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Our Gospel Meeting is not over!
It keeps on going...on our website!

How to Get From Here to Heaven

Dan Winkler conducted a Gospel Meeting at the PBL church of Christ on March 3-6, 2024.

How to Spot a Fake Disciple of Jesus

March 6, 2024 Sermon  Dan Winkler

Hear: A Calling to Jesus

March 6, 2024 Sermon  Dan Winkler

What It Takes to Be a Disciple of Jesus

March 5, 2024 Sermon  Dan Winkler

Believe: A Conviction About Jesus

March 5, 2024 Sermon  Dan Winkler

How to Make a Disciple of Jesus

March 4, 2024 Sermon  Dan Winkler


Repent: A Change for Jesus

March 4, 2024 Sermon  Dan Winkler

Confess: A Confession of Jesus

March 3, 2024 Sermon  Dan Winkler

Be Baptized: A Cleansing from Jesus

March 3, 2024 Sermon  Dan Winkler

Who Are the Only Ones Going to Heaven?

March 3, 2024 Sermon  Dan Winkler

Watch. Listen. Share. Repeat.



By Dan Jenkins

A King Become Like a Beast and Then Learns the Truth

King Nebuchadnezzar was filled with pride because of the massive image he had made of gold. That image stood nine stories high and was nine feet wide at its base. Imagine how much gold it would have taken to make this image. His arrogance caused him to demand the gathering of all the government officials, even from the most distant reaches of the Babylonian kingdom. They were ordered to be present at the dedication of the image.

At that dedication, the king's herald read the king's message that when the signal was given every Babylonian who heard it was to immediately fall down and worship that golden image. Any person who did not bow before the image was to immediately be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. Most people know how three Jewish young men refused to bow and, though cast into the furnace, were delivered by God.

The end of the story finds the pagan king affirming that there is only one God, asking who can deliver men from the fiery furnace. However, the king's pride again surfaced in the very next chapter (Dan. 4). We know about this because of the account when Daniel was called for a second time to interpret the meaning of the king's dream about a massive tree. It

was cut down and became like a beast which grazes in the field. Later, another great tree grew from the original stump. Daniel explained the dream to the king.

The tree figuratively depicted the proud king, Nebuchadnezzar. The fact that he ruled the earth filled his heart with pride, and he thought his great abilities were the reason for his position. Daniel said, "The tree which you saw...it is you...who have grown and become strong; for your greatness ...reaches to the heavens" (4:20-22). In the dream the king had seen a being from heaven coming down saying, "Chop down the tree and destroy it...let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts of the field" (4:23).

Daniel then told the king's destiny. "They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field...till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses" (4:25).

Read this entire chapter. It literally happened to the king and humbled him. His pride was gone, for he saw how small and insignificant he was. He became a worshiper of God.

What a lesson for men filled with pride. They had nothing to do with whatever makes them think they are better than others. What a comforting lesson for us in a world filled with evil rulers. Our God, the Almighty Holy One, rules this world. There is no place for pride in those who know this!

**There is no place
for pride in those
who know that
God alone rules
all the earth**



By David Sproule

Which "Love" Do You Have for Jesus?

When we read the New Testament and study the Greek language behind our English translations, we find out that the Greeks had more than one word for "love," and each of those words had a distinctive meaning. While the word *agape* existed in the Greek language before Jesus came to earth, Jesus came and snatched that word from the common language of the day and made it a distinctly Christian love. The Greek word *phileo* was commonly used in that day, as evidenced by cities named "Philadelphia" (Rev. 3:7), meaning "brotherly love." So, which kind of "love" do you have for Jesus?

When we study the different Greek words for "love," Christians often focus quite a bit on *agape* love (and rightfully so). This term truly became uniquely Christian. It is the ultimate, premier form of love that is unconditional, unselfish and seeks what is best for the one to whom the love is extended.

"God so loved the world" (John 3:16). This is *agape* love. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13). This is *agape* love. "Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us" (Eph. 5:2). This is *agape* love. Our Father and our Savior have *agape* love for us.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart" (Matt. 22:37). This is *agape* love. "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). This is *agape* love. We are to have *agape* love for our Father and our Savior. We are to love Him unconditionally, unselfishly and seek what He wants, rather than what we want. As Christians, I suspect that we expect that we need to love our Lord in this way. Do we?

Interestingly, there is another word that Paul uses for the "love" we are to have for Christ. In the closing verses of First Corinthians, the Holy Spirit revealed these words, "If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed" (1 Cor. 16:22). The word for "love" here is not *agape* but the Greek *phileo*, which is a "brotherly love." What does that mean? *Phileo* love is a tender, affectionate love that is tied to one's emotions. It is the love between the dearest of friends that knits their souls together (cf. 1 Sam. 18:1).

So, which kind of "love" do you have for Jesus? Do you love Jesus with the ultimate, unconditional, unselfish love that yearns for what He wants? We must! But, do you also love Jesus with your deepest emotions, as your dearest Friend, with whom you want to spend every moment of every day right next to Him? What a warning Paul gives if we do not have that kind of tender affection for Jesus—"let him be accursed." Let us mean it, "My Jesus, I love Thee!"

**Love Jesus with
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your dearest
Friend**



By Robert Lupo

So You've Been Baptized...Now What?

There are few moments in the life of a Christian that compare to the feeling that comes at the moment of salvation. You have finally given in to the call to repentance (Acts 2:38) and put on Christ in baptism (Gal. 3:27), washing away all the guilt of sin (Acts 22:16).

That feeling, however, can easily fade away if you were not taught how to live after that moment. We were called to a purpose. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10). So, once we have put on Christ, there is an expectation for us to get to that work.

What can be expected of brand-new Christians? 1 Peter 2:2 tells us, "...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby..." This means that there is time needed in study before spiritual maturity can begin. The Hebrews writer expands on this, saying, "...solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their sense exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 4:14). This is a warning that those inexperienced are at risk of being swayed by false doctrines.

So, does this mean that new Christians should just hide in their closet, studying until they memorize a certain

amount of Scriptures? Absolutely not! There is work that can be done by even the youngest of Christians.

In Acts 9, we read of the conversion of Paul. After such a radical change of heart, we would expect this new Christian to require a fair amount of study and training before attempting to take on the work of the gospel. But, that is not what we see in Paul.

In verses 20-22, this brand-new babe in Christ did the exact opposite of what we expect. "Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues..." (v. 20). What would Paul know about preaching the gospel? He didn't go to a school of preaching. He was a filthy sinner with the blood of Christians on his hands. Nevertheless, verse 22 tells that he was able to confound the Jews "...proving that this Jesus is the Christ." This new Christian was useful.

When we rise from the waters of baptism, we may ask, "Well...now what?" The answer is the same that it was for Paul and all other Christians, "Go and make disciples" (Matt. 28:19-20). A wise preacher once told me that if you know enough to obey the gospel, then you know enough to teach the gospel. God has work for you to do! You don't need a degree or be perfect to teach someone the gospel. All you need is the courage to tell someone what Christ has done for you.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What language do your children speak?

I admire those children who are being trained by their parents to speak multiple languages. What a great way to expand their minds and give them potential opportunities in their future. But some children are not being trained in the language they desperately need for their future!

In the days of Nehemiah, there were Jews who intermarried with the pagans in their land. As a result, "Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people" (Neh. 13:24). Many of these children were brought up and not able to speak the language of God's people.

Brethren, that is still happening today. I'm not talking about English or Spanish or Greek. I'm talking about children who are growing up and do not know the "language" (i.e., the words, the teachings, the love, the expectations, etc.) of Jesus Himself! Do your children know the Bible? Are they being brought up in the "training" and "instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4)? What language do your children speak? – DS



What every man needs to hear

The man after God's own heart was getting ready to die. The words in the first nine verses of 1 Kings 2 were his very last, and they were directed at his son, Solomon. If you were deeply in tune with the heart of God and had one last message to give your son, what would you say? Men, pay attention! David started off by saying, "Be strong and prove yourself a man" (2:2).

How does one "prove himself a man"? How does one "show himself a man" (NASB) or "act like a man" (NIV)? I suppose we could let the culture dictate that, which would keep the man relevant to the age in which he lives. I suppose we could all offer our opinions about what it means to be a "man." OR, we could just let the man after God's own heart explain it.

Keep reading. Here is what a MAN in God's eyes is and does – "And keep the charge of the Lord your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written..." (2:3). A MAN walks with God and does what He says! Are you a MAN? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Ashley Balfour	hospitalized with blood sugar issues
Pete Brown	Gardens Medical Center, getting blood sugar regulated
Zula Garrett	recovering at home from renal cyst and spine fracture
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Grace Judge	undergoing treatments for severe neck and back pain
Dick Kelley	still struggling and seeing multiple doctors
Joel Ramirez	seeing a heart specialist
Sherri Richmond	recovering from oral surgery, dealing with pain
Yolanda Stewart	having medical tests and procedures
Amy West	having tests next week to see if her cancer is gone



Jackie Stout, upon the passing of **her sister, Joann McNutt**, on Sunday, March 3.

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
Dick Haines	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Carmen Dussard	Isolyn Sinclair's sister, dealing with kidney problems
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, very weak
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
Eddy Rodriguez	Islay Rodriguez's brother, Hospice Care at VA Hospital
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, tumors in her chest, tests
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, hospital, blood clot in arm

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

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

Sunday, March 24

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Stepping into the Bible Classes.
- ♦ **Josh Blackmer Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday, April 5

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jimmie & Cherylann Banks.

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.

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

- ♦ **Young Adult & Young Families Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. Cost is \$5 (main meal provided). Please RSVP by March 10 to Ivan Villard. All young adults and families with children in Grade 5 and under are invited.

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

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STAND *in the* GAP



EZEKIEL 22:30

March

**TO DEFEND THE TRUTH
OF THE BIBLE**

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
March 3



Wedding Announcement

Congratulations to **Cris Cuevas & Alice Nelson** who were married on Saturday, March 2.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Tuesday, March 12th

Jim & Robin Davis (Ann.)

Thursday, March 14th

Mike Erickson

Wednesday, March 13th

Bob & Jennifer Higbee (Ann.)

Vivian Blackmer

Leesa Schenk

Friday March 15th

Jamie Green

Saturday, March 16th

Tim Cox

Lynne Jorgensen

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Arianna Bassett; Ms. Selena Booze; Mr. Israel Cuevas; Mrs. Sandra Davidson; Mrs. Rita Frederick; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Tamara Langley; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Miss Tiffany Mayes; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Menendez & Astrid Arevalo; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mrs. Germaine Noukelak; Ms. Mornese Paige; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Ms. Nickisha Phillips; Mr. Bernard Santini; Mr. Robert Shelton; Mrs. Trellini Smith; Ms. Meghan Styles; Mr. DeMarcus Turner, Sr.; and Mr. Terry West.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Ms. Dorcas Francois, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands; Miss Caroline Freund, Brentwood, TN; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Austin & Kristy Moxley, Avon Park, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jay & Lori Nixon, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Lisa Reed, Avon Park, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Buddy & Linda Williams, Nashville, TN.

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 10

Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Singing Dion Hayes
Contribution Jeff Leslie
Scripture Reading Johnny Davis
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Kirk Crews

Serve at Table:

Michael Erickson	Cayden Scriven
James Green	Johnny Singer
Jack Holoman	Cristian Suarez
Jim Rogers	Joseph Snyder
Vincent Rogers	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, March 10

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Scripture Reading Rick Hall
Singing
Lord's Supper Ivan Villard
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Trey Higbee

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale Jim Davis

Audio this week: Timothy Powell

Computer this week: Seth Watson

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, March 13

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Richard Watson
Family Prayer Willie Smith

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 3	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	169	168
Sun. AM Worship	303	264
Sun. PM Worship	135	122
Wed. Bible Study	146	132
Contribution	\$20,824	\$16,640

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,659

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

Ushers for this week: Islay Rodriguez & Lance Collier
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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: **Cara Blackmer & Rachel Byerly**

But I do not account my life of any value
nor as precious to myself,

**IF ONLY I MAY
FINISH
MY COURSE**

and the ministry that I received from the
Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the
grace of God.

ACTS 20:24