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Welcome New Members



Rodriguez, Jr., Islay

Group 2

Baptized November 7





By Dan Jenkins

Check Your “Thanksgiving List”

Since it is Thanksgiving week, let me ask you, what are you truly thankful for? As strange as it may seem, the answer you give is likely the very opposite of the answer Paul would give. Read his words, then read them again, slowly. “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake” (2 Cor. 12:10).

How can anyone take pleasure in infirmities? The word signifies the opposite of strength, it signifies weakness and the inability to produce results. If this seems strange, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in reproaches? The word indicates insult, contempt, and harsh treatment. So many of us can hardly go without words of encouragement from others. If this seems strange that Paul would find pleasure in this, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in needs? We are living in a time when the cost of what we consider necessities is almost overwhelming. Paul took pleasure in those times when the necessities of life were scarce. If this seems strange to you, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in persecutions? Compare in the previous chapter his list of all he had suffered and compare it to what we have to endure. Paul took pleasure in

those periods in his life where his enemies pushed so hard against him. If this seems strange to you, keep reading.

How can anyone take pleasure in distresses? This word is best defined as being pressed on every side so severely that it appears there is no escape. If this seems strange to you that Paul would find pleasure in this, keep reading.

To understand Paul’s “Thanksgiving List,” read the rest of the verse. “For when I am weak, then I am strong.” Pay special attention to the words “when” and “then,” for they point to the same time. It is not that “after” I am weak and look back on a situation that I became strong. At the time of his greatest weakness, he had his greatest strength.

When life is easier and we have so many good things for which we can be thankful, we can so easily forget how good circumstances can make us forget about living close to God. However, when circumstances are not “pleasant,” we sense our need for God and turn to Him. He is there, because when we draw near to Him, He draws near to us. James says that such times when trials come, we should count it *all* joy. He then gives the reason, and it is the same one Paul gives. The results of such trials strengthen us and bring us to spiritual maturity (James 1:4). It might be a good time to look at our lists and see that the best times in our lives is when we are having trials!

It is possible that we may have left something off of our “Thanksgiving” list



By David Sproule

Bible Preaching Requires...the Bible

Too many pulpits these days are filled with stand-up comedians, motivational speakers and professional salesmen. Well, maybe not literally, but that appears to be the case in many places. A man gets up to speak during a worship service and he tells a funny joke, he shares some moving stories, he offers some advice for life, and oh, he sprinkles a couple Bible verses in there. Some may think that is an exaggeration, but it’s actually not far off in many places. And, of course, the response might be, “Well, that’s what the people want.” The question preachers should be asking is, “What does God want?”

When God came to this earth, He relied upon and based His preaching on Scripture! When He went to the synagogue in Luke 4, He started by reading from Isaiah (Luke 4:16-21). A lawyer later asked Him a question, and Jesus responded, “What is written in the law?” (Luke 10:25-26). When the men on the road to Emmaus were confused about the events of the crucifixion, Jesus preached to them, “And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself” (Luke 24:47), and “He opened the Scriptures to” them” (24:32). Jesus preached from “the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms (24:44). On at least six occasions, He asked His hearers, “Have you not read?”

Not only did Jesus rely upon and base His preaching on Scripture, but so did all of the apostles! Read Peter’s sermon in Acts 2 and see how much Scripture was at the heart of His lesson. In his preaching, Paul “reasoned with them from the Scriptures” (Acts 17:2), “saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said” (Acts 26:22), “persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets” (Acts 28:23). Read the New Testament epistles (from Romans through Revelation) and see how much they quoted from Scripture, even as they were writing new Scripture.

People today can turn on late-night television if they want to see a stand-up comedian. They can get on Facebook if they want some motivational quotes. But what they need from preachers is the Bible! How can preachers today think that they know how to preach better than Jesus and the apostles, and choose to have “a little Bible” in their “talks”? Preaching is NOT about the preacher! He needs to hide himself inside and behind the Word of God and make sure that is what is prominent in the teaching and learning associated with his preaching. “Oh, but you need to give the people what they want,” someone says. Paul warned about that in Second Timothy 4:3-4, right after giving the top priority to this young evangelist in verse 2, “Preach the word!” If you’re a preacher, preach the word! If you’re a hearer, demand “the word”!

The preacher needs to hide himself inside and behind the Word of God



By Josh Blackmer

Seeking Man's Approval

We are all creatures that need approval. We may have different tolerances for rejection, but at some point we all need approval and validation. The question we need to ask ourselves is, "Whose approval am I seeking?"

Consider the following as an evaluation. I might be seeking the approval of others if I...

1. Take disagreement personally.
2. Change or adapt because of apparent disapproval.
3. Don't say "no" for fear of disapproval.
4. Don't stand up for myself.
5. Gain attention or acceptance through gossip.
6. Appear to agree with someone when you don't.
7. Don't complain when you've received poor service.
8. Pretend to know or understand something.
9. Unnecessarily apologize on a regular basis.
10. Expect compliments and fish for them.
11. Fail to cope with any level of criticism.
12. Behave in a way that's contrary to my beliefs.

If we are seeking the approval of others, there are

ramifications with our relationship with God. We are not serving God. "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth" (Matt. 6:24). We become slaves to the whims of others. "Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?" (Rom. 6:16). We are only promised death (Rom. 6:23). We are left with no enduring inheritance. "The earth and its works will be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:10).

Where do you get your approval?

There are more things to consider. What does my life look like? It will be more aligned with the popular expectation of others than with God. What does my home look like? It will not be guided by the norms of God but society. What does my relationship with my spouse look like? The pure concept of a godly marriage is constantly under attack. We could succumb to the thoughts and concepts that are not what God had intended for marriage. Where am I spiritually with God? If that isn't my focus, then it is easy to get off course.

While we all need approval, it is important to seek approval in the proper place. That needs to be from God and His people that walk with us and encourage us along the way.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Your check engine light is on

So, what kind of driver are you? Are you the kind that when your check engine light comes on you call the car mechanic right away and take it in to get it checked out? Or, are you the kind of driver who waits to see if it's just a fluke and it might go off on its own? Or, are you the kind of driver who has been driving around for years with the check engine light on?

The purpose of the check engine light (supposedly) is to indicate that something is going on under the hood that needs attention. While the parallel is not exact, there are some "check engine light moments" in your Christian life that should cause you to pause and evaluate. Partaking of the Lord's Supper every Sunday is a check engine moment. Waking up every morning should be a check engine moment. Trials you encounter are check engine moments.

How often are you "examining yourself" (2 Cor. 13:5)? How often are you opening the hood of your soul to ensure its healthy, growing, focused and heaven-bound? Do you check it daily? Hourly? Or only occasionally? – DS



For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

The early Christians faced challenges to their faith that we can read about but cannot fully imagine the extent thereof. We obviously think about them being killed for their faith in Christ, but perhaps even worse is the torture they experienced through the vile persecutions of their families, their livelihood, their property and their rights. To reassure, refocus and rejuvenate

these Christians (who were being told that "Rome Reigns!"), they were told of a vision in heaven of a great multitude around the throne of God shouting, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!" (Rev. 19:6). We would do well ourselves today to remember that!

It is not the President of the United States, the President of China or the King of England who reigns! It is not the Democratic Party or the Republican Party reigns! It is not CNN, Fox News or MSNBC that reigns! It is not your 401(k), your home value or the cost of gas that reigns!

Too often we put other things on the throne of our hearts and lives! Let us remember and be glad that "the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!" – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Dan Johnson	at Promedica, recovering from double amputation
Owen Miley	recovering from back surgery
Cheryl Milton	finished her radiation treatments and is recovering
Joel Ramirez	in ICU at Gardens Medical Center
Maurine Reed	back at Hamlin Place
Betty Sanders	at home but having more tests
Don Seay	has been discharged from the hospital
Isolyn Sinclair	undergoing tests on her eye
Yolanda Stewart	recovering from surgery
Jettie Sweetenburg	awaiting test results on the spot on her lung
Jane & Joy Watson	recovering from successful tonsillectomy surgery
Leonard Williams	recovering from an outpatient procedure

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Robin Landen	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	Inell Ingram
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Terri Hahn	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
Shirley Griffin	Mary Porter's mother, under Hospice Care
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, hospitalized last week, now home
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, pacemaker surgery

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, November 20

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23

- ◆ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 27

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Thursday, December 1

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Friday, December 2

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David & Daisy Lord. Bring a potluck dish to share. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

Sunday, December 4

- ◆ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for details.
- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Monday, December 5

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Thursday, December 1

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Please bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Monday, December 5

- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Friday, December 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes.

Sunday, December 18

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

Saturday, December 31

- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. in the Family Room.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, November 20

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Saturday, December 3

- ◆ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. There will be food, crafts and games. RSVP by December 1: <https://signup.com/go/PCyafNV>.

Monday, December 5

- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and a plate/utensils.

Saturday, December 10

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party & Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange and 2-liter drinks. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, December 18

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 ☆ Ladies' Soup Supper	2 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting b Pat Brown b Steward Lynch	3 ☆ Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under
4 ☆ 2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin ☆ New Member's Orientation Class ☆ His Kids Class b Guadalupe Tipton	5 ☆ Men's Meet b Troy Alberga b Adrienna Gadson b Hunter Hinton b Janice Osborne	6 b Cara Blackmer	7 b Jeannie Buonadonna b David Perez	8	9 ☆ Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party a Michael & Jean Archer	10 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party b Carolina Alvarenga
11 ☆ His Kids Class b Tasha Ellis	12 b Charlene Knowles b Brandan Widner	13	14 b Tim Fry b Patricia Hackshaw b Daisy Lord b Juliette Mauvais	15	16 a Allan Zamora & Francis Morales	17
18 ☆ New Bible Classes Begin a Ted & Karen Friesner a Rick & Melinda Price	19 a Victor & Sandy Colage b Patricia Patterson b Mary Quinn	20 b Eugene Williams	21 b Casey Bound b Islay Rodriguez, Sr.	22 b Devin Eutsey b Emma Reeves	23 a Sam & Peggy Simpkins b Janice Cooley b Kinney Dozier b David Lord	24
25	26	27 a Benny & Sarah Rodgers	28 b Dick Kelley	29 a Vince & Lovella Rogers a Ricky & Sarah Smedley b Linda Coe b Teresa Williams	30 b Ashley Blumhof	31 ☆ New Year's Eve Gathering

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
November 13



**Wedding
Announcement**

Congratulations to **Todd Juckett & Caila Buonadonna** who were married on Saturday, November 12.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, November 20th
Freddie Gadson
Matthew Jones
Leonard Williams

Wednesday, November 23rd
Dick & Marcia Kelley (Ann.)

Tuesday, November 22nd
Elizabeth Carter
Rosemarie Joseph
Rose Walker

Friday, November 25th
Kevin & Leesa Schenk (Ann.)
Sue Hoelzer

Saturday, November 26th
Orlando Lolo



Thank you for all your cards and thoughts for Glen. He loved all of you. Thank you also for the food and phone calls and the flower.

Josie Dawson & family

Thank you for all the calls, cards and well wishes while I have been confined to stay at home. I miss all of you, and I'm trying hard to get well enough to come back and be a part of the family again.

Betty Sanders

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, November 20

Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Singing Dion Hayes
Contribution..... Robert Mariano
Scripture ReadingNovel Brown
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Stephen Beliech

Serve at Table:

Tim Cox	Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon	Taylor Reeves
Dick Kelley	Vincent Rogers
Orlando Lolo	Willie Smith
Steward Lynch	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, November 20

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer..... Richard Watson
Scripture Reading TBD
Singing
Lord's Supper.....Tom Garrison
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer.....Tim Fry

Serve at Table:

Silas Balfour	Trey Higbee
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Wednesday Evening, November 23

Singing Thanksgiving
Invitation..... Thanksgiving
Family PrayerDavid Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 13	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	170	165
Sun. AM Worship	225	247
Sun. PM Worship	127	140
Wed. Bible Study	126	136
Contribution	\$17,043	\$16,188

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$57,113

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

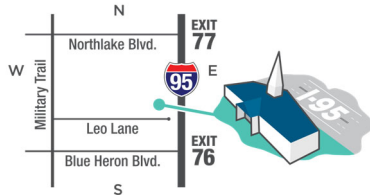
Ushers for this week: Ricky Smith & Nahum Villard
Safety Team for this week: Victor Colage



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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: Dick & Marcia Kelley

The Gospel Enacted

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Jesus the Christ
His Death, Burial and Resurrection
For the Sins of Man

Death

Burial

Resurrection

Searching for TRUTH

The Gospel Re-enacted in Baptism

(Obeying The Gospel)

Romans 6:3-4

In Baptism
We Repent of Sin and Die to Sin
We are Buried in Water for the Remission of Sins
We are Raised to Walk in a New Life

Dead to Sin

Buried in Water

Resurrected to a New Life

(Chart from World Video Bible School, wwbs.org)