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Gospel Meeting

with Dan Winkler

How to Get
From Here
to Heaven



March 3-6

(See page 2 for the full schedule.)

How to Get From Here to Heaven



Sunday, March 3

- 9:00 a.m. **Who Are the Only Ones Going to Heaven?**
- 10:00 a.m. **Be Baptized: A “Cleansing” from Jesus**
- 11:45 a.m. Potluck Dinner-on-the-Grounds (All PBL Members have setup & cleanup.)
- 12:45 p.m. **Confess: A “Confession” of Jesus**

Monday, March 4

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **How to MAKE a Disciple of Jesus**
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Last Names A-K have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **Repent: A “Change” for Jesus**

Tuesday, March 5

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **What It TAKES to Be a Disciple of Jesus**
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Last Names L-Z have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **Believe: A “Conviction” About Jesus**

Wednesday, March 6

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **How to Spot a FAKE Disciple of Jesus**
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. All PBL Members have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **Hear: A “Calling” to Jesus**



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: **Dan Winkler**

Dan Winkler has been preaching the gospel for 55 years. He presently serves part time with the Spring Meadows church of Christ in Spring Hill, Tennessee, and he speaks in a number of gospel meetings, lectureships and church workshops throughout the year. Dan has authored 16 books on numerous New Testament books and subjects. He served as a member of the Bible faculty at Freed-Hardeman University for almost 15 years, and he now is co-host of a podcast on The Light Network called “Today with Jesus.” Dan and his wife, Diane, raised three godly sons and have seven grandchildren.

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Ophelia Holmes	emphysema in one lung and bronchitis in the other lung
Grace Judge	undergoing treatments for severe neck and back pain
Dick Kelley	still struggling, seeing another specialist
Joel Ramirez	seeing a heart specialist
Sherri Richmond	recovering from oral surgery, dealing with pain
Yolanda Stewart	having medical tests and procedures

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, in the hospital
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, in LaPosada Rehab
Lawrence Jackson	Mary Jackson & Jonetta Green's brother, surgery
Jim McCoy	Maxine McCoy's brother, hospitalized with heart issues
Joann McNutt	ICU in St. Cloud, complications from surgery
Eddy Rodriguez	Islay Rodriguez's brother, lung cancer
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, tumors in her chest

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



By Dan Jenkins

Wait for It

Habakkuk was so much like we are in our lives. We cry out to God and then expect Him to respond using our timetable. Sometimes His “clock” runs faster than ours, and sometimes it runs slower. As you read what the prophet wrote, you will immediately see that he knew the nature of God, but neither he nor we control the “clock” of God and how He works in our lives.

The Babylonians (“Chaldeans” in Hab. 1:6) had been raised up by God and were severely threatening sinful Jerusalem. Habakkuk fully understood that Babylon would be punished. More than a century earlier, Isaiah prophesied that someday God would totally destroy that nation. In Habakkuk’s mind, the very best time for God to do this was now, for Nebuchadnezzar’s army plundered the holy city of Jerusalem.

Habakkuk did not lose faith. You can sense how he was struggling when he decided the best thing for him to do was to “stand and...watch what He will say” (2:1). The response of God was to encourage Habakkuk to write the vision so clear and simple that those who read could readily understand it and respond to what God said in the vision (2:3).

God then described the impact of that part of the Bible that Habakkuk was writing. “For the vision is yet for an

appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry” (2:3). Read those three words again—“wait for it!”

The rest of this chapter continues with the vision Habakkuk was to write. The wrath of God was upon the Chaldeans, and they themselves would reap the violence they were sowing. It was just a matter of time. The word of God cannot lie, and there is no doubt that every word of God is true and will come to pass. We should rejoice that all the Bible, like the words of Habakkuk, are written so clearly and simply and we can understand them.

One other matter from this second chapter should not be overlooked. God spoke of the proud spirit of Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians and contrasted it with the spirit of those who follow God. “Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith” (2:4). There are those who do not trust God enough to submit to Him, but salvation comes from the continuing faith in the hearts of the saints.

So when troubles come your way, do not get discouraged. Never lose sight of the eternal truth that His “clock” is different from ours. The words of the psalmist remind us of this truth in words we should write on our hearts. “Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord” (Psa. 27:14).

**Habakkuk
thought God’s
“clock” should be
like his. God told
him to wait for it**



By David Sproule

The Reason for the Most Expensive Gift Ever Given

“Oh, that’s so nice! What’s the occasion?” That question is asked sometimes when a gift is given but the reason is not clear. It’s not a birthday or holiday or obvious time to celebrate, so why is a gift being given?

The most expensive gift ever given was “the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Pet. 1:19), which Jesus “offered Himself” (Heb. 9:14) “for us” (Eph. 5:2). The pressing question when presented with such information is, “Why?” Why would Jesus do such for us?

While many Biblical answers could be offered, notice these three that the apostle Paul records in his letter to Titus. The beginning of Titus 2:14 states that our Savior Jesus Christ “gave Himself for us,” and that wonderful revelation is followed by the word “that,” indicating that the purpose for such is about to be given. Note these inspired reasons for this incredible gift.

First, Christ gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us. We may think about the word “saved” or “forgiven,” but Scripture places a great emphasis on the word “redemption.” At certain periods of time, slaves could be “redeemed”—i.e., they could be bought out of slavery for a certain price. Similarly, individuals who live in sin have be-

come “slaves of sin” (John 8:34) and are “in bondage” to the devil and his snares (2 Pet. 2:19; Heb. 2:14-15). Jesus died on the cross to buy man out of slavery to sin and the devil! He paid the price with His own blood (1 Pet. 1:18-21; Rev. 5:9).

Second, Christ gave Himself for us, that He might purify for Himself His own special people. Sin is not only enslaving, it is contaminating. The prophets often spoken of the sin of the people as “filthiness.” Paul and James both urged Christians to “cleanse ourselves from all filthiness” (2 Cor 7:1) and “lay aside all filthiness” (Jas. 1:21). Christ came to “wash us from our sins in His own blood” (Rev. 1:5) and “to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow” (Isa. 1:18).

Third, Christ gave Himself for us, that we, His own special people, might be zealous for good works. We are not saved just to be saved. We are not saved just to be good people. We are saved by Christ in order to be exceedingly enthusiastic for the cause of Christ, having fire in our bones, as did Jeremiah (Jer. 20:9). When it comes to serving God and serving mankind, God is not looking for half-hearted efforts, but He seeks “all” of our heart and “always abounding” in His work (Matt. 22:37; 1 Cor. 15:58).

The first two reasons should blow us away! Thus, they should make the third reason our strongest desire!

**Why would
Jesus give
Himself for us?**



By Robert Lupo

God Is Omnipresent

"I'm always here for you." It's one of the most comforting phrases a friend can say. When we are dealing with a tragic loss or some other difficulty, these few words can make all the difference. Knowing there is an ear out there willing to listen or give us help can provide comfort in the worst of times (cf. Prov. 27:9).

God did not create man to be alone. He created us to be people who need other people. At the beginning, God said, "It is not good that man should be alone..." (Gen. 2:18). So, He gave Adam a life-long companion in his wife. God knew that we need companionship. In Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Solomon explains this need by writing, "Two are better than one...if they fall, one will lift up his companion..." and "...Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken." In life, we will stumble and endure adversity. If we try to take it all on by ourselves, then we are doomed to fail.

However, as hard as our friends may try, they cannot be there for us "always." It is impossible. They are limited by their own shortcomings, personal responsibilities and physics. In other words, they can't be in every place at every time. At some point, our friends are going to let us down even if they

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don't mean to. But there is one friend who truly is always there for us.

Our God is omnipresent. In a very real and literal sense, God exists in every place at every time. His eyes are in every place (Prov. 15:3). We cannot flee from His presence (Psa. 139:7). He fills heaven and earth (Jer. 23:24). He inhabits eternity (Isa. 57:15), and He can never die (1 Tim. 6:16). God literally is always there. He uses this quality to act as the greatest companion we will ever know.

God is not just there; He is there for you. Throughout His revealed Word, God declares His love for His children. He cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7). He upholds us (Isa. 41:10). He will not leave us nor forsake us (Deut. 31:6). He heals the brokenhearted (Psa. 147:3). He is the Father of the fatherless and protector of widows (Psa. 68:5). He is our refuge (Psa. 62:8).

Whatever comes our way in life, whatever tragedies, misfortunes, persecutions, or sorrows we endure, we can rest assured in the ever-present love of God. He never wanted us to handle the world on our own. He wanted us to let Him help us through it. "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the Lord your God..." (Isa. 43:2-3a). God wants to be there for you. Will you let Him?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Do you "prey on" or "pray on" them more?

When the football team is on the field, who has it easier to make the plays just right? The quarterback on the field or the armchair quarterback at home? It's a lot easier to sit at home and rail on the quarterback for missing the throw or misreading the defense than it is to actually be the quarterback on the field making the throws and reading the defense.

The same is true in the church. When the elders are seeking to shepherd the Lord's church, who has it easier to make the decisions just right? The elders on the field and in the thick of it or the armchair Christian at home? It's a lot easier to sit at home and take potshots at the elders for making what is perceived to be a bad decision than it is to actually be the elders on the field making those decisions. Plus, the elders often (and almost always) have information that no one else has and have the eternal responsibility on their shoulders for the decisions.

So, do you "prey on" the elders more than you "pray on" them? One of those has a Biblical mandate (1 Thess. 5:11-18; Heb. 13:17; 1 Tim. 2:1-2; 5:19). — DS



Where is God when hope seems lost?

When Sarai "dealt harshly" with Hagar and ran her off into the wilderness, the Angel of the Lord came to Hagar to reassure her that "the Lord has heard your affliction" (Gen. 16:11) and would bless her child Ishmael. Hagar realized that "I have seen Him who sees me" (16:13).

After the birth and weaning of Isaac (about 17 years later), Hagar and Ishmael were sent away with provisions from Abraham and his family (Gen. 21:8-14). They wandered in the wilderness until the provisions were "used up," and Hagar "placed the boy" (a teenager) "under one of the shrubs," and she "sat down across from him at a distance" so that she would not see his death (21:15-16). Read the first words of the next verse, "And God heard the voice of the lad" (21:17).

When hope seemed lost on two occasions, Hagar was reminded of the presence of the Lord in her life. He "sees me" and He "hears" me. Maybe things in your life aren't looking so good right now. "Fear not!" (21:17). God sees and God hears! Do you trust Him? — DS



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday-Wednesday, March 3-6

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting with Dan Winkler.** This year's theme is "How to Get from Here to Heaven."

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	12:45 p.m.	Evening Worship
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	12:15 p.m.	Midday Bible Study
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	7:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study

Friday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 10

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.

Sunday, March 10 (cont.)

- ♦ **Congregational Singing** in the Lobby during evening services.

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, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday, March 15

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Joan Holloway. 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, March 17

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Saturday, March 23

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

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Sunday, March 17

- ♦ **Young Adult & Young Families Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. All young adults and families with children in Grade 5 and under are invited. See Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, April 1

- ♦ **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, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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

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, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 25

How to Get From Here ➡ Heaven Potluck Lunch & Dinners

We are having a **potluck luncheon on Sunday** after morning worship and **potluck dinners on Monday-Wednesday** at 6:00 p.m. Please bring plenty of food and drinks for your family and extra for our guests. All are invited!

PBL Members, YOU are in charge of set up and clean up each day for the potluck dinners:

Sunday: All PBL Members

Monday: Last Names A-K

Tuesday: Last Names L-Z

Wednesday: ALL PBL Members

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Arianna Bassett; Ms. Selena Booze; Mr. Alex Contreras; Mr. Israel Cuevas; Mrs. Sandra Davidson; D. Elaine; Ms. Marie Francois; Mrs. Melanie Heitman; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick & Cindy LaConte; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. Michael Menendez & Mrs. Astrid Arevalo; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Ms. Liz Otero; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Mrs. Susan Shelt; Mr. Trevor Wellington; and Mrs. Margaret Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Antonio & Felicia Ali, Miami, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Cheri Erickson, Kennebunk, ME; Ms. Dorcas Francois, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. Milton Jones; Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Peggy Lewis, Columbia, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, March 3rd

John Patrick
Angela Walker

Friday, March 8th

Bereather Williams

Tuesday, March 5th

John Hoelzer

Saturday, March 9th

Bonnie Quigley

Wednesday, March 6th

Susie Cox

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, March 3

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer David Lord
Scripture Reading Bill Ingram, Jr.
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan McLeod
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Keith Joy

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Timothy Powell
Addison Collins	Joel Ramirez
Cris Cuevas	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Gorman Ericksen	Dirk Summerlot
Edward Gager	Daniel Swayne

Sunday Evening, March 3

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reading Daniel Wagner
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan Fuller
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Eugene Williams

Serve at Table:

David Brown David Perez

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, March 6

Singing Dion Hayes
Invitation Dan Winkler
Family Prayer David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 25	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	184	163
Sun. AM Worship	272	272
Sun. PM Worship	111	127
Wed. Bible Study	151	132
Contribution	\$18,447	\$18,473

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,287

Service Coordinator:
Bob Higbee

Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Freddie Gadson
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



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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: **Willie & Q'Lecia Smith**

CAST
all your
anxiety
ON HIM
because HE
CARES
for you.
1PETER 5:7

Upcoming Events

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"

May 5

Friends & Family Day with Andy Robison
Theme: "Two Essentials That Make Him Jesus"

May 26

Promotion Sunday

June 2-5

Vacation Bible School
Theme: "Building for God"

June 12

Wednesday Night Summer Series Begins