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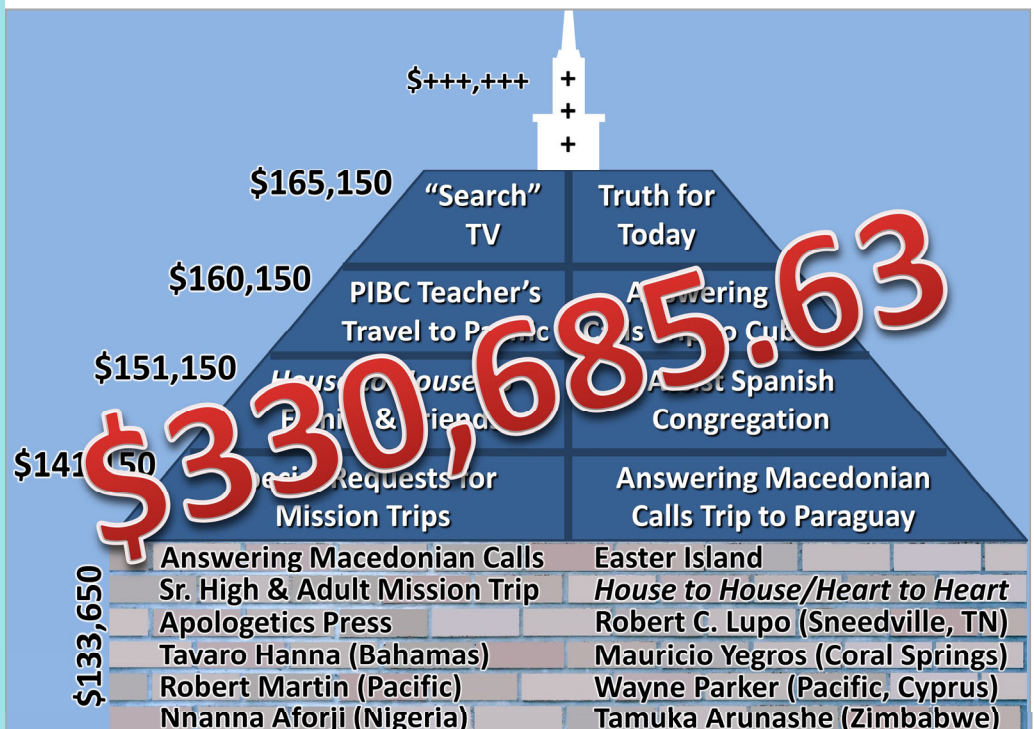
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No. 5



MISSION *Sunday*

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD



To GOD *Be the Glory*



By Dan Jenkins

I Was, I Am and I Will Be

The lives of everyone we know can be summed up in the words: “I was, I am and I will be.” We have a past, a present and a future. There is a sense in which Jesus, because of His life, death and resurrection, can be considered in this way (Rev. 1:8). However, when we think about God, we must never forget that the Omniscient, Omnipotent One is also Omnipresent and inhabits every moment from the eternal past to the eternal future (Psa. 90:2-4).

This concept is emphasized when Moses spoke to God at the burning bush. He asked God what he should say to the Jews in Egypt when they asked what God’s name was. Our God answered, “I Am who I Am...thus say to the children of Israel, ‘I Am has sent me to you.’” Jehovah God said that His name is “I Am.”

The name Jehovah is derived from the same root word in the Hebrew language that was used at that bush when God said, “I Am.” Before Moses ascended Mt. Sinai the second time to receive the tablets of stone, God told the prophet that when Moses came to the mountain he would not see His face but would see His glory. There is no description of what Moses physically saw, but God promised him that He would proclaim His name to Moses (Ex. 34:19).

What did Moses see when God proclaimed His name and showed Moses His glory? “The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the Lord” (Ex. 34:5). What did God say when He proclaimed His name? “The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing those guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and fourth generation” (Ex. 34:6-7).

There is no variation in His name.

His name proclaims his eternal nature!

Who is the I Am? He is what He is. His attributes, many of them listed above, explain what the name Jehovah means. His name affirms that He is who He is. Not a mute idol made of wood or stone; not one limited by possessing a physical body for He is a Spirit, but a living God who proclaims that His name stands for all that He is!

God’s attributes were not just shown at Mt. Sinai, for they are shown on every page of the Bible and in every moment of any time He has dealt with man. His name never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8). The “shadow of God” is the same every time it is seen, there is no variation (Jas. 1:17).

God is and always has been the same. There is no variation. He is who He is. He is what He is. His name proclaims His eternal, unchanging nature!



By David Sproule

Five Reasons to Love and Study the Book of Acts (Part 4)

No book of the Bible is more important than another, but where would we be without the book of Acts? We need this book! And we need to study and know it, so that we can learn about (1) how to become a Christian, (2) the power of the gospel and (3) the establishment of the church of Christ. A fourth reason we need to study this book is to learn about the importance and urgency of evangelism.

Evangelism (i.e., taking the gospel to lost souls and teaching them God’s Word) is not some optional effort to be put forth by certain members of the church during special times of the year. Evangelism is the very purpose of the church and of each member. The church was purposed by God to make known “the manifold wisdom of God” (Eph. 3:10-11). Every single Christian has been commissioned to “preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). In the book of Acts, we see first-hand the initial fulfillment of the Great Commission of Christ—we see its importance, we see its effectiveness, we see its constancy, we see its perpetuity.

The book begins with Jesus telling His disciples that they were going to take His saving message from Jerusalem “to the uttermost part of the earth” (1:8). And that is exactly what happens for the next 27 chapters.

We learn about the importance and urgency of evangelism.

“All who dwell in Jerusalem” were hearing the gospel (2:14; 4:16). Even when the apostles were commanded to not “speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus” (4:18), they continued to go back to the same place and preach the same message (5:25). When persecution arose against the Christians and they were forced out of Jerusalem, they did not stop preaching about Jesus! “Those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word” (8:4).

They went to those they hated (8:4-13; 10:1-11:18). They spoke to complete strangers, even ones who were of a different nationality (8:26-40). They preached to those who could have caused them great harm (9:1-19). They went on long trips to carry the gospel to foreign lands (13:1-28:31). When angry folks tried to kill them, they kept right on preaching (14:19-20). Even when the Christians were beaten and imprisoned, they preached even to the ones who put them there (16:25-40; 21:26-22:21). They imperiled their own lives to get the gospel to hearts who had never heard it (27:1-44). Even in difficult (seemingly impossible situations), they still found ways to teach the gospel to others, even one soul at a time (28:30-31). They preached to governors and kings, as well as beggars and prisoners (3:1-10; 16:25; 24:10-26:32).

Thank God for the book of Acts! We need to study it to be reminded of our purpose—teach the gospel to lost souls!



By Robert Lupo

Our God Is Omnipotent

The most powerful bomb ever detonated on earth was the Tsar Bomba in 1961. The test was carried out on October 30, 1961. According to Britannica.com, "...it was modified to yield 50 megatons...about 3,800 times the strength of the U.S. bomb dropped on Hiroshima during World War II. It exploded about 2.5 miles (4 km) above the ground, producing a mushroom cloud more than 37 miles (60 km) high." The Hiroshima bomb alone was devastating, killing 135,000 Japanese people. It could only be imagined what a bomb of this magnitude would do to a population.

Man has become exceedingly powerful over the last 150 years. As we look at the destruction occurring around the world today, it may cause us to worry. But we must never forget that none of the weapons of mass destruction man has developed can compare to the creative power of God. While the Lord could destroy the universe in an instant, what is even more awe-inspiring is that He created the universe with all of its beauty and complexity in six days.

Destruction has always been easier than creating something new. What is more impressive: the child who kicks over the sandcastle, or the child who built it? Not only did God cre-

ate our world, He created everything in it, everything sustaining it, and everything surrounding it. God, the Almighty created it all.

Our God is omnipotent. This means that He holds an infinite amount of power. There is nothing our God cannot do that is in accordance with His nature. All things exist and persist by His mighty hand.

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The prophet Jeremiah said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You" (Jer. 32:17). This is an amazing statement. In physics, the Law of Conservation of Mass states that matter cannot be created or destroyed. The creation of matter is outside the laws of physics. God is far and above these laws because He wrote the laws themselves. And we know He is the author because our universe demands a creator. The universe had a beginning, so there must be a beginner.

God is that beginner. His power is beyond our imagination. He is the one who crafted the atoms that were fused in the Tsar Bomba. Without God, there is no existence. Our God is omnipotent. He is all powerful. Nothing is too hard for Him. He alone is worthy of our praise and devotion. If we have given our lives to Him, then nothing of this world should cause us to fear. Have you devoted your life to God Almighty?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

If you give online...do you WORSHIP?

The command to give on "every first day of the week" (1 Cor. 16:1-2) is truly a blessing from God! We need (for our own good) to give to Him! One of the great advances in technology that has been beneficial to Christians and to congregations alike is the ability to give online. BUT, if you give online, do you worship when you do?

Giving is not merely about the giving (any more than the singing is merely about putting words to a tune or the Lord's Supper is about having some bread and juice)! Giving is something that I must do from my "heart" (2 Cor. 9:7). It is very easy, especially with online giving, to NOT have my heart engaged in the worship during the time for giving to God. God is LESS interested in what the bank is doing in the transfer of funds to the church (same thing if you write a check) than He is in what your heart is doing in the transfer of love to Him (cf. 2 Cor. 8:8, 24).

When we give online, let's make sure that we "first" give ourselves "to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5). Actually, this applies to all worshippers, no matter how they give, doesn't it? – DS



The Greek word that is translated as "contribution" in Romans 15:26 is the word *koinonia*. That same Greek word is translated "fellowship" (12 times, including 2 Cor. 8:4) and "communion" (4 times, including 1 Cor. 10:16).

The word *koinonia* means "close association involving mutual interests and sharing of members." By using that word for "contribution," God wanted Christians to know that inherent within the giving that we do in our weekly worship is a sharing and fellowship with each other. The giving is not just about me...but about us...giving together.

I am thankful that when our elders introduced online giving that they also introduced those green slips, so that everyone could join in and share together in our worship, no matter how we give! Let's use them...as we fellowship in giving! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Crystal Burroughs	severe hip pain; may need hip replacement surgery
Maria Hackshaw	undergoing medical tests
Terri Hahn	Jupiter Medical Center (room 415), not doing well
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Ophelia Holmes	emphysema in one lung and bronchitis in the other lung
Mary A. Jackson	undergoing tests
Judie Jenkins	fractured sternum
Grace Judge	undergoing tests, in a lot of pain
Dick Kelley	recovering at home, improving slowly, IV antibiotics
Juliette Mauvais	still dealing with severe pain
Joel Ramirez	having blood pressure and heart issues
Sherri Richmond	still 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	



Sherrie Tibbetts, upon the passing of her son, **Bud Anderson**, on Saturday, January 27.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Lashana Babcock	Ayanna Sutherland's sister, recovering at home
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
Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, recovering from pacemaker surgery
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, now in LaPosada Rehab
Ignacio Ramirez	Joel Ramirez's father, cancer, recovering heart attack
Eddy Rodriguez	Islay Rodriguez's brother, lung cancer





Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, February 5

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Tuesday, February 6

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

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.

Saturday, February 10

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Friday, February 16

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nicole Freseman. 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.

Sunday, February 18

- ♦ **"Protecting Our Children Sunday" with Daniel Stearsman.** We will not have services at 6:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Whatever Happened to Gender?
10:00 a.m. Why Transitioning Is for Everyone
11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch
Bring your favorite casserole, desserts & drinks.
12:45 p.m. To Trans and Back

Sunday-Wednesday, February 18-21

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebring Parkway** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Don Blackwell of Cookeville, Tennessee will be speaking on "Questions That Need to Be Answered."

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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.

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Saturday, February 24

- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Study** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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Thursday-Sunday, February 22-25

- ♦ **Challenge Youth Conference** for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. See Robert Lupo for more details.

STAND *in the* GAP



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February

**TO STRENGTHEN AND
PROTECT OUR YOUTH**

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
January 28



We rejoice with **Alicia Dongellini and her son, Dario Corrales**, who were both baptized on Thursday, January 25.



We rejoice with **Jordan Beasley, III** who was restored on Wednesday, January 31.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, February 4th
Lilly Lolo

Wednesday, February 7th
Cayden Scriven

Monday, February 5th
Joel & Jessica Ramirez (Ann.)
Cris Cuevas
Maurine Reed

Friday, February 9th
Joe & Janice Maloney (Ann.)
Rudolph & Verdell March (Ann.)

Tuesday, February 6th
Kenneth Long
Sherrie Tibbetts

Saturday, February 10th
Pete & Pat Brown (Ann.)

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 4

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Robert Mariano
Scripture Reading Taylor Reeves
Singing
Lord's Supper Tim Cox
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Douglas Alvarenga

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga	Steward Lynch
Ryan Hankins	Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon	John Patrick
Sylvester Jackson	Nahum Villard
Orlando Lolo	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, February 4

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Willie Smith
Scripture Reading Philip Porter
Singing
Lord's Supper Daniel Swayne
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Richard Watson

Serve at Table:

Silas Balfour Trevin Roman

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, February 7

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Robert Lupo
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 28	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	199	154
Sun. AM Worship	294	263
Sun. PM Worship	110	119
Wed. Bible Study	158	134
Contribution	\$330,685	\$16,732

2024 Weekly Budget: TBD

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

Service Coordinators:
Bob Higbee

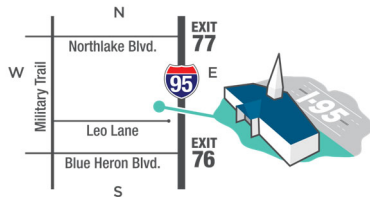
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Seth Watson
Safety Team for this week: Victor Colage



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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.



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What Jesus **DID** for YOU ...and why

He created you
(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

He came to this earth for you
(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

He died on the cross for you
(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

He shed His blood for you
(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

He was raised from the dead for you
(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

Because...

He loves you
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

He wants to save you
(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

He wants to take you to heaven
(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)



What Jesus **EXPECTS** of YOU ...and why

Learn and know the truth (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

Obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

Believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

Repent (turn) from your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

Confess your faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

Be immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

Live faithfully and serve Him (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

So that...

You can prove your love for Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

You can be saved from your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

You can go to heaven (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)