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Welcome New Members



Rozier, Lizzie

Group 3

Identified December 17



Powell, Timothy

Group 3

Baptized December 17



**Singer, Johnny & Lauren
& *Logan**

Group 1

Baptized December 10 & Identified January 14



**Dongellini, Alicia & Dario Corrales
& *José**

Group 2

Baptized January 25



By Dan Jenkins

When Our Heroes Fail

Satan uses so many “tools” as he seeks to discourage our devotion to Christ. Faith can far more easily thwart the attacks the god of this world makes against us if we would heed the words of Paul. The great apostle said, “We are not ignorant of his devices,” but if we are ignorant Satan takes advantage of us (2 Cor. 2:11). The English Standard Version translates the words, “We would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.”

As we walk with the Lord, we can make a mistake by placing other Christians on a high pedestal, and they become a visible hero of faith. Perhaps you have done this, for so many look at others and they become a model of what we want to be some day. However, what do you do when that person changes, or you get to know him better and he/she no longer stands on that pedestal of admiration where you placed them?

This problem confronted early Christians. In Paul’s letters to Timothy, he mentioned men who were respected who lost their faith. In his first letter to the young preacher, Paul speaks of Hymenaeus and Alexander who had rejected the faith and suffered shipwreck. Paul had dealt with them. While we use the term “withdrawing fellowship” Paul used a stronger phrase to describe this action. He says he had “delivered them to Sa-

tan,” hoping that doing this would help them to see they had blasphemed God by their actions (1 Tim. 1:20—see these same words used in Paul’s instruction about withdrawing from an unfaithful Christian in 1 Corinthians 5:4-5).

We do not know the details of these men’s actions, but in the second letter to Timothy, Paul mentions Hymenaeus again. This evil man who had been given to Satan in the first letter evidently was still impacting the church. He was teaching a false doctrine which was spreading like cancer, and there were those who followed him (2 Tim. 2:17-18). He had overturned the faith of those followers.

Paul then reminded Timothy of the fact that personal “heroes of faith” can harm the faith of those in the church—one thing has not changed. It is so important that we look at this unchangeable truth when leading brethren leave the faith. Consider what he says and never tie your faith to people you admire. Failure to understand this gives Satan an advantage over you.

What is that unchangeable truth? Paul says, “Nevertheless the foundation of God stands” (2 Tim. 2:20). Men we foolishly place on high pedestals may disappoint us, but nothing really has changed! Paul closes by mentioning two great foundational truths. God knows those who are His, and we must not follow others into their sin. Put your faith in God and tie your faith to Him. There is only One real hero!

Our faith can be weakened when it is tied to our personal heroes of faith



By David Sproule

Five Reasons to Love and Study the Book of Acts (Part 5)

Reasons abound for knowing and loving the book of Acts. The list could go on and on. We have seen that from the book of Acts we can learn about (1) how to become a Christian, (2) the power of the gospel (3) the establishment of the church, and (4) the importance and urgency of evangelism. Let’s add only one more. We need to study this book to learn about the nature and imparting of miraculous gifts.

As God on this earth (John 1:1, 14), Jesus performed “miracles, wonders and signs” that only God could do (Acts 2:22; John 3:2). When He left this earth, “He poured out” on the apostles the measure of the Spirit by which they could do miracles themselves (and more, as we will see) (2:1-4, 33). There is much that we can learn from the book of Acts about the nature of these miracles and how they were imparted.

Miracles were not just really good tricks. In Acts 8, Simon the Sorcerer was doing magic tricks, which “astonished the people” (8:9-11). But when the multitudes in Samaria saw “the miracles which [Philip] did,” they “heeded the things spoken by Philip” (8:6). Even Simon recognized the difference between his tricks and “the miracles and signs” of Philip (8:13).

Miracles were not done to draw attention to the miracle-worker but to draw attention to the God of the miracle, and

more specifically, to the Word being spoken that was given by the God of the miracle. In Acts 2, “the multitude came together” and “were all amazed” when they witnessed the miracle of the apostles speaking in their own language (2:5-8). The purpose was to get them to pay attention to the words spoken by the apostles about Christ (2:14-36). In Acts 8, the Samaritans “heeded the things spoken” when they saw “the miracles” (8:6). That was the purpose of the miracles. When Peter raised Dorcas from the dead, “many believed” the Word preached (10:42). That was the purpose.

The measure of the Spirit for miraculous, spiritual gifts was imparted to Christians through the apostles’ hands. The apostles “laid hands” on the seven men in Acts 6:6. Why? Then they laid hands on the Christians in Samaria in Acts 8:17. Why? Paul “laid hands on” twelve Christians in Ephesus in Acts 19:6. Why? “Through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given” (8:18), to have “power” to do miracles.

What do we learn? Only certain people could do miracles. Miracles were obvious signs of the power of God. Miracles were designed to confirm the Word being preached (cf. Mark 16:20). Only the apostles could impart to Christians the ability to do miracles. Thus, from Acts, we learn that miracles were limited for a time with a specific purpose and are no longer available or needed today (1 Cor. 13:8-13; Eph. 4:8-14).

We learn about the nature and imparting of miraculous gifts.



By Robert Lupo

God is Omniscient

When Covid-19 struck our nation, we became willing to take whatever precautions we had to prevent contracting and spreading the virus to our friends and families. Immediately, people began buying sanitary masks in bulk. Soon, the CDC told us to stop buying them. The masks cannot prevent you from getting the virus. They said, "Trust the science!"

A few weeks later, the CDC changed their stance. Now, we need to wear masks everywhere we go. "Trust the science!" they said. The next year, the vaccines rolled out. They told us if we didn't get the vaccine, we were putting people's lives in danger. Again, they said, "Trust the science!" Now, it is unclear how effective, if at all, the vaccine really is.

The truth is you can't always trust the science. Science is always changing because what is known changes so long as new evidence is discovered. We are finite beings, so no matter how much we learn, we cannot know everything.

If we knew it all, then we would be omniscient. Omniscience is the absolute knowledge of all things. The only being capable of omniscience is God. The Bible scholar famous for his *Exhaustive Concordance*, James Strong, defined omniscience in this way, "By this we mean God's perfect and eternal knowledge of all things which are objects of knowledge,

whether they be actual or possible, past, present, or future."

God truly knows everything. Nothing can hide from Him (Heb 4:13). His understanding cannot be measured (Psa. 147:5). He sees everything (Prov. 15:3). He knows the number of hairs on our heads (Matt. 10:30). He even knows what is in our hearts (Psa. 139:4). God's knowledge does not change. He has a full grasp of everything into eternity. Therefore, truth resides in God.

**God not only
knows all that is,
He is why it is.**

Truth is real. Truth is that which actually is. For the last hundred years, the world has pushed the theory that truth is relative. So, what is true for you may not be true for me. However, the Bible teaches us that truth is real and objective. God is truth! Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." (John 14:6). God not only knows all that is, He is why it is.

"The science" changes. Man's best efforts to understand the world around him will always come up short. There will always be a better theory or a new conclusion as we gather more data. But, God already has all the variables. He has always known every conclusion. So, when we look to determine how we ought to live, why do we go to the world for answers? The world is still trying to figure it out. God, on the other hand, has known and decided in eternity. "The science" cannot be trusted, but God always can.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What is both tender and firm?

Usually, we would not think that something could be both "tender" and "firm." We might think of a piece of meat and want it either tender or firm, but not both. If something was both tender and firm, we might consider it to be deformed or undesirable.

Is it possible that something could be enhanced and superior because it was both tender and firm? In 1833, Robert Grant penned the hymn, "O Worship the King." The last verse begins, "Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end!" The "mercies" (plural) of God are both "tender" and "firm"!

Repeatedly the psalmists praise the "tender mercies" of our God (Psa. 25:6; 40:11; 51:1; 69:16; 78:8; 119:77, 156). Where would we be without His "tender mercies"? But His mercies are also "firm"! Every verse of Psalm 136 resounds, "His mercy endures forever." Yes, "His compassions fail not" (Lam. 3:22) and have not yet "ceased forever" (Psa. 77:8). Thank God for His tender and firm mercies! – DS



Praying for one another made easy

Don't you like it when things are made easy for you? We love meals that are "made easy" or tax filings that are "made easy" or online purchases that are "made easy." What about when activities in a Christian's life are made easy?

A present tense (signifying ongoing activity) imperative verb (indicating a command of God) is recorded in James 5:16 – "Pray for one another." What if that was made easy for you?



The church bulletin is "praying for one another" made easy! It lists the names of the elders, deacons, preachers and office staff. Brethren, pray for one another. It lists the names of our missionaries. Brethren, pray for one another. It lists those who are grieving the death of a family member. Brethren, pray for one another. It lists those who are dealing with physical illnesses. Brethren, pray for one another. It lists our shut-ins. Brethren, pray for one another. The church directory is "praying for one another" made easy...on steroids! It lists every member and child in this congregation. Brethren, pray for one another...one page at a time! – 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
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
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley



Isolyn Sinclair upon the passing of her sister, Sylvia Dussard, last week.

Jeannie Buonadonna and family, upon the passing of Terri Hahn, on February 1. The Memorial Service will be on Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m. in our building.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, fell and is very sore
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

Africa

Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas

Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States

Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls
Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, February 12

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

Tuesday, February 13

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

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."*

Saturday, February 24

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street in Pompano.** Debbie Kea will be speaking on *"If the Shoe Fits."*

Sunday, February 25

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Alice Nelson & Cris Cuevas** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

Wednesday, February 28

- ♦ **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.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

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.

Saturday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 28

- ♦ **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.

Monday, March 11

- ♦ **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.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

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.

Thursday-Sunday, February 22-25

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

Wednesday, February 28

- ♦ **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 10

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. Age 3-Grade 5 will meet in Adult 1-2. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the auditorium.

Equipping & Edifying Families

7 Verses That Will Revolutionize Your Marriage

by Glenn Colley



1. **Titus 2:4 – A Wife Is Commanded to Love Her Husband!**
 - a. Observe that Greek word.
 - b. She is to be his friend.
2. **Ephesians 5:25 – A Husband Is Commanded to Love His Wife!**
 - a. This Greek word is Agape, the same word found in the “love chapter,” 1 Corinthians 13.
 - b. Let’s go to this chapter and apply the characteristics of this kind of love to our marriages.
3. **1 Corinthians 13:4 – Love Is Patient and Kind; Doesn’t Envy, and Isn’t Boastful!**
 - a. Patient: This is the opposite of a short fuse. Am I patient with my wife (1 Pet. 3:7)?
 - b. Are you kind to your husband? Polite? Considerate?
 - c. Sometimes spouses become envious of the life/role of their husband or wife. The Bible teaches roles which are the very best for good marriage. We must trust Him.
 - d. Am I boastful in my personality—inflated with my own importance? There’s a world of difference in saying, “I’m doing you a favor to love you...,” and “I’m so grateful to be loved by you.”
4. **1 Corinthians 13:5 – Love Isn’t Rude, Proud, Short Tempered, or Evil in Thoughts!**
 - a. Sometimes we can be too blunt in the way we say things to our spouses. How you say something can completely color how it is heard.
 - b. Am I easily provoked? Do I have a short fuse with my husband?
 - c. Make a mental list of the kinds of things that make me see red. Do these all justify the angry things I say when they occur?
 - d. “Thinks no evil...” is an accounting term meaning, “Entering an item on a ledger.”
 - 1) Are you a collector of grievances in your marriage?
 - 2) If so, I know something about your spouse: He/She is miserable.
5. **1 Corinthians 13:6 – Love Isn’t Happy with Sin, But Is Happy with Truth!**
 - a. Husbands: Protect your wife and children from evil.
 - b. Make sure your home is a place where evil is always called evil:
 - 1) Do we watch movies which portray immorality in an approved context?
 - 2) Do we use bad language when angry or surprised?
 - 3) Do we put things ahead of worshiping God?
 - 4) Do we lie when it’s more convenient than telling the truth?
6. **1 Corinthians 13:7 – Love Bears, Believes, Hopes and Endures!**
 - a. Bears all things – Any injury, insult, disappointment.
 - b. Believes all things – Trust, believe in what they can be, and build them up.
 - c. Hopes all things – Sacrifice for your marriage and never give up. Hope for a better day.
 - d. Endures all things – Some days will be challenging. Keep going.
7. **1 Corinthians 13:8 – Love Never Fails!**
 - a. If you and your spouse will become and remain faithful Christians, this statement will be true about you.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 4

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Astrid Arevalo; Mr. Israel Cuevas; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Claudja Henry; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Jordan Marks; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick & Nikki O'Hanlon; Mr. Robert Shelton; Miss Susie Spurlock; and Ms. Meghan Styles.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Robert Alexander, Montrose, CO; Mr. & Mrs. Cory & Nicole Brown, Eagon, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Jennifer Fallis, Montrose, CO; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Phil & Anne Smith, Gallatin, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, February 11th
David Brown

Wednesday, February 14th (cont.)
Marty & Leslie Williams (Ann.)

Monday, February 12th
Dave Holaday


Friday, February 16th
Laura Schuemann
Pat Parnell

Tuesday, February 13th
Eugene & Penny Williams (Ann.)

Saturday, February 17th
Julie Williams

Wednesday, February 14th
Jaime & Natasha Campbell-Flores
(Ann.)

Gender and Identity
Embracing the Fullness of Christ Bodily



Sunday, February 18
One-Day Seminar with Daniel Stearsman

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 11

Singing Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper Freddie Gadson
Singing
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Keith Joy
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dave Holaday

Serve at Table:

David Brown	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Ed Buonadonna	David Perez
Addison Collins	Joel Ramirez
Cris Cuevas	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Gorman Ericksen	Darin Summerlot

Sunday Evening, February 11

Singing Graysen Hayes
Opening Prayer Dan McLeod
Scripture Reading Andres Fernandez
Singing
Lord's Supper Dirk Summerlot
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Paul Metzkes

Serve at Table:

Daniel Wagner Leonard Williams

Audio this week: Timothy Powell
Computer this week: Seth Watson
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, February 14

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Phil Porter
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 4	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	170	163
Sun. AM Worship	257	272
Sun. PM Worship	107	127
Wed. Bible Study	129	132
Contribution	\$17,221	\$18,473
2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,303		

Service Coordinators:
Eugene Williams

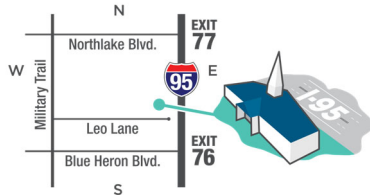
Ushers for this week: Edward Gager & Daniel Swayne
Safety Team for this week: David Lord



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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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WHEN CHRIST WHO IS YOUR LIFE APPEARS,
THEN YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM
IN GLORY.

Colossians 3:4