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Welcome New Members



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READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

1 John 1 -
 1 John 5



By Dan Jenkins

An Unheralded Mother

It is remarkable that we so often overlook the importance of those who are standing in the shadows. Yet their impact on the lives of all those around them can shape the future far more than those who stand in the limelight and the center of the stage.

Take a moment to focus on one of the most unheralded heroes of the Bible. That person is the mother of David, the most widely known individual in the history of the nation of Israel.

She is so obscure that we do not even know her name. We know the name of her husband, Jesse, but she is mentioned only one time in the Scriptures. David speaks of her in Psalm 86. He was in despair because of the many enemies who sought to destroy him. He begged for God to hear him, "...for I am poor and needy" (v. 1). He called upon the Lord to preserve his life, to save him and to be merciful to him, "...for I cry to You all day long" (v. 3). He had not lost his faith in God (v. 6), but his life was filled with adversity because "a mob of violent men have sought my life" (v. 14). Perhaps you have been in such deep valleys in your life, for there often times like this in the life of many of us.

David could have thought of how God had been merciful to those who were before Him. He could have thought of

the faithfulness of Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and as a son of such great men, he could have asked God to be merciful to him. However, it was not on the basis of these great men. Rather it was on the fact that God had known his mother and her life, and as a son of his mother he asked God to hear him (v. 16).

Look carefully at his prayer. "Oh, turn to me and have mercy on me! Give strength to Your servant and save the son of your maidservant" (v. 16). When David thought of his mother and the impact on his life, he knew she belonged to God. When he thought of her, he remembered that she was one who belonged to God.

He also saw her as one who served God. She was not in the center of the stage like others. She was a humble servant, the wife of an unheralded husband in an obscure Jewish village. The world may not have seen her worth, but David and God valued the importance of what she was doing far differently than others did.

She was blessed by God. David saw it. He asked God to hear him, not because of his forefathers, but because of his own mother. He had seen God in her life. He had seen her righteousness and asked God to bless him because of her!

So, if you feel worthless, think about Mrs. Jesse. Then be like her, faithfully serving God and shaping the world by the life you live in the shadows and not on center stage.

**Shape the world
by your life in
the shadows,
knowing that
God sees you.**



By David Sproule

Who Doesn't Want to See Good Days?

David asked a question in Psalm 34 that seems to have an obvious answer, but it comes with some clear responsibilities.

David asked, "Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good?" (34:12). Who wants to live? Who wants to live for many days? Who wants to live...for many days...and wants those many days to be "good"? Well, that's everyone! Isn't it?

Better than any self-help book out there, God tells us what is involved in seeing good days. They do not just come on their own. We must take steps in our lives to bring them about. Note the inspired keys to having a good life.

Good days involve your tongue. The inspired penmen states, "Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit" (34:13). Do not lie (Eph. 4:25), do not slander (Jas. 4:11), do not use filthy language (Col. 3:8), do not tell crude jokes (Eph. 5:4), etc. Use your tongue for good—to comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-6), to encourage (Eph. 4:29), to thank (Eph. 5:4), to teach (2 Tim. 2:2), to extend kindness (Eph. 4:32), to express forgiveness (Col. 3:13), etc.

Good days involve your conduct. David goes on to say, "Depart from evil and do good" (34:14). We must resist the devil (Jas. 4:7), resist bitterness (Eph. 4:31), resist sexual

impurity (Gal. 5:19), resist anger (Col. 3:8), resist fleshly lusts (1 Pet. 2:11), resist the pride of life (1 John 2:16), etc. Instead, we need to do good to everyone, especially our fellow Christians (Gal. 6:10), seek the church first in our lives (Matt. 6:33), teach the gospel to lost souls (Mark 16:15), obey the commandments of God (Ecc. 12:13), etc.

Good days involve your relationships. The second part of verse 14 says, "Seek peace and pursue it." There are words and behaviors that can destroy peace in our relationships (Eph. 4:31; Gal. 5:20; Col. 3:8), which is why we must "have regard for good things in the sight of all men" (Rom. 12:17). For we are told, "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men" (12:18). This requires "humility, meekness, longsuffering" (Col. 3:12), in which we always go the second mile (Matt. 5:41).

Good days involve your prayer life. David focuses on "the righteous" who "cry out" to the Lord, with the promise that He "hears" them and "delivers them" (34:15-17). Bad days can become good days if we will "cast all [our] care upon Him" (1 Pet. 5:7) and "trust" (Prov. 3:5-6) that He will be "with" us (Josh. 1:9), "strengthen" us (1 Pet. 5:10) and "help" us (Psa. 46:1).

Who wants to see good days? All of us do! Our Lord gives us the secret to enjoying all the good days He supplies!

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By Robert Lupo

The Great Commission and Acts 2

Before Jesus ascended to the Father, He left the apostles with the Great Commission, recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. The Great Commission summarizes the mission of the apostles and of Christians everywhere. On the Day of Pentecost, the apostles fulfilled the Great Commission in Peter's first sermon. We can look to Acts 2 and see how each part of Jesus' mission statement for His church was enacted at Pentecost and must be carried out today.

The Lord begins, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18). The sole source of authority in the church is Jesus Christ. In Acts 2:4, the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, endowing them with miraculous gifts, signifying an extension of Christ's authority on them. Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 4:2-8 that their commandments were given through the Lord Jesus, "Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit" (v. 8). Today, our authority must come from the same source, the inspired words of God, found in the Bible.

Next, Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matt. 28:19a). In Acts 2, the apostles were provided with an audience of men from every nation (v. 5). Because of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, each person in

attendance heard Peter's sermon in his own tongue (v. 6). No matter where they came from or what language they spoke, they heard the message of Christ. In verses 14 through 39, Peter preaches to them the gospel that calls all men everywhere to be reconciled to God through discipleship in the church of Christ.

How is someone added to Christ's church? How is a sinner made into a disciple?

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If we want to be the church Jesus Christ died for, we must follow the Lord's mission statement. The apostles obeyed each tenant of the Great Commission and established the church in Acts 2. If we want to enter His church and grow His church today, we too must accept the Great Commission.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Learning to resist sin like Jesus did

There are numerous verses in the New Testament which teach that Jesus did not sin while He was on earth (Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 3:5). Peter wrote, "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth" (1 Pet. 2:22). How did Jesus not sin?

Note the verb tenses in verse 23, which emphasize His ongoing determination and steadfastness in the face of provocation and temptation. "When He was being reviled" (present tense, emphasizing incessant abusive language and insults), He kept on "not reviling in return" (imperfect tense denotes continuous activity in the past). "When He was suffering" (present tense, emphasizing incessant torture at the hands of lawless men), He kept on "not threatening" (imperfect tense). So, these reveal what He kept on "not" doing. What positive action did He take? "But," He kept on "committing" (imperfect tense) "Himself to Him who judges righteously."

How can I resist sin the way that Jesus did? Go back and read those verbs and put them into practice. – DS



If there was only one question on the final exam

I have heard of teachers who give their students a wealth of material to study in preparation for an exam, and then when exam day arrives, there is only one question on the test. The students did all of that study and are asked only one question. I do NOT believe at all that the day of judgment will be like that (so do not misunderstand), but what if you arrived before the judgment seat of Christ and there was only one question on the "entrance exam"?

Suppose you stand before the Teacher, and He asks, "I only have one question: Did you practice 1 Peter 4:9?" You grab your Bible and anxiously flip to the verse and read it. If this was the one question Jesus asked you on judgment day, would your heart sink when you read the verse or rejoice? Here it is: "Be hospitable to one another without grumbling."

Obviously, there is more required of us than just this one verse, BUT this one verse is required of us! If your entrance into heaven was dependent upon your hospitality, would you get to enter? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Doris Friedly	recovering at home from a stroke
Ophelia Holmes	still awaiting results for tests on her lungs
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from procedure to insert esophagus stent
John Loftis	fractured his left shoulder and dealing with a lot of pain
Norma Mariano	having adjustments made to the shunt in her brain
John Patrick	Luxe Rehab Wellington (room 3118), hip replacement
Winifred Patterson	dealing with a lot of pain and is not doing well
Isolyn Sinclair	undergoing medical tests
Amy West	recovering at home from her stroke

Ongoing 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
Lillian Bankston	Daniel Johnson
Judy Carmack	Kasandra Jones
Josie Dawson	Betty Matter
Zula Garrett	Joyce Parker
Terri Hahn	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Patterson Alexander	Jean Archer's brother, hospital, multiple health issues
Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
Louie Bone	Betty Davis' brother, still recovering from seizures
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, oral surgery, having a difficult time
Nathaniel King	Mary A. Jackson's brother, out of ICU and improving
Ignacio Ramirez	Joel Ramirez's father, dealing with cancer
Donna Williams	Linda Coe's sister, recovering from major 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 19

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a short devotional before evening worship begins.

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

Wednesday, November 22

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

Sunday, November 26

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Sunday, November 26 (cont.)

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a short devotional before evening worship begins.

Sunday, December 3

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a short devotional before evening worship begins.

Monday, December 4

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 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.

Thursday, December 7

- ♦ **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. See Traci for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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Saturday, December 9

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. Bring a \$15 gift for the exchange. See Robert or Ivan for more details.

Saturday, January 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, November 19

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring money for lunch and a change of clothes (if you want). Meet in the Family Room after worship. We will return by 3:00 p.m. Parents, please let Robert Lupo know if you can help by being a driver for this.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Sunday, November 26

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

Saturday, December 2

- ♦ **Young Families Holiday Party** at 10:00 a.m. There will be food, games and more! Please RSVP by November 30 to let us know if you will be attending and to sign up to bring a food item. See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 ☆ Young Families Holiday Party b Pat Brown b Steward Lynch
3 ☆ His Kids Class	4 ☆ Men's Meet b Guadalupe Tipton	5 b Troy Alberga b Adrienna Gadson b Janice Osborne	6 b Cara Blackmer	7 ☆ Ladies' Soup Supper b David Perez b Jeannie Buonadonna	8	9 ☆ Youth & Young Adult Holiday Party a Michael & Jean Archer
10 ☆ Robert Martin Mission Report ☆ His Kids Class b Carolina Medina	11 a Sylvester Jackson & Crystal Burroughs	12 a Robert & Reanna Lupo b Charlene Knowles b Brandon Widner	13	14 b Tim Fry b Patricia Hackshaw b Daisy Lord b Juliette Mauvais	15	16 a Allan Zamora & Francis Morales
17 ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated ☆ His Kids Class	18 a Ted & Karen Friesner a Rick & Melinda Price	19 a Victor & Sandy Colage b Mary Quinn b Patricia Patterson	20 b Eugene Williams	21 b Casey Bound b Islay Rodriguez, Sr. b Ryan Smedberg	22 b Devin Eutsey b Emma Reeves	23 b Janice Cooley b David Lord
24 ☆ No Evening Services	25	26	27 a Benny & Sarah Rodgers	28 b Dick Kelley	29 a Vince & Lovella Rogers a Ricky & Sarah Smedley b Linda Coe	30 b Ashley Blumhof
31 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ New Year's Eve Lunch						

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
November 12

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, November 19th
Buzz & Kathy Nelson (Ann.)

Monday, November 20th
Freddie Gadson
Matthew Jones
Leonard Williams

Tuesday, November 21st
Trevin Roman

Wednesday, November 22nd
Elizabeth Carter

Wednesday, November 22nd (cont.)
Rosemarie Joseph
Rose Walker

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

Saturday, November 25th
Kevin & Leesa Schenk (Ann.)
Sue Hoelzer
Halle Johnson
Cecilia Tipton

Devotional Led by His Kids Boys



Sundays at 5:50 p.m.

ALL members are encouraged to come and hear the young boys lead singing, read scripture and present a short lesson.



Shepherds Praying

Write your prayer request on your attendance card or give it to an elder or preacher.

Sundays in November
at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3.

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 19

Singing Dion Hayes
Lord's Supper David Lord
Singing
Opening Prayer Dion Hayes
Scripture Reading Bill Ingram, Jr.
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Serve at Table:

David Brown	Gary Jenkins
Ed Buonadonna	Keith Joy
Addison Collins	Daniel Lord
Cris Cuevas	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Gorman Ericksen	Brandon Widner

Sunday Evening, November 19

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading Dan Fuller
Singing
Lord's Supper Darin Summerlot
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Andres Fernandez

Serve at Table:

Jimmie Banks Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Bob Higbee

Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, November 22

Singing Thanksgiving
Invitation Thanksgiving
Family Prayer Thanksgiving

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 12	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	176	173
Sun. AM Worship	262	257
Sun. PM Worship	109	121
Wed. Bible Study	104	128
Contribution	\$16,067	\$17,072

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$25,247

Service Coordinators:
Mike Damron

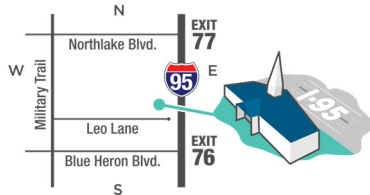
Ushers for this week: Freddie Gadson & Eugene Williams
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne



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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: **Some Good-Looking PBL Kids**



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **NewsNation** every **Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
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DISH (channel 239)



NEWSNATION

Be sure to check it out every week and tell others about it.

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).