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Welcome New Members



Landen, Robin

Group 4

Identified March 6



Snyder, Allison & Joseph

Group 1

Identified March 6



Preston, Susan

Group 1

Baptized March 6



Blumhof, Ashley

Group 4

Baptized March 12



By Dan Jenkins

Learning to Listen to God

James describes the kind of heart we need in order to profit from studying the Bible. Read His words carefully. “Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (Jas. 1:21-22).

Every time we read the Bible, listen to Bible teaching or are studying the word, we must receive it with meekness. Sometimes there are individuals who have great knowledge about the Bible and can readily quote it, but it does not seem to change them. Why? Because they do not receive it with humility. Knowledge of the Bible involves the “head,” but meekness involves the “heart.” When Samuel heard the message of God in the middle of the night, he said, “Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.”

There is more than meekness involved in Bible study which will change our souls. James uses the expression, “the implanted word.” Jesus’ parable about the sower described what happened to the seed which fell on good soil. Unlike the seed which fell on stony ground which began but “had no root” (Luke 8:13), the roots of the seed on the good soil had depth and produced much fruit. James is not talking about just hearing the words but adds the word “implanted,” showing

that the “seed” is far more than knowing the Bible. This seed sinks deep into our hearts. This is why the KJV translates this as “the engrafted word.” Bible study in this passage describes four actions: (1) the hearing of the word; (2) an openness to receive the word; (3) a heart which humbly listens to God—he is humble enough to accept the truth, even when it hurts and condemns; and (4) letting the words sink deeply into us.

Look again at this paragraph in James. It begins with the word “therefore.” This indicates that divine truths had just been uttered and based upon that truth a heavenly conclusion is stated. What had James just said?

James had described a man who so readily charged God with tempting him. James showed this violated the nature of God. Look at verse 19. “So then my brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” Is it possible that these words which can apply to dealings with others have a primary application to not hastily charge God, but to be swift to hear God, slow to speak before Him and become angry at what He says?

The next time you study the Bible, do not begin your study with a preconceived conclusion you want to use the Bible to prove what you believe. Remember that Solomon said that when we come before Him, “let your words be few” (Ecc. 5:2). Always be swift to hear God. Think about it.

We must learn to listen to God, and let His words sink deep into our character



By David Sproule

Rich Toward God

The richest man who ever lived gave a stern warning about riches. So, it was not a poor man making accusations against those who are rich. It was a warning from the Man who owns everything Himself—Jesus Christ.

The Owner of all things said, “Take heed and beware of covetousness” (Luke 12:15). The original Greek has the word “all” in the text, so it is best translated, “Be on your guard against all covetousness” (ESV) or “against every form of greed” (NASB). Think about that word “all” or “every.” Is there more than one form of greed or covetousness? Jesus indicated that there is, and He warns all of us to beware of every form that covetousness can take in our lives. What a concept!

In this context in Luke 12, Jesus tells the Parable of the Rich Fool. Jesus does not teach that this man was a fool because he was rich. There is nothing inherently wrong or sinful with being rich—the Bible never hints that there is. However, what we learn about this man in Jesus’ parable is that he was rich toward himself, having laid up treasure for himself. That was (for him) the focus, the purpose, the intention of his riches. It is obvious that he suffered from the debilitating disease called “The Love of Money.”

In this parable, the rich man was condemned because

he did not use and focus his riches toward God and furthering the cause of the Lord. That sharp censure ought to grab our attention. Those who are rich, especially, need to examine whether they are rich toward self, toward family, toward the world, or rich toward God. Beware and be on guard against EVERY form of covetousness—which means, “Don’t be deceived into telling yourself that you’re ok!”

The reality is that God has made ALL of us rich! Think about that. ALL of us are rich IN God and BY God! I’m not talking about money! And I’m not talking about material possessions! I’m talking about every form of blessing we experience in this life—including the splendor of His creation, the relationships we enjoy, the abilities He has given to each of us, the influence that we have, etc., etc. We must be EVER on guard against EVERY form of covetousness that would make us lose sight of WHO blessed us with all of these things and TO WHOM we should be utilizing them on a daily basis! Friend, you are rich! The question is, are you rich (with these blessings) toward self or are you rich toward God?

The richest man who ever lived taught us much about the many, many riches that we have in this life. He owns the world and everything in it, including us. May we do everything we can to use what He has given to us (in every form of our riches) to be rich toward God!

Friend, you are rich!



By Josh Blackmer

Sin in 4D (Part 4)

“Death comes for us all; even at our birth, death does but stand aside a little. And every day he looks towards us and muses somewhat to himself whether that day or the next he will draw nigh. It is the law of nature, and the will of God” (Robert Bolt, *A Man for All Seasons*). While Mr. Bolt is off on his theology and personification of death, it is none the less true. The writer of Hebrews put it this way: “It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment” (Heb. 9:27). While death has been a part of life, it wasn’t always so.

The sin of Adam and Eve made death an inseparable consequence of sin (Rom. 5:12). God warned them that death would be the consequence of sin (Gen. 2:17). Since then, “the wages of sin” has been death (Rom. 6:23). This spiritual death and separation from God is the most dangerous but not the only danger (Matt. 10:28). Sin can result in a physical death. All mankind suffers the consequences of Adam’s sin in that they die physically (Rom. 5:12), and as a result, the world is dotted with cemeteries. Physical death is often caused by our own choices, our sins or the sins of others. Countless lives have been cut short due to vices, greed, anger and selfishness. Physical death should not be what we are afraid of most. It is the spiritual death that should concern us most. “Fear Him who is able to

destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matt. 10:28b). James highlights the nature of sin and that when it is “accomplished, it brings forth death” for the individual (Jas. 1:13-15). “The person who sins will die” (Ezek. 18:20). Though a sinner is dead, he is still able to do his part in the conversion process. “Work out your salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12).

Those who have never “died to themselves” or have been “baptized into His death” must contend with the second death (Rom. 6:3-11). Because “their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8). Those that have been baptized are blessed, for “Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection [baptism]; over these the second death has no power” (Rev. 20:6). Although it sounds nice, we do not live to greet death as a friend; death to a Christian is a conquered enemy (Rev. 20:14). That is why Paul says, “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:56-57).

Sin leads to death. It leads to spiritual death, possibly physical death, and surely the second death if it is not forgiven. That can only happen through the blood of Christ. That can only happen through my obedience. Death comes for us all. Are we ready? Are we doing what we can to help others be ready? This is the most important thing we can share.

Death comes for us all. Are we ready?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Living like today is not the day

The apostle Peter wrote about scoffers who did not believe that Jesus was going to return, for they fallaciously reasoned, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation” (2 Pet. 3:4). Every day looked the same and went by in the same way and there was no sign of His coming, so they went about doing whatever they wanted to do, mocking the very idea of His promised return.

Is it possible that Christians today (not just outsiders, but actual Christians) could become so enamored with life and with the affairs of this earth that their life itself may be scoffing the very idea of Christ’s return? Brother and sister, do we live each day with the reminder in our heads and the anticipation in our hearts that “today could be the day”? Too many of us are living like today is not going to be the day, and because of His apparent “delay,” we can “do as we please.” May God help us to live each moment like Jesus “will find” us “doing” as He pleases (Matt. 24:43-51)! – DS



How could he sleep?

Immerse yourself in this scene. Get the full picture in Acts 12. Peter was witnessing and personally experiencing the violent persecution that Herod Agrippa (“the king”) was bringing against Christians. Peter saw Herod kill his fellow apostle and friend, James, with the sword. He was seized by Herod’s henchmen, with plans to do the same to him as was done to James. Peter was arrested, thrown in prison, guarded by sixteen soldiers and bound with two chains between two soldiers. What would you be doing in that prison cell? Where would your emotions be? How uncomfortable, miserable, traumatic and faith-draining would all of that be?

The night before Herod was about to sentence him, do you know what Peter was doing? What would you be doing? The record tells us, “that night Peter was sleeping” (Acts 12:6). Could you be sleeping? Peter trusted unequivocally in the presence of God, and knowing “the Lord is my helper,” he determined, “I will not fear,” for after all, “What can man do me?” (Heb. 13:5-6). Do we trust in the Lord so much that we can sleep in our worst trials? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Bonnie Arthur	moved to rehab, no visitors or phone calls
Ashley Blumhof	recovering from a procedure
Casey Bound	hurt her knee and trying to get treatment
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	started a new treatment for stage 4 lymphoma
Mike Erickson	Wellington Regional, serious bacterial infection
Grace Judge	second degree burns
Carolyn Kemp	recovering from a hairline fracture of her pelvis
Diane Leslie	recovering from knee surgery
David Lord	recovering from a procedure
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
Yolanda Stewart	having surgery on March 24
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
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, recovering from a stroke

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, March 20

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

Monday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

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

Friday, April 1

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Bring a potluck dish to share.

Monday, April 4

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building.

Sunday, April 10

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

Friday, April 15

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. 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.

Thursday, April 21

- ♦ **Ladies' Day at PBL** at 6:00 p.m. Carol Dodd will be speaking on "Why Am I Here?" Please RSVP by Monday, April 11.

Sunday, April 24

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Saturday, April 30

- ♦ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Fellows in His Fellowship." Please RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Saturday, March 26

- ♦ **Jr. High, Sr. High & YA Family Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop (50 Coconut 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.

Monday, April 4

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Saturday, April 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Casey Bound. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, April 15

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. 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

Sunday, March 20

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, March 26

- ♦ **Jr. High, Sr. High & YA Family Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop (50 Coconut 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.

Monday, April 4

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Sunday, April 10

- ♦ **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 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting b Taylor Reeves	2 a Bill & Allison Snyder b Lorena Pittman
3 b Giselle Smith	4 ☆ Men's Meet	5 b Elizabeth Summerlot	6	7	8 b Micky Affron b Jean Archer b Zula Garrett b Nadia King	9 ☆ Young Adult Devo
10 ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna b Anthioda Charles b Jennifer Higbee b Rose Martens	11	12 a Bill & Inell Ingram b Kaylani Carmona b Mendy Crews	13 a Alex & Stephanie Contreras a Henry & Breather Williams b Marcia Clough-Moss	14	15 ☆ Ladies & Lattes a Aaron & Squadeina Ross	16 ☆ Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under
17 b Joseph Charles	18 a Jerry & Shirley Hopkins b Loni Fuller	19 b Sherri Richmond	20 b David Caudill b Donald Seay	21 ☆ Ladies' Day with Carol Dodd	22 a Steward & Rowena Lynch b Layla Courts-Buonadonna b Jeremy Maloney b Amber Villard	23
24 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo	25	26 b Helen Burney b Rick Hall b Ivan Villard	27 a Jordan & Marsha Beasley b Jessica Gibbins b Marie Telfort	28 b James Green b Kane Campbell	29 b Beth Fry b Terri Hahn	30 ☆ Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men ☆ Sr. High Spring Formal

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



Sunday,
March 13

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday, March 21st

Max Fonrose
Yolanda Stewart

Saturday, March 26th

Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham (Ann.)
Matthew King
Carmen Ruckman

Tuesday, March 22nd

Christopher & Yolanda Stewart (Ann.)

Wednesday, March 23rd

Betty Sanders

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux; Mrs. Krystian Dubuisson; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. John Haynes; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Je'von Hutchison; Mrs. Jean Marlene; Mr. Montrell Nowell; Mr. David Perez; Mrs. Trellini Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; Ms. Kaylyn Truelove; and Jean, Kimberly & Gabriella Tulgestka.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Laneé Anderson & Aryanna Owens, Waukomis, OK; Mr. Mark Audia, Mills River, NC; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. Fritz G. Exantus, West Park, FL; Miss Caroline Freund, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Amber Hammond, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Carol Hammond, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Craig & Ronda Hammond, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Emily Hammond, Nashville, TN; Mr. Scott & Colton Kelley, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Clint & Leeann Neel, Nashville, TN; Miss Allie Nixon, Nashville, TN; Mr. Kendell Stevenson, Okeechobee, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Buddy & Linda Williams, Nashville, TN.



I want to thank the elders and our church family for all the cards, words of encouragement, floral arrangements and kindness that were and continue to be extended to me and my family upon the passing of my sister. I really appreciate it from the bottom of my heart.

Michelle Franck

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, March 20

Sermon
Singing..... Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reading..... Eugene Williams
Singing
Lord's Supper Andy Anderson
Contribution
Singing
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga Bill Ingram, Jr.
David Brown Daniel Lord
Ed Buonadonna David Lord
Andres Fernandez Chuck Reeves, Jr.
E. Gower-Winter Dirk Summerlot

Sunday Evening, March 20

Sermon
Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Daniel Wagner
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan McLeod
Contribution
Singing
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot

Serve at Table:

Devin Eutsey Gary Seames

Wednesday Evening, March 23

Singing..... Josh Blackmer
Invitation..... Darin Summerlot
Family Prayer Paul Metzkes

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 13	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	151	192
Sun. AM Worship	234	259
Sun. PM Worship	84	107
Wed. Bible Study	88	120
Contribution	\$13,694	\$15,480

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,510

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

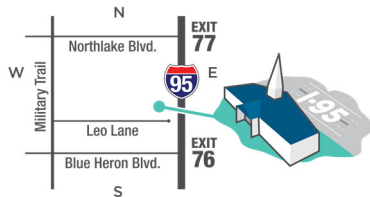
Ushers for this week: Edward Gager & Brandan Widner
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne



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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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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).