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### Our Gospel Meeting is not over! It keeps on going...on our website!

# Hungering for Truth Phil Sanders conducted a Gospel Meeting at the PBL church of Christ on March 6-9, 2022. What Are You Becoming? March 9, 2022 Sermon March 9, 2022 Sermon Phil Sanders Why Do People Not See the Bible Alike? March 9, 2022 Sermon Phil Sanders Why Doesn't God Speak Directly to Man Today? March 8, 2022 Sermon Phil Sanders Hungering for Righteousness March 8, 2022 Sermon Phil Sanders Why Does God Allow People to Suffer?

March 7, 2022 Sermon 🔒 Phil Sanders

The People of God March 7, 2022 Sermon & Phil Sanders

#### It Is Written

March 6, 2022 Sermon A Phil Sanders

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Two Paths, Two Destinies
March 6, 2022 Sermon 2 Phil Sanders
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 The Power of the Gospel

 March 6, 2022
 Sermon
 A Phil Sanders

Watch. Listen. Share. Repeat.

#### It Is Almost Impossible to Have a Regular Zoom Meeting

A family get-

together is not

the same when it

uses Zoom to

talk about Him



It was a very special family until the death of the most important member of the family. The circumstance surrounding his death was something that the family would never forget. They had shared a meal with him just hours before he died. They decided that they would continue a family practice

which been part of their lives for so many years. They decided that once a week they would get together and share his favorite choice for dinner and talk about him. As they grew older, they even taught their children about him. That weekly meal together seemed to be the catalyst that kept them together.

After a while, circumstances began to change that meal together. Some could no longer come to the meal, so they decided that that would

use their laptops and virtually the family could still come together. While they could not be at the meal, they would make his special meal and they could "sorta" be there. Their work situations changed often, so when the family came together, they would eat his dinner but would record the meeting so that those who worked could still be part of the gathering, even though they were not there physically. Those who could not come even prepared that special dinner and ate it as they watched others eat. That plan seemed to work for a while, but you can guess what happened.

Over a period of several months, the lives of those who were watching the family eat began to change. It was just not the same as sitting around the family table and talking about him. It did not happen all at once but the interest of those who could not come began to diminish. It was just not the same. They were doing what they once all did together, but it was just not the same. There was something about sharing together the memory of the family member who died that

> could not be duplicated using a laptop. The idea seemed good, but it was just different. The family was not as close as it once had been.

> In a similar way, there once was a spiritual family of God who came together and shared a common meal remembering the One family member who died. They sang songs together about His life and every week remembered Him together. The hearts of

all of them were stirred as they learned by experience what actually happened as they all spoke together to each other in songs about Jesus. They really felt a closeness of fellowship and sharing as this happened. It was the same feeling they had as they gave or shared the joy of seeing someone baptized.

Then covid hit. That family tried to use the internet but there is such a difference in sharing in worship and watching others worship. Think about it. Is there something you need to change in how you worship because of covid?



#### **Choose Life**

Moses was preaching his final message to Israel before he would die and be buried by the Lord Himself. He told them how good they would have it if they would just "obey the voice of the Lord your God" (Deut. 30:10). He was doing all he could to essentially beg them to "love the

Lord" and "keep His commandments" (30:6, 10). They had two choices and the choices were clear: "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing" (30:15, 19). To make the choice as obvious as possible, Moses pleaded with them, "Choose life" (30:19). Doing so would bless their lives and the lives of their children. Think about those two words of Moses' challenge: "Choose life." While the choice should have been obvious, for some it was not. Think about three choices we must make today.

Choose life over murdering an unborn baby! We're not supposed to use the word "murder" or "slaughter" or "butchery" or "crush." Instead, we call it "abortion" or "choice." And the more "open minded" today are supposedly those who are "Pro-Choice." What they do not want to acknowledge is that there is life in the womb and there is life from the moment of conception (see Psa. 139:13-16; Jer. 1:5; Lev. 17:11-14; Ex. 21:23; Matt. 1:20; Luke 1:36, 41, 44; 2:12, 16). In the midst of a world that is fighting irrationally to maintain "the right" to butcher precious, innocent, unborn babies, God pleads with us with these two words, "Choose life!"

Choose life "in Christ" over life "out of Christ"! Living the Christian life today is not a very popular choice. The devil doesn't like it when you do. The ungodly world doesn't like it. The intolerant, materialistic, selfish, maniacal, immoral society in which we live doesn't like it. But you know who does like it?

Doing so would bless their lives and the lives of their children.

Your God does! And you should, too! There is NO better life than the one "in Christ," for there alone will one find "every spiritual blessing" (Eph. 1:3), living a life "more abundantly" blessed by the Savior (John 10:10) than any other life. Choose life!

Choose life eternal in heaven over eternal punishment in hell! Isn't it amazing that you get to choose! Some believe there is nothing one can do to

affect his eternal destiny, but that does not accord with God's Word. Jesus is the "author of eternal salvation" to a select group of people-"all who obey Him" (Heb. 5:9). When one chooses, through His faith in Christ (John 3:15-17), to cast off the works of "sin" (Rom. 5:20-21) and "obey" His commands, the promise of eternal life awaits him! Choose life!

Friends, I beg you like Moses begged Israel—Follow God and choose life! It will bless your lives and the lives of your children!



#### Sin in 4D (Part 3)

It seems that no matter where you turn truth is being spun. It is being manipulated to fit the needs and the narrative of various groups that are at odds with one another. The prizes to be won in this war of deception are the hearts and minds of the general public. The collateral damage has

been our collective confidence in these institutions we once trusted. Satan was the first one to spin truth and sow doubt saying, "You shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4).

The Scriptures assert the fact that sin and Satan are deceptive. Satan spun God's command to make it look oppressive but in fact it was for our protection (Gen. 3:1ff). Paul taught Timothy how he must teach so that with repentance and knowledge people might "come to their senses and escape from

the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will" (2 Tim. 2:24-26). Satan has deceptive messengers: "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds" (2 Cor. 11:13-15).

We should be helping one another stay away from the deceptive nature of sin. "Encourage one another day after day,

as long as it is still called 'Today,' so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:13). Paul mentions that anyone of us can be deceived by sin (Rom. 7:11; Tit. 3:3). We are constantly warned throughout the Bible—"Be not deceived" (Matt. 24:4-5; Eph. 5:6; Jas. 1:16). "Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the

beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil" (1 Jn. 3:7-8).

Don't get caught up in the deception and lies about sin.

When are we deceived by sin? When we say we have no sin (1 John 1:8-10). When we think evil companionship will not corrupt (1 Cor. 15:33). We are deceived if we are hearers only and not doers of the Word (Jas. 1:22-25). Sin is deceptive because it promises liberty but brings slavery (2 Pet. 2:19). Sin

appears attractive but is hideously ugly like "a dog returning to its own vomit" (2 Pet. 2:22). Sin appears to be right when it is wrong (Prov. 14:12). Sin appears to bring life when it brings death (Rom. 6:23). Sin appears to be so insignificant when it is so major. Eve took a little bite (Gen. 3:6). Lot's wife took a little look (Gen. 19:26). Uzzah took a little touch (2 Sam. 6:1-11). Ananias and Saphira told a little lie (Acts 5:1-11). Sin, though it may seem small at times, will have a terrible result. All sins are significant. Don't get caught up in the deception and lies about sin, and encourage one another to do the same.

#### Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

#### Is the world still alive?

When the first-century world wanted someone put be to death in the most open, dependable and confirmable fashion, they would crucify them. That was certain to drain every bit of life out of their bodies. Isn't it interesting, then, that the Bible uses that very same term to describe how a Christian, who has been "called out darkness" (1 Pet. 2:9), is to relate to the un-

godly world? A child of God must be able to say, "the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Gal. 6:14). That is only possible when "those who are Christ's" (you and me) have done what is necessary to "have crucified the flesh with its passion and desires" (Gal. 5:24).

Fellow Christian, let me ask you—have you crucified the world to yourself? Have you taken the necessary steps to drain every bit of life out of the world's stranglehold on you? Or is it still alive to you? Sometimes we allow the world (with its passions and desires) to keep a little place in our lives, but when we do, it has the freedom to revive at any time and take control. Friends, let's nail each ungodly passion of the world to a cross...once and for all! -DS

#### God expects too much of me

Have you ever thought that God expects too much of you and that there's no way you can do all that He teaches and that you're not strong enough to keep up with everything He commands? If so, take a moment and imagine being Joshua. Moses is getting ready to die—the Moses who spoke directly with God, led Israel miraculously out of Egypt, received the Ten

> Commandments on the mountain, patiently endured the Israelites for 40 years in the wilderness, etc., etc. And before Moses dies, imagine God turns to you and says, "Your turn! You're taking Moses' place!" What would have gone through your mind? Maybe something like, "God expects too much of me...I'm not strong

enough..." And just when you think you're not strong enough, imagine that God says to you, "Be strong and of good courage" (Deut. 31:6). Me? How?

God gives the answer. Read it slowly. He is saying this to YOU, too! "For the Lord your God, He is the One who goes WITH YOU. He will NOT leave you NOR forsake you" (31:6). When you think you can't do it and it's all too much, go back and read these words! -DS



## Keep in Your Prayers

#### **Pray for These PBL Members**

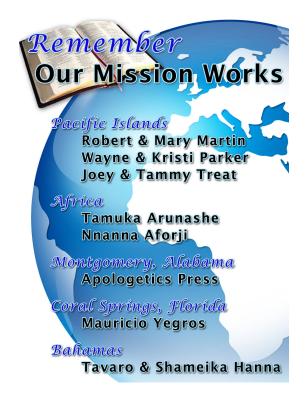
Bonnie Arthur	moved to rehab, no visitors or phone calls
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	started a new treatment for stage 4 lymphoma
Grace Judge	second degree burns
Carolyn Kemp	recovering from a hairline fracture of her pelvis
Bonnie Quigley	recovering from cataract surgery
Peggy Simpkins	undergoing chemo treatments for rare cancer
Sam Simpkins	diagnosed with kidney and bladder cancer
Giselle Smith	dealing with a number of health issues
Jennifer Walker	still recovering from surgeries and hospitalizations

#### **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	Connye Plouffe
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley



#### **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

Clara Medina

Carolina Alvarenga's sister, multiple health issues

# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, March 13

- **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- 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.
- House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.
- 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

- 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.

#### Tuesday, March 15

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- Family Group 2 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

#### 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.

#### Sunday, March 20

• **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

#### Tuesday, March 22

• Family Group 1 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

#### Saturday, March 26

• Family Group 3 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

# Young Adults

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#### Saturday, March 26

 Jr. High, Sr. High & YA Family Bike Riding at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop (50 Cocoanut Row, Suite 117; Palm Beach 33480). Bring a bike and your lunch. If you do not have a bike, bike rentals are available at our meeting location.

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• Jr. High & Sr. High Devo after evening worship at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. Please bring drinks, chips or a dessert. See Josh Blackmer for details.





Sunday, March 13th Bob & Jennifer Higbee (Ann.) Vivian Blackmer Leesa Schenk Wednesday, March 16th Tim Cox Lynne Jorgensen Sue Shelt

Monday, March 14th Mike Erickson Saturday, March 19th Dion Hayes Jermaine Smith Ricky Smith



We rejoice with **Susan Preston** who was baptized on Sunday, March 6 during morning services.



Sunday, March 6

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Jessica Allen; Mr. Asaad Alrekabi; Miss Ashley Blumhof; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Ms. Johnell Coe; Ms. Janice Cooley; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Tiki Hafer; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Todd Juckett; Mrs. Karen Lester; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Mr. & Mrs. John & Corinn Miller; D.L. Moore; Ms. Delores Morton; Ms. Melissa Morton; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; Jean, Kimberly & Gabriella Tulgestka; Ms. Martie Veverka; Mr. Garfield Walks; Mr. David Whipple; and Mrs. Sirpa White.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Walt & Hazel Arthur, Nashville, TN; Mr. Bill Cline, Pensacola; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee; Mrs. Leena Edgar, Ft. Wayne, IN; Mr. Fritz Exantus, West Park; Mr. Gomer Gonzalez, Hialeah; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Carol Hammond, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Linda Horrocks, Manchester, TN; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden; Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Yolanda Munoz-O'Connor, Hialeah Gardens; Mr. & Mrs. Kendell & Sandra Stevenson, Okeechobee; and Mr. & Mrs. Buddy & Linda Williams, Nashville, TN.



Jerry Pittman informed the elders that he needs to resign as a deacon at Palm Beach Lakes. Jerry has been a deacon for 37 years (since 1985!) and has served exceptionally well in every assignment the elders have given to him. Jerry is a hard worker with a compassionate heart. We love Jerry and Lorena, and we're so thankful they are part of PBL!

#### **Those to Serve**

If you are <u>unable to serve</u>, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

#### Sunday Morning, March 13

Opening Prayer Scripture Reading Singing	Dion Hayes Tim Cox Taylor Reeves Robert Mariano
00	Rick Hall
Serve at Table: Victor Colage Tim Fry Namdidie Ikon Richard Kelley Orlando Lolo	Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Willie Smith Rick Tibbetts Tyler Williams

#### Singing ...... Stephen Beliech Opening Prayer ...... Phil Porter Scripture Reading .......... Novel Brown

Sunday Evening, March 13

#### Wednesday Evening, March 16

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Singing	Jimmie Banks
	Jeff Leslie
Family Prayer	Johnny Davis

Our Record			
Attendance	<u>Mar. 6</u>	Feb. Avg	
Sun. Bible Study	198	192	
Sun. AM Worship	294	259	
Sun. PM Worship	163	107	
Wed. Bible Study	167	120	
Contribution \$	518,845	\$15,480	
2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220			
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$8,035			

Service Coordinator: Eugene Williams <u>Ushers</u> for this week: Vincent Rogers & Seth Watson <u>Safety Team</u> for this week: Nahum Villard

# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST 4067 Leo Lane Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 Steaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent Stervice Schedule Sundary: Bible Classes 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.

#### Front Cover: VBS 2019

(Singing, "Oh, the blessings come down as the prayers go up!")

#### 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

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"

<u>May 1</u> Bring-a-Friend Day with Neal Pollard

May 22 Promotion Sunday & Graduates' Luncheon

May 29 Fifth Sunday Finger Foods