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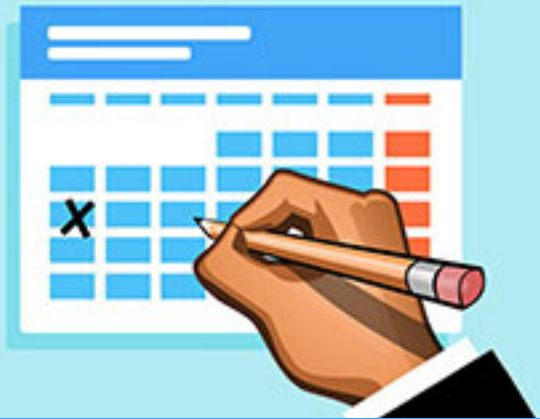


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**Mark
Your
Calendars**



April 20

Ladies' Day

May 6

Power Up

May 7

Home, Sweet Home

May 14

Promotion Sunday

May 21

Friends & Family Day

June 11-14

Vacation Bible School

July 1-2

Homecoming

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*John 3 -
John 7*



By Dan Jenkins

Looking at Two-Letter or Three-Letter Words

I have been amazed over the years at how simple God has made eternal truths to every man who deeply longs to find the meaning of all that God has said. One of the major problems is that we come to the Bible with preconceived ideas and wrong conclusions which have come from those who have used pamphlets, books, radio, television, campaigns and lectures. So, when we read the Bible, these preconceived ideas block our ability to just let God teach us. Whenever we read the Bible, we must make a distinct difference between the thoughts we bring into the Bible and the thoughts which come forth from the divine words given by the Holy Spirit.

A vivid illustration of this is in the application of Jesus' discussion of "...wars, rumors of wars...nations shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom...famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes..." Individuals have read these words almost since He said them, and then they apply these words to whatever has just happened or whatever looms on the horizon. In my lifetime these words have been applied to WWII, Berlin blockade, the Cold War and threat of Russia, the Korean War, Vietnam, Cuban crisis, the Six Day War, ongoing conflict between Israel and the Arab nations, the invasion of Iraq, rise of the military power of China, the

conflict in Afghanistan—the list seems endless. How on earth could one ever know when the words of Jesus actually had application? How often have you heard others mention the words of Jesus and then say, "The end is at hand"?

Are you aware that if one hears all the words of Jesus and puts them in the context where they were spoken, any person who can read can see how many teachers have led so many astray? One question, when we let God lead us to truth, can enable the most uneducated among us to find the truth and see just how simple the truth of these wars, earthquakes, etc. really is.

That question is, "Who did Jesus say would hear of these wars?" Forget what you have heard others say and let Jesus tell you. It is very simple to answer. Read what Mark reveals to us. There were only four people who heard Jesus speak these words and they were: Peter, James, John and Andrew (Mark 13:3). Now answer the question posed above. Who did Jesus say would hear of these wars and disasters? The KJV uses a two-letter word ("ye") and a three-letter word ("you"). These words have nothing to do with any war beyond the life of these four apostles! These four men were the ones who were told they would hear of the wars. The plain truth is you cannot believe what you have heard others say. Listen to Jesus and it will change how you read all He said in this chapter.

Answer one question and you will know what wars, famines, earthquakes



By David Sproule

Lay Aside All Filthiness

Picture your worst possible day working out in your yard. It is 127 degrees out there (well, it feels like it) and you have been sweating profusely. As you were cutting your grass, the wind intentionally changed directions every time you turned and it blew all of the grass trimmings all over your sweat-drenched body. But, of course, your yard has as much dirt as it does grass, so you're now covered in dirt from head to toe. You spend time cutting down some high tree limbs, and the shavings fall all over you and are now caked on you like some kind of sticky glaze. You look great! Smell even better!

When you're done, what do you do? Do you just act like nothing has happened? No! Every rational person would not go about the day like a normal day. Instead, he/she would immediately head to the shower, remove every single piece of filthy clothing and get cleaned up. If we recognize this desperate need in regard to a physical filth, why not in regard to a spiritual filth?

The first chapter of the letter from James warns Christians about the severe dangers of sin. Sin is the result of man giving in to "his own desires and [being] enticed" (Jas. 1:13-15). He warns of the danger of being "deceived" (1:16) and not learning self-control (1:19-20). He then bids Christians to

understand these dangers and to "lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness" (1:21). Think about these words.

"**Lay aside**" was an expression that was used of taking off clothes. The Greek middle voice emphasizes "to put off, cast off or strip off *from oneself*." In other words, get it away from you, as far away as possible. Do we do that with sin?

Lay aside "**all**" wickedness. The word "all" does not leave any room for any exceptions. We cannot look at any sin and think, "Well, that one is no biggie, especially compared to some big ones that I could be doing." God says to cast ALL of it off. Do we?

Lay aside all "**filthiness and overflow of wickedness**." The word "filthiness," as would be expected, was used of physical "dirt, filth," but it was used in Scripture metaphorically of "moral uncleanness, vulgarity, particularly of impurity of thoughts and mind." James focuses on both the "filthiness" of one's heart and the "wickedness" of one's deeds. The word "overflow" emphasizes every level and extent of wickedness (great and small), even to the point of needing to put off the evil "residue" that remains when wickedness bubbles over. By demanding the removing of the abundance of wickedness, God requires stripping off every level or piece of it. Do we?

If we would not go about daily activities when we're physically filthy, how can we when we're spiritually filthy?

In other words, get it away from you, as far away as possible.



By Josh Blackmer

The Right to Be Wrong

We are quick to defend our rights when we feel they have been infringed. We have more rights than most in this country, but do we have the right to be wrong? We have a civil right to be wrong. God has given us free will to be wrong. A question might be, do we have the right to be wrong and still have God's promise of salvation? Let's consider what the Bible has to say on a few subjects.

Can we be wrong about having faith in God? The Bible that would speak about salvation begins, "In the beginning God" (Gen. 1:1). It also records, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psa. 14:1). "The heavens declare the glory of God...so they are without excuse" (Psa. 19:1; Rom. 1:20). "Without faith is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6). If we want the salvation that the Bible talks about, we can't be wrong about faith.

Can we be wrong about hearing God's word? "For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" (Rom. 10:13-14). Paul told Timothy "from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings,

which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15). If we want the salvation that the Bible talks about, we can't be wrong about hearing the word of God.

Can we be wrong about faith in Christ? "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30-31). "I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins" (John 8:24). If we want the salvation that the Bible talks about, we can't be wrong about faith in Christ.

Can we be wrong about the gospel? "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15-16). "Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus" (2 Thess. 1:7-8). If we want the salvation that the Bible talks about, we can't be wrong about the gospel. It is clear that if we want what the Bible teaches, we can't be wrong about these and other subjects the Bible teaches.

Can we be wrong and still receive salvation?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

When one thing does NOT lead to another

As Christians, a primary goal for which we must be striving is to truly "become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). This involves being acceptable to God and in a right relationship with Him, which is achieved not only through His working in us but also as we "work" and "practice" righteousness ourselves (Acts 10:35; 1 John 3:7). That should be our goal!

However, note carefully what James says. "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (Jas. 1:19-20). Did you catch that last part, in contrast to our first paragraph? If I am trying (as I should be) to "produce the righteousness of God" in my life, then I must be ever-conscious of the fact that, when I am not "slow to wrath" and I allow my anger to be conceived and to grow, I am not able to meet my goal of the righteousness of God.

"Dear Lord, please help me to control my anger!" – DS



Useless

The word "useless" is a pretty strong term. The English word means to be "of no use; not serving the purpose or any purpose; futile; of no practical good." Has anyone ever told you that your efforts were "useless"? What if God told you that your efforts were "useless"?

The Greek word often translated "useless" is used to describe idols (Acts 14:15), "foolish controversies" that Christians must avoid (Tit. 3:9) and our "faith" if "Christ is not risen" (1 Cor. 15:17). Truly, it is being said, that such things are "of no use, not serving the purpose, futile." And we would expect the New Testament to express such. But notice one other use.

"If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless" (Jas. 1:26). I may "look good" as a Christian (in my eyes) and think "all is right" in my relationship with God, but if I do not bridle my tongue, my outward actions of devotion are "useless." "Dear Lord, please help me to control my tongue!" – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Lillian Bankston	recovering at home from a fall
Judy Carmack	experiencing horrible pain in her hip and leg
Linda Coe	having a medical test on April 14
Robin Davis	recovering from surgery
Angelica Fernandez	recovering from rotator cuff surgery
Eva Fulton	dealing with chronic infections
Charles Hayes	recovering from basal cell carcinoma surgery
Trudie Holland	Luxe Rehab in Jupiter (room 101) for rehab
Sylvester Jackson	recovering at home from stent surgery
Judie Jenkins	LaPosada for rehab on her shoulder, NO visitors
Janice Maloney	having a procedure on April 6
Betty Sanders	dealing with stage 4 colon cancer
Sherrie Tibbetts	having eye surgery on April 12
Maggie Widner	still awaiting more tests

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
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, recovering from a fall
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, upper respiratory infection

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, April 9

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

Monday, April 10

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

Tuesday, April 11

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

Friday-Sunday, April 14-16

- ♦ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Under Construction." Sign up at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, April 16

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

Thursday, April 20

- ♦ **Ladies' Day with Lacy Crowell** at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Jesus, Our Loving Shepherd." RSVP by Apr 10.

Friday, April 21

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, April 22

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for details.
- ♦ **Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod. 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.

Tuesday, April 25

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 6:45 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring a potluck dish. This is for all PBL members and families who live between Blue Heron Blvd. and Southern Blvd.

Monday, May 1

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, April 21

- ♦ **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.

Monday, May 1

- ♦ **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, May 6

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

Saturday, May 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Liz Otero. See Ivan Villard for the address and more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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Sunday, April 23

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Goodale.

A Birdie Told Me

by Denny Petrillo



I still don't know how my Mom found out. As a young boy I had done something I shouldn't have done, but I didn't worry. Mom would never find out, I thought. Wrong. She confronted me about it the very next day!

I got the nerve to ask her how she found out. "A birdie told me" was her reply. I still, to this day, do not know how she found out. I doubt, though, that some winged creature revealed it to her.

Solomon mentioned something like this in Ecclesiastes 10:20. What did he mean by "the winged creature will make the matter known"? Solomon was using an ancient saying that is still popular today. In using this expression, he revealed several important truths.

First, ***we must appreciate the speed of words***. We often say that "good news travels fast," but in this modern age of technology, news (good and bad) travels at speeds never before imagined. On my computer, I can talk with a friend in the Ukraine. My message is instantly received by him, and he responds immediately. Knowing, therefore, how quickly news gets out, we should choose our words carefully.

Second, ***we must appreciate the power of words***. We can say anything—even in "confidence" (like our bedroom)—that can negatively affect us as well as others. Words do hurt, offend and kindle hard feelings. Therefore, it is vital that we guard what we say ***at all times***—even in situations where we believe none will ever figure out what we said. Paul said that our speech should "always" be with grace (Colossians 4:6). He told the Ephesians to "let no unwholesome word proceed out of your month" (Ephesians 4:29). No qualifiers are allowed. There is no room for any words that are critical, derogatory or that might be classified as gossip.

Third, ***we must appreciate the appropriateness of words***. Again, we're reminded of Paul's admonition to "consider how we ought to respond to every person" (Colossians 4:6). In Solomon's example, a person wanted to "curse" both a king and a rich man. What the king and the rich man did to provoke this curse is not stated. Let's assume that they did something terrible, thus eliciting such a response from the man. Yet, here is the point. Even though they may deserve the curse, it still shouldn't be given—even by one in private. We should develop the quality of being "slow to speak" and "slow to anger" (James 1:19). Is it ever appropriate to curse someone? To speak evil of someone? No! Solomon was warning about inappropriateness of such words, even when spoken in private.

Fourth, ***we must appreciate the danger of words***. A few verses earlier, Solomon warned that "the lips of the fool consume him" (10:12). What would happen if the king and the rich man discovered what was said? It is assumed that it would not be good for the one who uttered the foolish curse. Jesus warned that if one cannot control his angry words, he will get what he deserves (Matthew 5:21-26).

So, what is the practical lesson to be learned? We must learn to control our tongues! James spent considerable time making this very point in his epistle (James 3). **May we always exercise wisdom with our words, not only in what we say but where we say them.**

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
April 2

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Debra Juckett; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. Colton McKinney; Mrs. Marie Mirene Achille; Mrs. Liz Otero; and Mr. Ryan Smedberg.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Joel & Peggy Dobson, Gainesville, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Janie Flournoy, Lauderhill, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Manuel & Claire Maneiro, Otisfield, ME; and Mrs. Astrid Menendez, CA.

Thank You  notes

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Debi and I are so thankful for the prayers, cards, visits and calls following my recent surgery. We love you all and we love Palm Beach Lakes.

Richard & Debi Watson

News & Notes

Our 40th Annual Ladies' Day is on Thursday, April 20.

Lacy Crowell will be speaking on "Jesus, Our Loving Shepherd." Ladies, please RSVP by writing on the bottom of your attendance card if you plan to attend.

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, April 9

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading James Green
Singing
Lord's Supper Jeff Leslie
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jeff Goodale

Serve at Table:

Kane Campbell	Joe Maloney
Lance Collier	Islay Rodriguez
Kameron Heitler	Jim Rogers
Hunter Hinton	Cristian Suarez
Jack Holoman	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, April 9

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer John Hoelzer
Scripture Reading Graysen Hayes
Singing
Lord's Supper Mike Ellis
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale Jim Davis

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Cris Cuevas

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, April 12

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Kane Campbell
Family Prayer Dion Hayes

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 2	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	183	180
Sun. AM Worship	285	276
Sun. PM Worship	109	122
Wed. Bible Study	139	140
Contribution	\$17,694	\$17,638

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$12,292

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

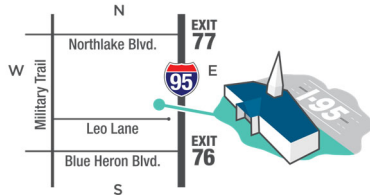
Ushers for this week: Michael Erickson & Lawrence Williams
Safety Team for this week: Mike Damron



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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: **Kane & Fran Campbell**

