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Welcome New Members



Crews, Casey

Group 1

Baptized January 30



Crews, Claire

Group 1

Baptized January 30

God's GLORIOUS PLAN for Us



Gospel Meeting
 with Jeff Jenkins

March 5-8

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

*Mark 8 -
 Mark 12*



By Dan Jenkins

Is My Name Written There?

There is no way that the author of a hymn has of knowing just how widely it may be used. In every generation, there are songs which briefly appear and just a few years later they are rarely used. There are other songs which have been around for decades, and there must be a reason for this. There was no way for Daniel S. Warner to know in 1893 that the song he published would be around over a century and be translated and sung in both Russia and Germany and become part of over forty hymnals. It is not sung as much today as it once was, but the message it conveys is timeless.

My name is in the Book of Life,
Oh, bless the name of Jesus;
I rise above all doubt and strife,
And read my title clear.

(Refrain)

I know, I know, My name is there;
I know, I know, My name is written there.

Jesus describes the new birth by which one becomes part of the family of God. The Spirit of God uses the words of God to convict men of sin, righteousness and of the coming judgment (John 16:8) and brings them to a burial in the waters of baptism (John 3:5). The Lord says that if this does not hap-

pen, he will never enter the kingdom of heaven. However, when one is baptized, he is added to the kingdom his name is "...registered in heaven (Heb. 12:23). There is a divine book that has within it the names of all who have been born again.

At the final judgment that book which contains the names of all the redeemed will be opened. "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:15). It is these words which lie in the background of the hymn written 130 years ago.

**Two witnesses
are needed. One
is the Spirit of
God the other is
your spirit**

Can you know that your name is there? The Holy Spirit has revealed how one becomes a child of God in His family. Believers who repent (decide to turn their lives over to Jesus) are lead by the Spirit to be buried in water, into the death of Jesus, as they call upon God to save them (1 Pet. 3:21).

These words of the Spirit bears witness that if one does obey Jesus his name will be written in that book. The sobering question is whether your spirit can bear witness that you have obeyed the words of the Spirit. There are two witnesses needed to establish truth. The witness has been given from heaven, there is another witness and that is that your spirit (your soul). Can you say that you have obeyed the Lord and I know your name is written there? The Bible does not say "to my spirit," but says "with my spirit." The Spirit bears witness *with* my spirit that I am saved (Rom. 8:16).



By David Sproule

Can Jesus See Your Faith?

In Mark 2, we find one of the most exciting and vivid stories in the New Testament. Jesus was preaching in Capernaum, "and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door" (Mark 2:1-2).

Four men carried a paralytic to the house, but "they could not come near Him because of the crowd" (2:3-4), so "they uncovered the roof where [Jesus] was." Can you imagine seeing that from inside the house? "So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying" (2:4). The Bible says in the next verse that "Jesus saw their faith" (2:5).

What does that mean? Isn't faith something in a person's heart? Does that mean that Jesus was looking into their hearts to see their faith? Not necessarily. It is certainly possible (see John 2:24-25), but we also know that faith is something which God teaches that we "show" to others through our "works" (Jas. 2:17-18). So, when "Jesus saw their faith," He saw four men at work on behalf of their friend, and the paralytic was blessed by Jesus as a result of the faith of his friends.

So here's the question—Does Jesus see your faith?

And when He sees your faith, what does He see?

Does Jesus see your faith in teaching the gospel to others? "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (Jas. 2:17). You may have faith in the gospel. You may have faith in the need to take the gospel to lost souls (Mark 16:15). But, if your mental belief is not put into action with actual works of teaching the gospel, then your faith is dead.

**And when He
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He see?**

Does Jesus see your faith in serving your brothers and sisters in Christ? "Faith without works is dead" (Jas. 2:20). You may have faith in the value of the church. You may have faith in the need do good especially to brethren (Gal. 6:10). But, if your mental belief is not put into action with actual works of encouraging and serving the brethren, then your faith is dead.

Does Jesus see your faith in worshiping God every week? "Faith without works is dead" (Jas. 2:26). You may have faith in the blessing of regular worship. You may have faith in the need to prioritize and enjoy assembling with the church and worshiping God every week (Matt. 4:10; 6:33). But, if your mental belief is not put into action with actual and faithful attendance and participation in worshiping God, then your faith is dead.

Jesus saw their faith! What did He see in their faith? What does He see when He sees your faith?



By Josh Blackmer

Overcoming Discouragement

Discouragement is a very real danger—a weapon that Satan wields very proficiently. Discouragement has the potential to destroy us, thus Paul warned about it (Gal. 6:9). The following are some suggestions that should help us overcome this threat.

Focus our eyes on heaven. Life is meaningless without God (Eccl. 1:2). Our eyes need to be focused upon the goal of our life. Setting our minds on things above keeps us looking up (Col. 3:2). Jesus, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the pain and shame of His death (Heb. 12:2). This helps us keep things in perspective.

Counting our blessings is more than just a song. Don't allow a few negative things to monopolize our attention. No matter the adversity we face, there are many reasons we can still thank God. To mope and complain after all that God has done for us is a sign of ingratitude (Phil. 4:4, 11).

Look outward rather than inward gets the focus off whatever we are struggling with. "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35). A truthful paradox is to bear another person's load will lighten

your own. Much of our discouragement can be dispelled by obeying God's command to be a kingdom of servants. We were created for good works (Eph. 2:10).

Remember that God demands faithfulness, not success (Rev. 2:10). Self-appointed goals often bring feelings of discouragement and failure. It is our job to plant and water, and God gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:6). We run the race, fight the fight, and labor for the goal of the next life and to be rewarded by our heavenly Father (2 Tim. 2:4-6; 4:7-8).

We know the outcome of the story. The book of Revelation emphatically tells us that when all is said and done we, who have trusted in Christ, are victorious! Because we know that we will attain the mountaintops, why then worry when we find ourselves in some rather deep dark valleys, for we know that it is only temporary (Rev. 12:11; 14:13).

Let us not be so discouraged that we forget what lies ahead. "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:13-14). Yes, things happen that can be discouraging. We must not let it be an occasion for Satan to get a foothold in our hearts and blind us from the promises of our Lord. We can make a shipwreck of our souls on the rock of despair.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Faith in God makes ALL the difference!

In Joshua 2, the Bible reader is introduced to a character named Rahab. The uniqueness of her name may be part of the reason that we automatically identify her with her past livelihood—she was a harlot. Of the eight times her name appears in Scripture, five of those times she is called "the harlot." Why is this Old Testament character mentioned with favor in the New Testament?

She is not mentioned in Scripture because she was a harlot. She is mentioned in Scripture because of what she became—a woman of faith. Her saving faith was not merely a mental assent to some facts, but an obedient faith that stepped out from her upbringing and from her fellow countrymen and demonstrated an active trust in the God of heaven.

We learn from Rahab that the sins of our past do not have to define us. If you truly "believe that [God] is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6), that faith will lead you to a submissive obedience that will reward you eternally (cf. Heb. 11:31; Jas. 2:25). Do you have a true faith in the true God? – DS



God is worthy of our praise!

The short Jewish hymn of Psalm 100 is filled with ever-flowing joy and goodness. The psalmist bids the worshiper to "make a joyful shout to the Lord," to "serve the Lord with gladness," to "come before" Him "with singing," to "enter His gates with thanksgiving" and "with praise."

There are an infinite number of reasons that we should do this, but the psalmist focuses on three things regarding who God is and three things regarding what God is. Meditate on these for a moment, as you consider how worthy our God is of praise and thanksgiving.

He is worthy because of WHO He is: (1) He is God; (2) He is our Maker; (3) He is our shepherd. He is worthy because of WHAT He is: (1) He is good; (2) He is merciful; (3) He is truthful. Now, please, stop. Go back and read those again. Consider each one of them. Then, tell God how worthy you think He is of your praise and thanksgiving. This truly ought to bring a "joyful...gladness" to our hearts every day! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Novel Brown	recovering at home, slowly improving
Pat Brown	dealing with health issues
Pete Brown	recovering at home
Patricia Hackshaw	recovering from major surgery
Gwen Lyons	awaiting surgery date
Maxine McCoy	recovering from a knee injury
Sherri Richmond	slowly recovering from oral surgery
Betty Sanders	diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer
Peggy Simpkins	has no active cancer cells in her body
Sam Simpkins	recovering from surgery on 3 cancerous bladder tumors
Jettie Sweetenburg	lung cancer, chemo & radiation treatments
Jennifer Walker	recovering from a colectomy

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
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	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
Louie Bone	Betty Davis' brother, recovering from multiple seizures
Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
Brian Harvey	Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, prostate cancer
Libby Harvey	Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's mom, knee replacement
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, had an outpatient procedure
Darlene Smith	Willie & Ricky Smith's mother, recovering at home
Lillie Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, dealing with spreading cancer

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, February 19

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on February 26.

Sunday-Wednesday, February 19-22

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebring Parkway** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). David Powell will be speaking on *"Things Most Surely Believed."*

Monday, February 20

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

Tuesday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 25

- ♦ **Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown. This will be a potluck event. Please bring a main dish, dessert, and/or drinks. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.

Sunday, February 26

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

Wednesday, March 1

- ♦ **Prayer Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Saturday, March 4

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, March 5-8

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting with Jeff Jenkins.** This year's theme is *"God's Glorious Plan for Us."*

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	12:45 p.m.	Evening Worship
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	12:15 p.m.	Midday Bible Study
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	7:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, March 4

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Gary & Jacqui Jenkins. See Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, March 13

- ♦ **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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Saturday, March 17

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, March 25

- ♦ **Youth & YA Family Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop. Bring a bike and your lunch. Bike rentals are available at our meeting location (Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop).



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, February 19

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on February 26.

Sunday, February 26

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Allison Roman. Please bring your Bible, drinks and desserts. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Wednesday, March 1

- ♦ **Prayer Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Sunday, March 12

- ♦ **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 ☆ Prayer Meeting b Willie Smith	2	3 b John Patrick b Angela Walker	4 ☆ Congregational Work Day ☆ Young Adult Devo
5 ☆ His Kids Class b John Hoelzer	6 b Susie Cox	7	8 b Susan Preston b Bereather Williams	9 b Bonnie Quigley	10	11
Gospel Meeting with Jeff Jenkins (5 th -8 th)						
12 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Begins ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Jim & Robin Davis	13 ☆ Men's Meet a Bob & Jennifer Higbee b Vivian Blackmer b Leesa Schenk	14 b Mike Erickson	15 b Jamie Green	16 b Tim Cox b Lynne Jorgensen	17 ☆ Ladies & Lattes	18 ☆ Door-Knocking in Clewiston
19 ☆ EDP Meeting ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo b Dion Hayes b Jermaine Smith b Ricky Smith	20	21 b Max Fonrose b Jack Holoman b Yolanda Stewart b David Whipple	22 a Christopher & Yolanda Stewart	23 b Betty Sanders	24	25 ☆ Door-Knocking in Clewiston ☆ Youth & Young Adult Family
26 ☆ His Kids Class a Bobby & Cynthia Ingram	27 b Jerry Pittman	28	29 b Cruz Fernandez	30	31 a Gary & Karen Lester	
Gospel Meeting in Clewiston (26 th -29 th)						

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 12

News & Notes

After 11 years of faithful and diligent service, **Michael Archer** has resigned as a deacon at PBL due to lingering health issues. Thank you, Mike, for your servant's heart and your faithfulness to PBL. We are blessed that you and Jean are (and will continue to be) part of the PBL family!

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday, February 20th
Robin Landen

Thursday, February 23rd
Ricky Smedley

Tuesday, February 21st
Lillian Bankston

Saturday, February 25th
Lisa Eutsey

Wednesday, February 22nd
Lester Galloway

Thank You  notes

With appreciation for all the wonderful ways you let God shine through by showing us with calls, texts, cards, visits, food and prayers, you made us feel so loved. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Novel is slowly improving and asks for your continued prayers.

Novel & Mary Brown

It's  girl!

Congratulations to **Natasha Campbell-Flores** upon the birth of **her daughter, Isabel Karissa Flores**, on Tuesday, February 14, weighing 6 lbs., 7 oz.

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, February 19

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Dion Hayes
Scripture Reading David Lord
Singing
Lord's Supper Gary Jenkins
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Freddie Gadson
Addison Collins	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Cris Cuevas	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Devin Eutsey	Benny Rodgers
Andres Fernandez	David Perez

Sunday Evening, February 19

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reading David Brown
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan Fuller
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

Islay J. Rodriguez Leonard Williams

Audio this week: James Green
Computer this week: Bob Higbee
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, February 22

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Johnny Davis
Family Prayer Kirk Crews

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 12	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	163	158
Sun. AM Worship	224	254
Sun. PM Worship	115	120
Wed. Bible Study	131	125
Contribution	\$16,824	\$18,331

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,819

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

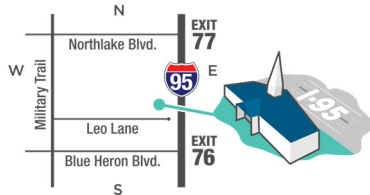
Ushers for this week: Edward Gager & Dirk Summerlot
Safety Team for this week: Brandan Widner



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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.

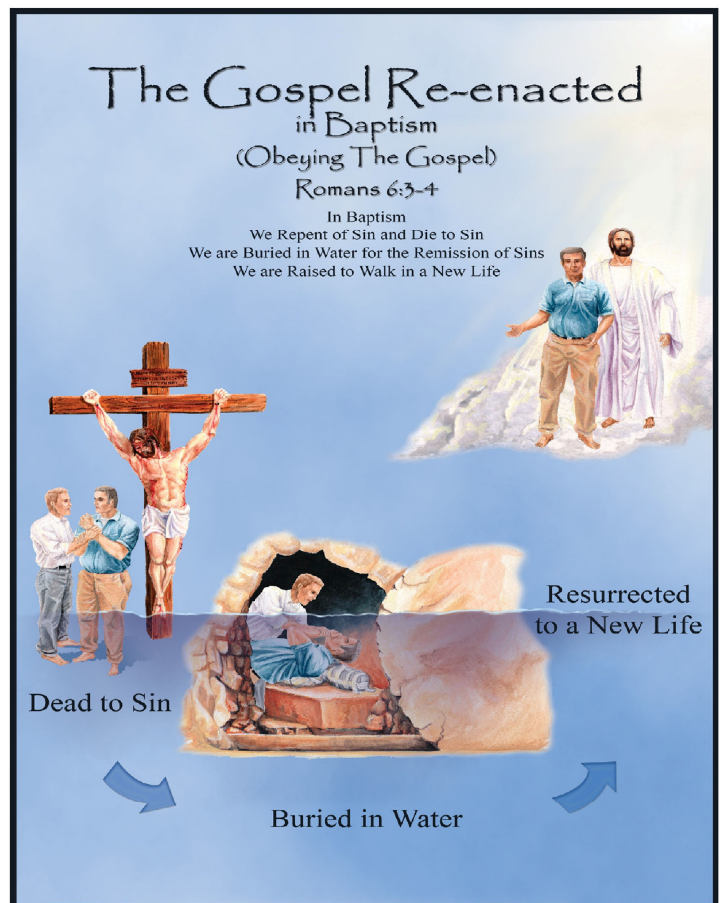
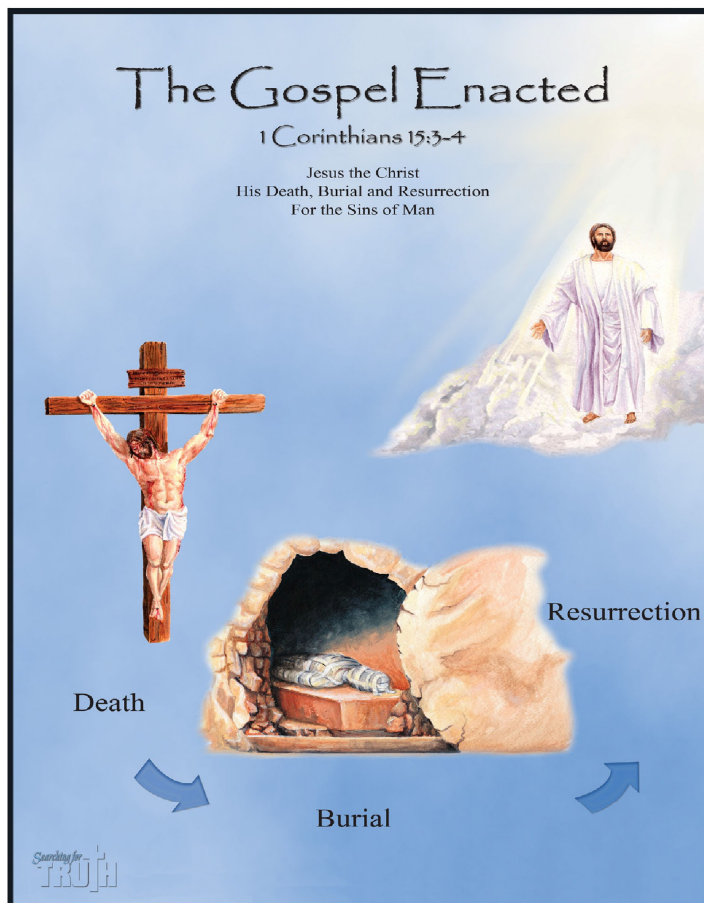
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.



Front Cover: **Dan & Loni Fuller and granddaughter, Goldie**



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