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**"Go into ALL THE WORLD
and preach the gospel to every creature."**

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American Samoa, Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Cook Islands, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Easter Island, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Israel, Jamaica, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Guinea, New Zealand, N. Mariana Islands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Niue, Palau, Paraguay, Peru, Russia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Tokelau, Tonga, Trinidad, Turk Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Western Samoa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Truth for Today, Answering Macedonian Calls

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20 years of Mission Sundays

How will the Lord continue to use us in 2024?



By Dan Jenkins

Sleeping During the Lord's Supper

Failure to partake of the Lord's Supper properly can put you to sleep. Not literally, but still the Bible describes this truth in Paul's first letter to Corinth. The church in that pagan city had copied the pagan festival, and Paul described the results as one eating "his own supper" (11:20-21). He then gives detailed instructions about how Jesus said we should partake.

The results of this perversion of the sacred feast are described using some startling words. The failure to remember Him and examine self is detrimental to spiritual growth. Paul said, "For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep" (v. 30). They were distancing themselves from God and were becoming weaker. Many of them were asleep—not literally but spiritually dead. Failure to observe the Supper properly had brought spiritual death.

This is not the only place the Scriptures use being asleep or being spiritually awake. Paul describes the condition of those who are lost and God's way for them to be saved. "Awake you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Eph. 5:14). Those living in the darkness of sin need to wake up, to see the light and enter into the blessings Christ has brought to them. Sleeping and dead men need to wake up and live.

**We may be
asleep and not
aware that
someone is
robbing us!**

When Paul wrote the church at Rome, he described how they had failed to love each other as Christ had loved them. How did he admonish them? "Do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed" (13:11).

When we are asleep each night, we are unaware of what might be happening in our houses. There could be thieves robbing us of our possessions, and we would awaken to find how they had taken our treasures. We can so easily have Satan, the prince of this world, plundering our lives and our homes, and we are unaware of it. This is the nature of sin. It is truly the silent killer.

Look at the urgency Paul gives to this matter. Instead of using the words "high time to awake," the ESV translates it this way. "The hour has come for you to awake." He then adds, "The night is far gone; the day is at hand."

Think soberly about this concept. Unless we are fully awake, we may not see what sin is doing to the church, to our homes and to each of us. The ravages of sin threaten our families, and we seemingly are oblivious to what it is doing. Our time on this earth is running out, and it is high time to come fully awake and to see what faith allows us to see and what is happening. Look soberly at your life and all that is happening. Are we sleeping while the "thief" plunders our lives?



By David Sproule

Five Reasons to Love and Study the Book of Acts (Part 2)

There are dozens of reasons that Christians should love and study the book of Acts, but we are narrowing that down to only five in this study. The first reason we noted is to learn about how to become a Christian. A second reason we need to know this book is to learn about the power of the gospel.

In the book right after the book of Acts (i.e., the book of Romans), we *read* the words, "the gospel of Christ...is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (1:16). But, in the book of Acts itself, we *see* those words. How powerful is the gospel of Christ?

In Acts 2, the good news of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ was preached to a large gathering of Jews, many of whom were personally responsible for taking Jesus with their "lawless hands," crucifying Him and putting Him to death (2:23). Three thousand of these cold-hearted killers were converted by the power of the gospel (2:41-47).

In Acts 6, the gospel was preached in Jerusalem and converted "a great many of the priests" (6:7). These men gave up everything, including their jobs and many friends, to become Christians! There is power in the gospel!

In Acts 8, the gospel reached the outcast, "half-breed"

Samaritans, whom the Jews hated (John 4:9; Acts 10:28), and "both men and women were baptized" (Acts 8:12). The gospel sees no boundaries!

In Acts 9, the "chief" of "sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15) encountered Christ personally and had the gospel preached to him by Ananias. This "blasphemer...persecutor and...insolent man" (1 Tim. 1:13) "crucified" himself with Christ (Gal. 2:20) to become a Christian, and in the process, "counted loss for Christ...all things" that he had attained for himself (Phil. 3:4-8). The gospel is powerful!

In Acts 10, the gospel was preached by a Jew to "aliens...and strangers" (in the eyes of Jews), who had "no hope," were "without God" and "were far off" from Christ (Eph. 2:11-13). But "salvation" was for the Gentiles also (Rom. 1:16), and they were baptized into Christ. The gospel's power is impartial!

In Acts 17, the gospel came to the city of idols (i.e., Athens), and they got to hear about the one true God and the resurrection of Christ. "Some" of these idolaters were converted to Jesus Christ (17:23-34)! The gospel has power!

In Acts 18, the gospel was "delivered" (1 Cor. 15:3-4) to one of the most immoral cities on the planet in that day, and "many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized" (Acts 18:8). The gospel changes lives (1 Cor. 6:9-11)!

We need to study the great book of Acts!

**We learn about
the power of
the gospel.**



By Robert Lupo

What Faith Cannot Do

Faith is one of the most important aspects of godly living. Faith is capable of moving mountains (Matt. 17:20). Faith overcomes the world, bringing those who are born of God out of the bondage of sin (1 John 5:4). Faith is able to save the soul from death (Eph. 2:8). Is there anything faith cannot do?

Yes. Faith cannot save without works.

In Matthew 17:14-21, the apostles were unsuccessful in casting out a demon. Jesus explained that their weak faith was not enough. Jesus tells them that they could only cast this demon out by prayer and fasting (v. 21). The apostles couldn't rely on their faith alone. They needed to put in some work. In 1 John 5, verses 1-3 explain that those who are born of God are those who "...love God and keep His commandments." It is not good enough for us to simply believe God in our minds. True faith requires us to act on it. As James 2:18 says, "But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

There are many, however, that will say Paul contradicts this in Ephesians 2:4-9. He states in verses 8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one

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may boast." So how could you conclude that faith cannot save without works? If you continue reading, Paul says in verse 10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Paul, speaking to the Ephesian church, described how God, through Christ, took them out of a life of sin while they were yet sinners (v. 4-5). They were not deserving of God's grace, but He offered it freely. But, they had to accept His offer. Then, faith brought them out of the bondage of sin and cleansed them before God. Paul says they became a new creation.

By faith, we repent of our sins (Acts 3:19), confess our faith in Christ (Rom. 10:9), and enter the waters of baptism to become that new creation (Col. 2:12-13). Paul is telling us that that creation was made for good works. What if it ceased to do the work it was made for? If a clock was made to tell time but its batteries are not replaced or if the owner fails to sync it properly, the clock ceases to be a clock. It is a useless creation. "What does it profit, my brethren if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?...Thus also, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (Jas. 2:14, 17).

Faith is powerful. But faith alone is of no use. Faith must have works. We must put that faith to work and truly be new creatures born from the waters of baptism.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Nevertheless at Your word I will

When you've been doing something your way for so long and have all but perfected it in your own way, for someone to tell you to do it differently may not always sit so well. Imagine being a fisherman and you've fished all night and caught nothing, and then a carpenter comes along and tells you how to fish. Would you listen?

That's exactly what happened in Luke 5, but that carpenter was Jesus Christ. He told the disciples, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" (5:4). While they had been fishing all night (in the way that they knew as professional fishermen to do) but with no success, look at Peter's words: "...nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net" (5:5).

Do you ever think you might know better? Better than Jesus? Do you have (Have you had) your way of doing something? When the Master Carpenter of Life gives us instructions, may we have the heart that looks at our way of doing it and then says, "Nevertheless at Your Word I will!" – DS



Thanks to (and more openings available for) 30-minute members

There are lots of things to make you smile as a Christian! There are lots of things that make church assemblies the highlight of a week! Here's one of those things for me.

We have a large (and growing) number of folks, who I affectionately refer to as our "30-minute members." They fall into two classes. First, there are the folks who always get to services about 30 minutes early. The doors of our building have to be opened really early, because these folks are going to arrive way early, so that they can visit with each other. Second, there are the folks who always hang around for at least 30 minutes after services. It doesn't matter how long our services go, the lights are still going to be on for these folks for a long while afterwards, because they love to stand around and visit with each other.

That's one beauty of Christianity! We love each other and want to be with each other! So, first, thank you to all of our 30-minute members! You encourage me every week! Second, we have some openings available for more! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Christene Bean	recovering from dental work
Crystal Burroughs	severe hip pain; may need hip replacement surgery
Jennifer Goodale	recovering from outpatient procedure
Charles Hayes	recovering at home
Judie Jenkins	fractured sternum
Dan Johnson	discharged from the hospital
Grace Judge	recovering at home and undergoing tests
Dick Kelley	recovering at home
Juliette Mauvais	still dealing with severe pain
Sherri Richmond	recovering from a fall, in a lot of pain

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

Bud Anderson	Sherrie Tibbetts' son, terminal lung cancer
Lashara Babcock	Ayanna Babcock-Sutherland's sister, in hospital
Ashley Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's sister, recovering from surgery
Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
Kyle Buonadonna	Layla Buonadonna's father, has a blood clot in his liver
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, infection in her leg
Ignacio Ramirez	Joel Ramirez's father, cancer, recovering heart attack
Eddy Rodriguez	Islay Rodriguez's brother, lung 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

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

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

Friday, January 26

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cherylann Banks. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

Saturday, January 27

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.

Sunday, January 28

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** *Be praying about it!* Every dollar given will be used for mission work. *Be preparing for it!* *Be praying about it!*
- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Saturday, February 3

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Please RSVP to Robert Lupo by Sunday, January 28.

Monday, February 5

- ♦ **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.

Friday, February 9

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier. Please bring a potluck dish. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

Friday-Monday, February 9-12

- ♦ **PBL Family Camping Trip** at Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring, Florida. All members are invited. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. Cost is \$35 per person. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, January 26

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cherylann Banks. 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, January 27

- ♦ **Young Adult Game Night** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Julie Watson. See Ivan Villard for more details.

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Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cherylann Banks. 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, February 3

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Jr. High & Sr. High Youth should arrive at 4:00 p.m. Please wear a white button-up shirt and black pants (no holes). See Robert Lupo for more details.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 b Gai Ingram	3 ☆ Sweetheart Banquet hosted by PBL Youth b Jennifer Goodale
4 b Lilly Lolo	5 ☆ Men's Meet a Joel & Jessica Ramirez b Cris Cuevas b Maurine Reed	6 b Kenneth Long b Sherrie Tibbetts	7 b Cayden Scriven	8	9 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting a Joe & Janice Maloney a Rudolph & Verdell March	10 ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting a Pete & Pat Brown
					PBL Family Camping Trip (9th-12th)	
11 b David Brown	12 b Dave Holaday	13 a Eugene & Penny Williams	14 a Jaime & Natasha Campbell a Marty & Leslie Williams	15	16 ☆ Ladies & Lattes b Laura Schuemann b Pat Parnell	17 b Julie Williams
18 ☆ "Protecting Our Children" Sunday with Daniel Stearsman	19	20 b Robin Landen	21 b Lillian Bankston	22 b Lester Galloway	23 b Ricky Smedley	24 ☆ Young Adult Bible Study ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street
				Challenge Youth Conference (22nd-25th)		
25 b Lisa Eutsey	26	27 b Sonia Davidson b Caila Juckett b Chuck Milton	28 ☆ Prayer Meeting	29		

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
January 14

Thank You  notes

I want to thank the church body for your prayers and cards after the passing of my mom.

Susan Joy



Directory Changes

Blake & Gina Bennett moved to Brownsville, Texas.

Ted & Karen Friesner moved to Ohio.

News & Notes

This year's **PBL Family Camping Trip** is February 9-12 at Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring, Florida. Cost is \$35 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. All members are welcome to enjoy this time together!

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, January 21st
Edward Gager

Wednesday, January 24th (cont.)
Marisa Reeves

Monday, January 22nd
Andrea Leslie

Friday, January 26th
Jimmie Banks
Winifred Patterson

Tuesday, January 23rd
Luther Robinson

Saturday, January 27th
Christene Bean
Ed Buonadonna

Wednesday, January 24th
Keila McLeod

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, January 21

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reading David Lord
Singing
Lord's Supper Dion Hayes
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dan Fuller

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Keith Joy
Addison Collins	Dan McLeod
Gorman Ericksen	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Andres Fernandez	Darin Summerlot
Bill Ingram, Jr.	Brandan Widner

Sunday Evening, January 21

Singing Graysen Hayes
Opening Prayer Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading David Brown
Singing
Lord's Supper Paul Metzkes
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer TBD

Serve at Table:

Cris Cuevas Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Bob Higbee

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, January 24

Singing Ricky Smith
Invitation Richard Watson
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 14	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	149	154
Sun. AM Worship	262	263
Sun. PM Worship	119	119
Wed. Bible Study	137	134
Contribution	\$16,987	\$16,732

2024 Weekly Budget: TBD

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBD

Service Coordinators:
Mike Damron

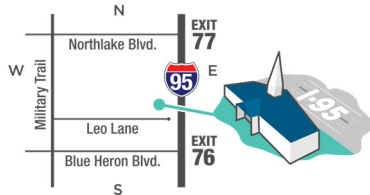
Ushers for this week: Freddie Gadson & Eugene Williams
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne



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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.

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Upcoming Events

January 28

Mission Sunday

February 3

Sweetheart Banquet

February 18

"Protecting Our Children" Sunday

with Daniel Stearsman

March 3-6

Gospel Meeting with Dan Winkler

Theme: "How to Get from Here to Heaven"

April 18

Ladies' Day with Kristi Burleson

Theme: "A Heart of Humility"

May 4

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men

Theme: "Strong Men in Christ"