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Pray for their safe travel and their work for the Lord.

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It's More Than a Song for Children

Those songs which we sang years ago can easily be laid aside, and we forget their powerful messages. Paul talked about "putting away childish things" (1 Cor. 13:11), but this has nothing to do with forgetting those vital truths we learned even before we went to school. Look at one of those songs.

"This little light of mine..." or in another version,

"This little Christian light of mine" (even though they are not yet Christians}, is at the beginning of the song. It is not just children who have a light, Jesus wants all of us to be the light of the world (Matt. 5:14). We are lights because we are followers of the Light (John 9:5). We reflect His glory into the world of their lights under darkness. We must not overlook just how powerful "this little Christian light" of mine is. When Jesus

said, "You are the light of the world," the word "you" is plural (KJV—Ye are the light) but the word "light" is singular. By yourself you may think you have no influence on others, but never forget that a city (composed of many lights) cannot be hidden.

"All around the neighborhood..." is where I'm gonna let it shine. We all live in a different "hood," and this is why we must see the lost souls on our streets, in our workplace and in every shop we visit. Remember how Jesus described what it means to love your neighbor. The man who helped the battered man beside the road to Jericho was not from that "hood." In fact, he was from another nation (a Samaritan), yet he was the one who Jesus described as the neighbor. Your "hood" begins at your front door and follows you to every place you go each day.

"Hide it under a bushel..." Jesus said we should put our lights on a candlestick to give light to all of those in the house. Not just some, but all in the house! There is no selectiv-

> ity in choosing those who see our lights. There is a consistency of character that is determined, not by the audience, but by our moral fiber. Men in darkness may hate the light (John 3:19-20), but we are not "secret" Christians.

> "Don't let Satan ... " put it out. Paul says that we wrestle against "the god of this age" "blinded" those who are unbelievers (2 Cor. 4:4) and this god

will do all he can to keep our lights hidden "...lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them" (4:4). Far too many Christians have let Satan hide their lights under a bushel.

"I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." Shining our lights demands we make a firm decision about what we are "gonna" do! Have you faithfully done this? Perhaps we should not have forgotten the words of this song. It may not be a children's song after all!



Preachers and Christians, Watch Out!

Sometimes we want credit for things that we do, even things that we do in the church as a Christian. It is difficult to let someone else get the credit or attention resulting from something we have done. Such a craving for recognition caused some of John the Baptist's disciples to inform John of

By David Sproule

someone who was stealing the spotlight from him. They said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!" (John 3:26).

It had been John's show for a while, as he was preparing the way for the Lord. His teaching efforts were proving successful, as "all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him" (Matt. 3:7-8). That would

make a man feel good about his efforts. The Bible even called certain people, "the disciples of John" (Luke 5:33; 7:18-19; 11:1). A person in this position could get a big head and think much about himself and take credit for the work he was doing. But that wasn't John's heart. Take note of what John said after his disciples warned him that Jesus was surpassing him.

First, John conceded that his work (and all the results therefrom) had been "given to him from heaven" (John 3:27). What was happening was according to Divine will.

Second, John reminded his friends that his ministry was not about him, for "I am not the Christ" (3:28). He was coming before and preparing the way for the true Messiah.

Third, John expressed that, as Jesus' "friend," he "rejoices greatly" at the "voice" of his Friend, and his "joy" was "full" to know his work was fulfilling its purpose (3:29). Rather than jealousy or resentment, he was happy.

> Fourth, John recognized who he was next to Jesus. His humility shines forth in this short yet profound realization, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (3:30). The present tense verbs indicate that both processes needed to be ongoing.

> Fifth, John exalted Christ unequivocally in front of his followers. Twice in verse 31, John exclaimed that Christ is "above all." In other words, John is telling his friends that this man to whom "all

are coming" is "above" me! And I'm glad!

Sixth, John charged his disciples to listen to and obey the Christ. John declared that Jesus "speaks the words of God" (3:34) and the one "who believes in the Son has everlasting life" (3:36). But "the wrath of God" is upon him who "does not obey the Son." One must believe and obey!

John refused to take any credit! He wanted all men to look through him to see the Christ! Can we say the same?

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A Faith That Overcomes

When we sing, we are edified by the message of many songs—songs like "Faith Is the Victory," "We Have an Anchor," "Be Not Dismayed" or "Victory in Jesus." These are sung to remind and get us thinking about our faith. These are songs that remind us to have a faith that can overcome.

We read from the first of John's letters, "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith" (1 John 5:4). We forget the power of strong faith. We Everyone needs also read, "So that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil" (Heb. 6:18-19).

As individuals and as a congregation we need to remember to have faith in God that He has done more than what He said He would do. "Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us'" (1 Sam. 7:12). What are we doing to remember what the Lord has done for us? We pray and then we are astonished when it is answered. The trick is praying as though it is already answered. What would it hurt to be more conscious of the things we prayed for and to thank God for answered prayers and for His providential care that we take for granted so often? In Samuel's time, the care given by God was noted and stones were set up to remember what God had done.

A question might be, "Should we be concerned about overcoming this world?" "Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into pris-

on, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). It is like this because this world is a death trap (Rom. 6:23; 1 Pet. 5:7). How many of us have been swept away by life's events, and we wonder how we got there? The remedy is simple. "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay

aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:1-2).

There are simple things that help in our lives. The most simple is faith. Everyone needs to believe in something. Paul taught Timothy, "Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called" (1 Tim. 6:12).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Nothing to joke about

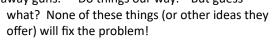
After playing AC/DC's 1979 hit, "Highway to Hell," the classic rock radio DJ quipped, "When life on this spinning ball called earth is over, will you ascend the beautiful 'Stairway to Heaven' or will you speed full throttle down the 'Highway to Hell'? I know where I'm going! And I'm gonna need my sunglasses and shorts, because it's going to be really hot! Ha!"

The rich man in Luke 16 wasn't even in hell yet, when he "cried" from "torments in Hades...'I am tormented in this flame'" (16:23-24). Does that sound like a joke? Jesus Himself described hell as "everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25:46), "everlasting fire" (Matt. 25:41), "outer darkness" (Matt. 25:30), where "the fire shall never be quenched" (Mark 9:43-48), "their worm does not die" (Mark 9:44-48), and there will be "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 8:12). It is "prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41), "away from the presence of the Lord" (2 Thess. 1:9).

Hell is NOTHING to joke about! It is EVERYTHING to avoid! Thank God for showing us "the way which leads to life" (Matt.

The simple answer to the problems around us

It seems like every time you check the news these days there is a catastrophe of some kind that has taken place, often some immoral or violent activity. Pundits are quick to offer their brilliant ideas on how to solve the problems: "Make more laws." "Take away guns." "Do things our way." But guess



The problem (notice the singular use of this word, rather than plural) we are facing as a nation is the direct result of an expulsion of God from our land! When faith in God is mocked

and evolution is praised, catastrophe will follow. When the Bible is discarded and wokeism rules, catastrophe will follow. When Jesus Christ is hated and the flaunting sinner is revered, catastrophe will follow.

The simple answer to the problems around us is to point people to God, to teach the Bible and to exalt Jesus Christ! Any effort short of that will not work! "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34)! - DS



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Keep in Your Prayers

Pray for These PBL Members

Jordan Beasley	Gardens Medical Center with rhabdomyolysis
Judy Carmack	recovering from an outpatient procedure
Linda Coe	dealing with health issues
Glen Dawson	undergoing new chemo treatment, stage 4 lymphoma
Bill Ingram, Jr.	recovering from double hernia surgery
Judie Jenkins	recovering from major back surgery
Diane Leslie	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Cheryl Milton	recovering from her cancer surgery
Maurine Reed	recovering from colon cancer surgery
Emma Reeves	recovering from major surgery
Sam Simpkins	recovering from surgery for kidney and bladder cancer
Betty White	recovering from neck surgery
Wesley Williams	under Hospice Care at his son's home in Miami

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 AmesJGlen & Josie DawsonIDianne FryeITerri HahnIMargie HardinJLoretta HoladayI
- Joan Holloway Inell Ingram Daniel Johnson Betty Matter Joyce Parker Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, dealing with Alzheimer's disease
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, congestive heart failure
Mary Pietro	Nick Pietro's mother, has malignant melanoma cancer
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
Quinntavais Smith, Jr.	Willie & Giselle's grandson, ear surgery on July 11
Hank Vanderwende	Karen Lester's father, under Hospice Care at PBG Hosp.



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, July 10

• New Member's Orientation Class at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry for more details.

Monday, July 11

• No Monday Night Bible Study. Will resume next week.

Tuesday, July 12

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

Sunday, July 17

 New Bible Classes Begin at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

 Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC. Counselors and staff volunteers are needed. Donations are also needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Josh B. or Gary Jenkins for details.

Sunday, July 31

 PBL Family Photos Updated after morning services or before evening services in the Family Room.

<u>Friday, August 5</u>

• Family Group 4 Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ally Alberga. Bring a potluck dish to share. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

Sunday, August 7

- Shepherds Praying at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- Back-to-School Ice Cream Social after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream (& scoops), toppings and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Sunday, August 14

- Guest Speaker, Clint Davison, will be speaking at 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. Jr. High & up meet will in the Auditorium.
- Shepherds Praying at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Young Adults

Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

• Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Josh Blackmer or Gary Jenkins for details.

Saturday, July 30

• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Darin & Cindy Summerlot. Bring sides, desserts and drinks. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday, August 7

• Back-to-School Ice Cream Social after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream (& scoops), toppings and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Friday, August 19

 Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. 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, July 17

 New Bible Classes Begin at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

• Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC for Age 10-Grade 12. Campers, please register online: www.cfbiblecamp.org. See Josh Blackmer or Gary Jenkins for details.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 23-27

• Upward Bound at CFBC. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, August 7

• Back-to-School Ice Cream Social after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream (& scoops), toppings and drinks to share. All members are encourage to come and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Saturday, August 13

• Charged By Christ with Clint Davison from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for all Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.



"Half" Page of Questions

1.	Half of this Israelite tribe settled on the east side of the Jordan River (Num. 32:33)?
2.	Who slaughtered about 20 Philistines within about half an acre (1 Sam. 14:14)?
3.	Who shaved off half of the beards of David's servants (2 Sam. 10:4)?
4.	What king suggested to divide a living child in half for two quarreling women (1 Kings 3:25)?
5.	What queen admitted that the half of Solomon's greatness had not been told her (1 Kings 10:7)?
6.	What queen was offered up to half the kingdom of Persia at a banquet (Est. 5:3, 6; 7:2)?
7.	To whose daughter did Herod Antipas offer up to half of his kingdom (Mark 6:22-23)?
8.	In what condition did thieves leave a man in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30)?
9.	What man told Jesus that he gave half of his goods to the poor (Luke 19:8)?

10. When Jesus opened the seventh seal, where was there silence for about half an hour (Rev. 8:1)?



Thank you for all the cards, well wishes and especially the prayers.

In Christian Love,

Judy Carmack

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Dear PBL Family,

Thank you so much for all the gifts and prayers. I'm thankful to know I have the church family in my corner. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for the constant encouragement. Thank you again for thinking of me.

Daniel Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was no surprise to us for the love and dearest attention that was given to us by all of you at Palm Beach Lakes in the loss of our dear son, Johnny. We love you all so much and cherish the moments that you cared for us, attended to us, and prayed for Johnny and for us. We are also very thankful for all the care that you gave us and Johnny during his battle and the myriad of cards and notes that we received.

> We love you all, Johnny & Betty Davis

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To My Brothers & Sisters at Palm Beach Lakes,

Thank you for calling me, the cards and all the prayers during my surgery and recovery. I appreciate you all more than you know. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to recovery.

Betty White

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Thank you for all cards and prayers and a special thank you to Amy West who took me to appointments.

Teresa Williams

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



Sunday, July 3

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Cris Cuevas; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Ms. Elsa Lester; Mrs. Trellini Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; Mrs. Jean Tulgestka; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Mr. Terry West.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Larry Aughenbaugh, Denver, CO; Mr. & Mrs. Rod & Christie Cable, Sparks, NV; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Yvonne Clark, Chattanooga, TN; Ms. Dorcas Francois, Corpus Christi, TX; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mr. Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Lindsey McPherson, Nashville, TN; Ms. Iris Nunez, Dominican Republic; and Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon & Liz Parris, Shelby Township, MI.



<u>Sunday, July 10th</u> John Loftis Sarah Smedley <u>Thursday, July 14th</u> Kasandra Jones

<u>Monday, July 11th</u> Cheryl Floyd Karen Friesner

Wednesday, July 13th Novel Brown Sam Simpkins Friday, July 15th

Robert & Norma Mariano (Ann.)

Saturday, July 16th Jim Davis

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, July 10

Opening Prayer Scripture Reading Singing	Gary Friedly Kirk Crews Jerry Pittman Michael Ellis
00	Mike Archer
Serve at Table: Gorman Ericksen Michael Erickson Jeff Goodale James Green Graysen Hayes	Kameron Heitler Hunter Hinton Jeff Leslie Jim Rogers Marty Williams

Sunday	Evening,	July	10
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Singing Opening Prayer	
Scripture Reading	John Hoelzer
Singing	
Lord's Supper	Johnny Davis
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Joe Maloney
Serve at Table: Jimmie Banks	Connor Goodale

Wednesday Evening, July 13

Singing	Jimmie Banks
Invitation	Robert Lupo
Family Prayer	Paul Metzkes

Our Record		
Attendance	<u>July 3</u>	June Avg
Sun. Bible Study	146	176
Sun. AM Worship	241	251
Sun. PM Worship	122	130
Wed. Bible Study	120	143
Contribution \$	18,021	\$15,683
2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$31,489		

Service Coordinator: Eugene Williams <u>Ushers</u> for this week: Lance Collier & Joseph Snyder <u>Safety Team</u> for this week: Lawrence Williams



Front Cover: Lawrence (Learning the Hippo Song) & Julie Williams

You Are Inadequate By Robert Lupo (Summer Intern)

Do you ever feel like you aren't good enough? Inadequacy is a common feeling in many aspects of life. We want to do a good job at what we do and when we fail, it can be very frustrating.

There is one area, however, where you will always be inadequate. No matter how hard you try or how much you practice, you will never be more holy than God. In 1 Samuel 2:2, Hannah prayed, "No one is holy like the Lord, for there is none besides You." That probably seems obvious, but sometimes our actions don't reflect this. Sometimes, our actions are those of someone who thinks he is equal with God.

When we approach Scripture, do we look to find God's teaching (2 Pet. 1:20), or do we seek to validate our preconceptions? When we go to God in prayer, do we make our requests known as humble servants seeking the Lord's grace (2 Chron. 7:14), or do we address Him as an equal who owes us a favor? Hannah was barren and wanted nothing more than to have a son. So, she went to the temple and prayed fervently to the Lord. In Samuel 1:11, Hannah made a vow that, should the Lord give her a son, she will dedicate him to the Lord. The Lord heard Hannah because of her humble spirit (v. 19).

Hannah understood God's holiness. She understood her inadequacy and humbled herself. Let us work daily to be pleasing to Him with all humility and reverence (2 Tim 2:15).

Upcoming Events

July 17

New Bible Classes Begin for All Ages

July 17-23 Jenkins/Blackmer Week at Central Florida Bible Camp

August 7, 14, 21, 28 Shepherds Praying

August 7 Back-to-School Ice Cream Social

<u>August 13</u> Charged By Christ with Clint Davison

<u>August 28</u> Tavaro Hanna Mission Report

September 16-17 Marriage Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts Theme: "His Shoes. Her Shoes."