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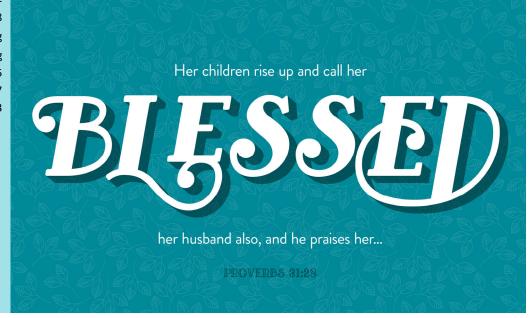
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By Dan Jenkins

A Land of Cloudless Days?

I have no problem with the poetic nature of the song about a "land of cloudless day" as it contrasts the dark "clouds" of trouble that seemingly surround us on this ball of clay. However, there is another aspect of the clouds emphasized in the Bible and how they are so often associated with the presence of

God has always

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Jesus

God and His glory. Take time to look at this aspect.

Before the Jews even arrived at Mt. Sinai God lead them with His presence in His cloud (Ex. 13:17-18, 21). When they murmured against God because there was no food, He gave them manna and quails, but first "...they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared ifest His glory to in the cloud" (Ex. 16:10).

When they came to Mt. Sinai God covered the mountain with His cloud. "Now the glory of the Lord rested on Mt. Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. So Moses went into the midst of the cloud...and Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights" (Ex. 24:16-18).

God manifested His glory in the cloud which descended on Moses' personal tent, and then when the tabernacle was built God showed His presence in His cloud which came to that greater tabernacle (Ex. 33:9; 40:34-35).

Hundreds of years later Solomon built a permanent temple. Read the words about what happened as it was dedicated. "When the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priest could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord" (1 Kings 8:10-11).

Hear the words of the psalmist which show that His glory is seen in His clouds. "Sing to God, sing praises to His name; extol Him who rides on the clouds" (Psa. 68:4). Later the psalmist says that God lightning to manis One "...who makes the clouds His chariot, who walks on the wings of the wind" (104:3).

mankind So, the next time you look at the clouds see in them the manifestation of His glory. He placed the clouds in the firmament and that firmament shows His hand at work and His glory (Gen. 9:13-14; Psa. 19:1).

> There is so much more. Use your concordance to read every mention of the clouds. Where would we be without seeing His clouds manifesting His glory in His every sunrise and every sunset? The book of Job says that the lightning coming from the clouds and the crashing thunder which follows "...declare His presence" (Job 36:32-33). Some day we shall see His glory in a land where there may or may not be clouds!



By David Sproule

Do You Know MY Jesus?

There are many wonderful things to know about Jesus, and oh, how we ought to wish that the whole world would know them! He was born of a virgin in the city of Bethlehem. He had Divine power on this earth and taught many magnificent things. He lived a sinless life but was still murdered

by crucifixion. He was raised from the dead and ascended into heaven to reign on high.

It is easy to "know" facts about Jesus, but An intimate, onethat does not necessarily mean that someone "knows" Jesus. These "facts" about Jesus need to be known and believed (1 Cor. 15:1-2), but each person needs to go deeper than the facts to an intimate, one relationship with -on-one, closer-than-anyone-else relationship with Jesus. Do you have it? Do you want it for others? Here's what we should want for others.

Do you know MY Jesus? He's My Savior! Upon learning that she would be the mother of "Jesus...the Son of the Highest" (Luke 1:31-32), Mary "rejoiced in God my Savior" (1:47). Mary likely knew that "besides [Jehovah] there is no Savior" (Isa. 43:11), but she may not have realized that she would give birth to her Savior in the form of a man. He was Mary's Savior, just like He needs to be "my Savior"!

Do you know MY Jesus? He's My Lord! Mary Magda-

lene was a close disciple of Jesus. When she found His tomb empty, she grew concerned about "my Lord" (John 20:13). "Lord" is someone with authority to direct and to whom followers must submit, but "Lord" is also one we wish to please. He was Mary's Lord, just like He needs to be "my Lord"!

Do you know MY Jesus? He's My God! Thomas had expressed willingness to "die with" the human named Jesus (John 11:16), but it was only after His resurrection that he rec-

> ognized Him as "my God" (John 20:28)—the one with supreme strength and power to create and effect all things, even rising from the chains of death. He was Thomas' God, just like He needs to be "my God"!

> Do you know MY Jesus? He's My Friend! It was Jesus Himself who identified Lazarus as His "friend" (John 11:11). Even after Lazarus was dead, he still obeyed Jesus. When Jesus spoke directly,

"Lazarus, come forth," Lazarus "came out" just as he was told (John 11:43-44). He was Lazarus' Friend, just like He needs to be "my Friend," when I "do whatever" He commands (15:14).

Do you know MY Jesus? He's My Life! Paul gladly took his relationship with Jesus to another level. To the Colossians, he called Jesus, my "life" (Col. 3:4), and to the Philippians, he exclaimed, "For me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21). What an all-encompassing submission! He was Paul's Life, just like He needs to be "my Life"! Do you know MY Jesus?



By Robert Lupo

How Are You Doing?

How are you doing? I mean, how are you really doing? Is everything really "ok" or are you just trying to be polite? No one wants to be a bother. Each of us has their own problems to worry about, so we will go to great lengths to avoid burdening others with ours.

First, we need to understand that our brethren are usually far more ready and willing to listen than we give them credit for. A faithful Christian knows that they have a duty to "...do good to all, especially those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10). That duty includes sharing in one another's burdens "...and so fulfilling the law of Christ" (v. 2). So, we should never think that we cannot bring our concerns before the church. We need to allow our

brethren to fulfill the law of Christ in hearing us out.

Second, and more importantly, God is perfectly ready and willing to listen to our burdens. God cares for us, and He has laid His heart out to us throughout the scriptures. "...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Pet. 5:6–7). "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God" (Isa. 41:10). "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Though He stands far and above us as the infinite and almighty God, our Lord has shaped His eternal will around us.

If God is so ready and willing to hear us, then why do we forget to ask? Why do we neglect our prayers? As infants, we freely and unreservedly cried out to our parents for every need and desire we had. Our parents, in return, provided them without a second thought. Why then, when we are grown, do we treat God like a stingy stepfather? Jesus said, "If you then,

being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matt. 7:11).

Some days parents get frustrated with their child's cries, but God never does. "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand gen-

erations with those who love Him and keep His commandments..." (Deut. 7:9). "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God..." (Phil. 4:6). "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

How are you doing? I mean, how are you really doing? You do not have to carry your burdens alone. Your church and the God who built her is waiting for you to ask.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

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Doing the right thing isn't always easy

Extending forgiveness to someone is hard! It is especially hard when we have been hurt deeply and even repeatedly. Sometimes a person will ask for our forgiveness, and we will be hesitant or resist completely. Sometimes we will not accept a person's apology because "they didn't say it just right." There are many layers to the matter of forgiveness, but consider an example.

Stephen was "a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit" and "wisdom" (Acts 6:3, 5). He preached a compelling sermon on the history of Israel, who ultimately were "the betrayers and murderers" of Jesus Christ (Acts 7:52). In turn,

these men also became the murderers of Stephen himself. In his dying breath, Stephen prayed, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin" (7:60).

Had these persons asked for Stephen's forgiveness? Had they changed their ways? No! They were casting stones at him. Yet, Stephen had a heart of forgiveness, and he did not want any "unforgiving" spirit in him (cf. Rom. 1:31; 2 Tim. 3:3) to keep God from forgiving him (Matt. 6:14-15). Forgiving is hard, but forgiving draws us near the heart of God. That's what matters! – DS

The devil deceives

The devil "transforms himself into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14). The devil can take darkness (i.e., sin that is unacceptable to God) and make it look like light (i.e., something acceptable to God). And all the while, he deceives you into not seeing what is so plain.

Friends, please, do not be deceived! Do not be swindled into taking a little money or a little product here or there, because you "deserve it." Do not be fooled into looking at some salacious images, since "all" you're doing "is looking." Do not be duped into a compromising relationship with a married coworker, thinking "we're just

friends leaning upon each other." Do not be tricked into thinking you are strong enough to live a faithful Christian life on your own, being convinced that assemblies are not important and brethren are not that significant.

Yes, the devil is busy! His task is one of deception! He is so good at it, that we sometimes argue back at even the idea that we might be deceived. Friends, "submit to God" and "resist the devil" (Jas. 4:7). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Anthioda Charles recovering from knee replacement surgery

Zula Garrett recovering from surgery on her back
Charles Hayes struggling with several health issues

Trudie Holland fell and bruised her ribs

Ophelia Holmes dealing with a lot of pain from her rheumatoid arthritis

Todd Juckett Jupiter Medical Center (rm 458), undergoing procedures

Dick Kelley struggling with chronic infection and severe pain

Maxine McCoy recovering from knee surgery

Robert Mariano recovering from hernia surgery

Rose Martens in the hospital and not doing well, NO calls or visits

Juliette Mauvais dealing with a lot of pain

Isolyn Sinclair had a cortisone shot in her ankle to relieve pain

Yolanda Stewart recovering from a work injury

Amy West recovering at home from surgery

Henry Williams fell and has a fractured rib

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
Judy Carmack	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Kasandra Jones
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Dick Haines	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley



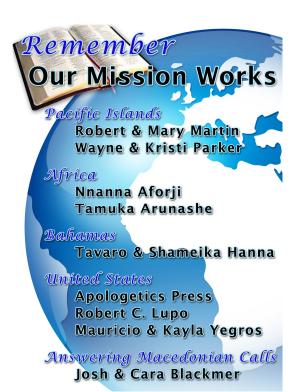
Barbara King, upon the passing of **Lillian Bankston** on Monday, May 6. The funeral will be on Saturday, May 18 at our church building. The visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the funeral will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ann Graham Luann McLeod's mother, kyphoplasty on her back

John Lord David Lord's father, awaiting results from cancer tests

Greg Ryan Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer in lymph nodes



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Monday, May 13

• No Monday Night Bible Study. Resumes May 27.

Tuesday, May 14

No Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Resumes May 21.

Friday, May 17

Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. 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, May 18

◆ VBS Work Day from 2:00-5:00 p.m. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday-Thursday, May 19-23

 Gospel Meeting hosted by Third Street each night at 7:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday). Ben Griffin (Third Street) and William Davis (LaGrange, GA) will be speaking on "The Gospel Is for All." Sunday's lesson will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship meal.

Monday, May 20

 No Monday Night Bible Study. Class will resume on May 27.

Tuesday, May 21

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

Saturday, May 25

bers are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, May 26

- **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- High School Graduates' Luncheon after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Wednesday-Friday, May 29-31

 VBS Setup beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Young Adults

Friday, May 17

Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. 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, May 18

 VBS Work Day from 2:00-5:00 p.m. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.
 See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

Saturday, May 25

◆ VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

Wednesday-Friday, May 29-31

 VBS Setup beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Sunday, May 12

No His Kids Class. Class will resume on May 19.

Friday, May 17

Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. 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, May 18

 VBS Work Day from 2:00-5:00 p.m. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.
 See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 25

VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

Equipping & Edifying Families

7 Tricks of the Devil

by Chris Fry

(Especially for teens, but good for all!)



1. He Flat-Out Lies!

- a. He is the father of lies.
 - 1) "...When he (Satan) speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44).
- b. False Teaching (Matt. 7:15; 24:11)
- c. False Ideas/concepts
 - 1) Physical appearance (1 Pet. 3:3-5)
 - 2) Money and material items (1 Tim. 6:9-10; Psa. 119:37)
 - 3) Pleasure (Phil. 3:19)

2. He Tempts!

- a. "Now the serpent was more cunning..." (Gen. 3:1).
- b. Matthew 4:1-10 records Jesus' temptations.
 - 1) Three temptations
 - 2) "For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world" (1 John 2:16).

3. He Deceives!

- a. He makes it seem like good is evil and evil is good (Isa. 5:20).
- b. "For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14).
- c. He makes things seem what they are not (Gen. 3:1-6).
- d. He twists the truth (Matt. 4:6).

4. He Slanders (He Talks Badly About You)!

- a. Devil means "slanderer."
- b. Satan is a transliteration of the Hebrew word "adversary."
- c. He makes many accusations about Job in Job 1:9-11.
- d. "For the accuser of our brethren" (Rev. 12:10).

5. He Seeks to Destroy!

- a. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8).
- b. "He was a murderer from the beginning..." (John 8:44).

6. He Schemes!

- a. He exhibits an ability to scheme and plan a course of action that will deceive people (Eph. 6:11; Rev. 12:9).
- b. "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11).
- c. "...Satan, who deceives the whole world..." (Rev. 12:9).

7. He Wants Us to Be Busy!

- a. Our world is very busy.
- b. When we are busy, we don't take time to be holy.
- c. "Be still, and know that I am God..." (Psa. 46:10).
- d. "Listen to this, O Job; Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God" (Job 37:14).

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







Sunday, May 5



Sunday, May 12th **Bree Solis**

Monday, May 13th June Pack

Tuesday, May 14th Mattie Cox **Claire Crews** Carolyn Cullom

Wednesday, May 15th Pete Brown

Saturday, May 18th Josh & Cara Blackmer (Ann.) Rick & Peggy Hall (Ann.) Jerry & Lorena Pittman (Ann.) Joan Holloway Rick Price

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Kori Grant; Ms. Natalie Jackson; Ms. Debra Juckett; Miss Pamella King; Ms. Cindy March; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. Thomas McKee; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Menendez & Astrid Arevalo; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Ms. Liz Otero; Mrs. Beulah Peat; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Ms. Nickisha Phillips; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Ms. Tasha Sanders; Mr. & Mrs. Antonio & Mona Smith; Mrs. Trellini Smith; Mr. DeMarcus Turner, Sr.; Ms. Shaquisha White; Ms. Derwesha Young; and Ms. Staci Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Debra Bethune, Jacksonville, FL; Mr. Chet Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. Keith Hatchett, Port Orange, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. Michael Long, Daytona Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; and Ms. Thelma Williams, Ft. Pierce, FL.



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 <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, May 12

SingingGary Friedly Lord's Supper.....Jeff Leslie Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale Scripture Reading..... Mike Erickson Singing Contribution Singing Sermon Singing Closing Prayer Islay Rodriguez

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale Cayden Scriven James Green Joseph Snyder Jack Holoman Cristian Suarez Lawrence Williams Jim Rogers Vincent Rogers **TBD**

Service Coordinator:

Eugene Williams

Sunday Evening, May 12

SingingStephen Beliech Opening Prayer.....Ivan Villard Scripture Reading Trey Higbee Singing Lord's Supper.....Kane Campbell Contribution Singing Sermon Singing Closing Prayer.....Graysen Hayes Serve at Table: Jim Davis Joe Maloney

Audio this week: David Brown Computer this week: Seth Watson Video this week: Buzz Nelson

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Marty Williams

Safety Team for this week: Kirk Crews

Wednesday Evening, May 15

SingingIvan Villard Invitation...... Daniel Wagner Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	<u>May 5</u>	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	162	157
Sun. AM Worship	274	256
Sun. PM Worship	94	97
Wed. Bible Study	147	122
Contribution \$	16,985	\$17,459

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$20,716



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Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.



Service Schedule

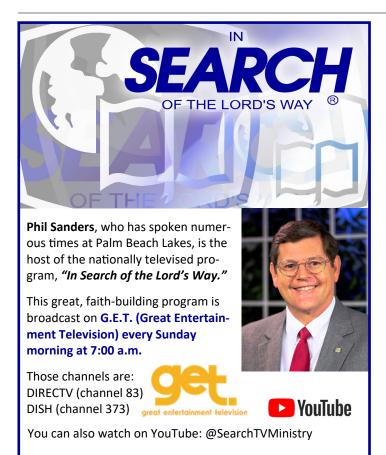
Sunday:

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: Trudie Holland



Be sure to check it out every week and tell others about it.

May 26 Promotion Sunday June 2-5 Vacation Bible School Theme: "Building for God" June 12 Wednesday Night Summer Series Begins Theme: "When Your Name Is Called Twice" July 14-20 Forever Camp at CFBC August 11 Back-to-School Ice Cream Social August 25 New Bible Classes Begin