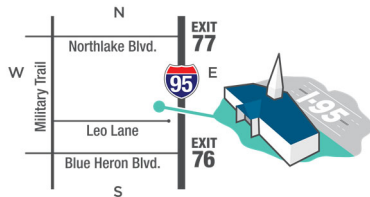
Service Coordinator: Mike Damron
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Nahum Villard
Safety Team for this week: Rick Tibbetts



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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: Sofia McLeod

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).

Upcoming Events

March 6-9

Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders
Theme: “*Hungering for Truth*”

April 21

Ladies’ Day with Carol Dodd
Theme: “*Why Am I Here?*”

April 24

New 10-Week Bible Classes Begin

April 30

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men
Theme: “*Fellows in His Fellowship*”

May 1

Bring-a-Friend Day with Neal Pollard

May 22

Promotion Sunday & Graduates’ Luncheon