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LIVING THE *Abundant* LIFE

Kick Start Your Summer

June 15 The *Changed* Life Kevin Patterson

June 22 The *Peaceful* Life Terry Frizzell

June 29 The *Fruitful* Life Terry Casey

July 6 The *Prayerful* Life Douglas Alvarenga

Wednesday Bible Study

Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium during Bible class.



By Dan Jenkins

What Is Faith?

We all know that we are justified by faith in the scheme of redemption. We also know that we are not justified by faith only, for when we look at Abraham’s justification in offering Isaac, the Bible emphatically says that he was justified by his obedience to God and “...not by faith only” (Jas. 2:21-24).

It is remarkable how often when the question about “What is faith?” arises, there is someone who quotes Hebrews 11:1 as though the words there define faith. “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Many who do this do not fully understand the meaning of these words. Before defining faith, let’s take a moment to look at what this passage says.

“Faith is the substance” of those things for which we hope. Hope that is seen is no longer hope (Rom. 8:24), but faith makes those things for which we hope have substance. There is no physical substance to be touched or handled in things hoped for, but in the absence of physical substance we react in exactly the same way as we would if we had literal physical evidence. The reason that faith gives substance is because we have complete assurance to react this way. What is that complete assurance? It is that God has spoken, and what He says is the non-physical substance we need.

“Faith is the evidence of things not seen.” That God has clearly spoken truth is all the evidence we need. I remember hearing Gus Nichols talk about this and his experience of dipping his feet in the Jordan River. “I had never seen the Jordan River but when I first beheld it, there was no surprise that it was there. I already knew it was there.” He then said that he did not believe in the Jordan anymore after he arrived and walked in it. Faith is, in that sense, stronger than sight.

Two simple illustrations help define faith: elevators buttons and speedometers

Hebrews 11:1 is a discussion of the qualities of faith, but it does not define it. What is faith? Two simple illustrations give great insight as to the true meaning of faith.

The elevator door opens, and you see the light indicating that it is going up. You step into the elevator and press the number of your desired floor, and you never give it another thought. You trust that number you have pushed, you have faith in it, and you trust it so much that it controls your life.

You see the blue flashing lights ahead of you, and you immediately check your speedometer. You trust the number registered on you dash completely. You have faith in it, and that trust controls your life.

This applies to faith in God. I check with Him and have complete trust in what He says. That trust completely controls my life. What is faith? It is trusting obedience to Him!



By David Sproule

Are You Vexed?

Has your spirit ever churned within you? You know what I mean, right? You see something or hear something that really bothers you, and you can almost feel your stomach and/or your chest just start to twist. Your body is reacting physically to something that is trying your spirit. Two Bible characters experienced something like that. Consider what we can learn from them.

In Acts 17, Paul came to the idolatrous city of Athens. It is believed at that time in history that there were about 30,000 public idols in the city that had a population of only 10,000 people. That’s a LOT of idols! When Paul saw that these people worshiped SO MANY false gods and that they referred to the one true God as “The Unknown God,” the Bible says that “his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols” (Acts 17:16). The Greek word for “provoked” indicates that Paul was constantly “irritated, greatly distressed, aroused with anger and grief.” The next verse starts with the word, “Therefore.” With his spirit provoked because of the prevalence of idolatry, what do you think the “therefore” would be? The verse says, “Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue...” He wanted these people to know the one true God and to turn to God! His spirit could not stand the fact that they were lost!

Is your spirit provoked within you?

Peter tells us about another individual who had a similar reaction to things around him. Lot lived in the sinfully depraved city of Sodom. The people of the city had “given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh,” normalizing and celebrating a homosexual lifestyle (Jude 7; Gen. 19:1-11; 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:10). Lot was living in this city with his family. Did he just “go along to get along”? Did he just “accept it” as an equal lifestyle and permitted in the eyes of a loving God? No. Peter tells us that Lot “was oppressed by the filthy [sensual, NASB] conduct of the wicked,” and that he was continually “day after day...tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard” (2 Pet. 2:8-9). It was not merely that the lawlessness was tormenting him (in a passive sense), but it specifies that he was actively tormenting his own soul. He couldn’t bear to see and hear of such wickedness.

We are living today in a world like Paul found in Athens—seemingly worshiping and devoted to everything under the sun other than the one true God. We are living today in a world like Lot found himself in Sodom—filled and overflowing with sensual conduct and lawless deeds of the most vile kind. Here’s the question: Is your spirit provoked within you like Paul? Is your soul tormented like Lot? We cannot become desensitized to sin. It must continue to vex us and churn our spirit, so that we “therefore” want to teach people about God!



By Josh Blackmer

Who Are We Trying to Please?

There were several times in Paul’s letters that he had to defend his apostleship and authenticity. On one such occasion he wrote, “For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ” (Gal. 1:10). This raises a good question for us. Who are we trying to please? It is easy to see how this motivation could change the perspective we have on so many things.

If we are living to please God, then our lives and thought processes would be oriented in that direction. There would be several things that I would be putting first, no matter the circumstances. I would be seeking what was best for the advancement and promotion of the kingdom (Matt. 6:33). I would be seeking to establish God’s righteousness and not my own (Matt. 6:33; Rom. 10:1-3). I would “keep seeking the things above” and “set [my] mind” on those things (Col. 3:1-2). I would be thinking and pondering on those things that have the highest moral value (Phil. 4:8). I would make every effort to be pleasing to God. “Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him” (2 Cor. 5:9).

By orienting my life in this way, God has made assurances to us. He has assured us that He has our best interest at

heart, not wanting any to perish (2 Pet. 3:9). He has proven Himself over and over again to be faithful in His promises, even when mankind hasn’t been (Heb. 10:23). He has shown us loving kindness that we do not deserve (Eph. 2:7). He has forgiven us when we didn’t deserve it (1 John 1:9). He has given us grace through His Son (2 Tim. 1:9). He even has promised us a reward after already doing so much for us. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Pet. 1:3-5).

Living to please others puts them in the driver’s seat of our lives.

If we are trying to please man, we would be given none of those assurances. By pleasing man, I am not serving God. I am a slave to the whim and will of mankind. They can promise me nothing that would be eternal. The ramifications are staggering. I am still in my sin. I have no eternal hope. My life is patterned after a shifting, fleeting form of morality. It leaves my life in a lurch. My family life is like some reality TV show. I would be powerless to do anything about it. Living to please others puts them in the driver’s seat of our lives. Who do you want in control of your life? God is the only one who has proven Himself to be capable of guiding us.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

He hurts when you hurt

Have you ever watched someone go through a really trying time in their life and your heart just grieved heavily for them? You wanted to reach out and just hug them and console them. You wanted to send them something (flowers, food, a gift) just to show how much you hurt for them and were thinking about them. You were truly hurting because they were hurting. Could you say that in their affliction you were also afflicted? That would be an amazing depth of that love!

Did you know that your Father in heaven has that depth of love for you? He did for the children of Israel. Through all the trials and troubles that they went through, Isaiah said, “In all their affliction He was afflicted” (Isa. 63:9). Think about that for a moment. Is that the picture that you have of your God? It’s certainly not the picture that many folks have of God (especially, as they will call Him, “the wrathful God of the Old Testament”). But that is YOUR GOD!

Remember—in ALL your affliction, He is afflicted! Take a minute and read Hebrews 4:14-16. – DS



And we survive

Could you survive without chocolate? Some of you say, “No!” Could you survive without coffee or caffeine? “Are you kidding?!” Could you survive without the internet? “Have you gone mad?!” More serious, could you survive without water? Without oxygen? Obviously not!

Get even more serious. Could you survive without God? Some might say, “Well, it depends on what you mean by survive. Obviously, I could survive. It’s not like I’m going to die or anything.”

We sing a song a lot that we really like. It says, “There is beyond the azure blue a God!” Amen! It says, “There is a God, He is alive!” Amen! But, we also sing with great gusto, “In Him we live AND WE SURVIVE.” Do you mean that when you sing it? Could you survive without Christ? Could you survive outside of Christ? Think long and hard. How critical to your survival on a day-to-day basis is your relationship with Christ? If you could survive without Him (even for a little while), then do you really have Him? “In Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28; cf. Eph. 1:3, 7)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Christene Bean	recovering from surgery on her neck
Linda Coe	blood clot in her leg, knee replacement postponed
Glen Dawson	undergoing treatments for stage 4 lymphoma
Bill Ingram, Sr.	under Hospice Care at the Martin Coast Center
Robin Landen	now at home, dealing with a blood disorder
Diane Leslie	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Cheryl Milton	recovering from her cancer surgery
Sam Simpkins	surgery postponed until June 29
Guadalupe Tipton	recovering from surgery on a liver cyst
Betty White	recovering from surgery on a dislocated disc in her neck
Teresa Williams	recovering from cataract surgery
Wesley Williams	diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Peggy Simpkins	chemo, rare cancer
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joan Holloway
Glen & Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Joyce Parker
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, another back surgery, Jun 22
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, in hospital, undergoing tests
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
Bobby Tucker	Eva Fulton's brother, suffering with Alzheimer's

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, June 12

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

Monday, June 13

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, June 14

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

Wednesday, June 15

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Kevin Patterson will be speaking on *“The Changed Life.”* Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Friday, June 17

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

Saturday, June 18

- ◆ **PBL Ladies’ Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Terry Frizzell will be speaking on *“The Peaceful Life.”* Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Thursday, June 23

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. This is for all PBL members and families who live between Blue Heron Blvd. and Southern Blvd.

Sunday, June 26

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m. There will be a separate class for the ladies.

Wednesday, June 29

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Terry Casey will be speaking on *“The Fruitful Life.”* Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, July 3

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Friday, June 17

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. 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.

Friday, July 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, July 15

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. 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-Saturday, July 17-23

- ◆ **Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC.** See Josh Blackmer or Gary Jenkins for details.

Saturday, July 30

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Friday, June 17

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. 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, June 19

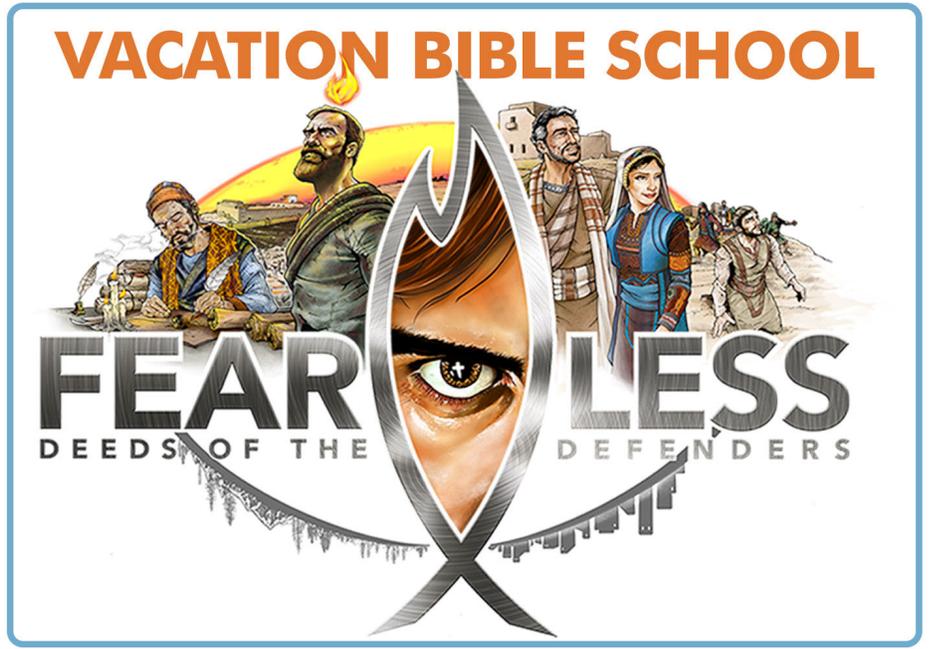
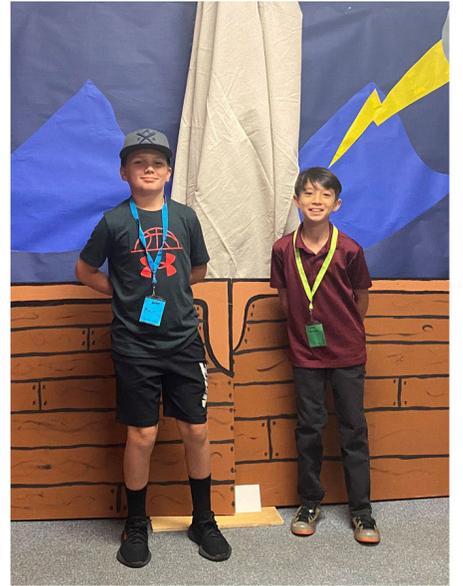
- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. Parents are welcome. Please bring a dessert or drinks. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Wednesday-Saturday, June 22-25

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** See Dan, David or Josh for details.

Sunday, June 26

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m. There will be a separate class for the ladies.



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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
June 5

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Angela Chance; Mr. Cristhian Cuevas; Mrs. Krystian Dubuisson; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Ms. Pierre Louis Yoléne; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Miss Tiffany Mayes; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mrs. Michalea Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; and Ms. Cecilia Tipton.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Lorraine Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Mrs. Amanda Benezra, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Amanda Costello, Manchester, TN; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mrs. Lindsey McPherson, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Myrna Sanders, Camden, AR; and Mr. & Mrs. William & Lisa Vanish, Wilmington, DE.



Directory Changes

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Monday, June 13th
Tim & Susie Cox (Ann.)
Judie Jenkins
Taylor Price
Squadeina Ross

Thursday, June 16th
Ally Alberga
Michael Fox

Tuesday, June 14th
Jeff & Diane Leslie (Ann.)

Friday, June 17th
Nyla Hackshaw
Mary Jackson

Wednesday, June 15th
Gary & Sue Shelt (Ann.)

Saturday, June 18th
Dan & Judie Jenkins (Ann.)



Sunday, June 12

Labeling will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

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, June 12

Singing Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper Gary Jenkins
Singing
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Paul Metzkes
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dirk Summerlot

Serve at Table:
Andy Anderson Errol Gower-Winter
Ed Buonadonna Bill Ingram, Jr.
Addison Collins Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Devin Eutsey Benny Rodgers
Edward Gager Darin Summerlot

Sunday Evening, June 12

Singing Robert Lupo
Lord's Supper David Lord
Singing
Opening Prayer Bob Higbee
Scripture Reading Daniel Lord
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:
Gary Seames Jonathan Swayne

Wednesday Evening, June 15

Singing Robert Lupo
Invitation Josh Blackmer
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	June 5	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	193	181
Sun. AM Worship	264	268
Sun. PM Worship	169	124
Wed. Bible Study	149	126
Contribution	\$17,834	\$15,178

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$29,451

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Daniel Swayne
Safety Team for this week: Brandan Widner



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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: **David & Daisy Lord**

Mixed Messages

By Robert Lupo (Summer Intern)

Unity in messaging matters. If you look at statements or press releases from any political party, you will notice that they always have a unified message. Great amounts of time and money are spent in getting their message right and making sure everyone is on board. A unified message drives policy and can even win elections.

As Christians, we also need to be unified in our messaging. To politicians, this may mean manipulating people with half-truths and euphemism. But to us, this means truly believing and teaching the same things. Paul wrote, "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing..." (1 Cor. 1:10). The congregation was dividing themselves over status and moral issues (cf. 1:12-17; 5:1-5). As Paul explains, this is the result of disunity. If we are not unified in the Scriptures, we will drive a wedge between ourselves and those who need the gospel.

It is not enough, however, to simply have the same message. We must also have the same mission. What good does it do for the Lord if we preach the Scriptures but never use them to lead souls to Christ? Are we leading the lost to a life of obedience, or are we just selling them a new, exciting religious experience? The Lord commissioned His church for the work of making disciples (Matt. 28:18-20). If we are unified in this mission, we can change lives and win souls for Christ.

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).