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By Dan Jenkins

Getting Teachers Out of the Corners of the Room

The change in how students are disciplined in school is vastly different from what it used to be. In those days, there was the “board of education” (the teacher’s heavy paddle) and proper behavior was demanded. I remember another way of disciplining at the West Huntsville Grammar School.

A disobedient student was made to go to the corner of the room and touch his nose into that corner. He was shamed and no longer part of group activities and community. When the time came for recess and going outside to play, he had to remain in the corner. Remember this kind of punishment as you continue to read, for we shall come back to it shortly.

In Isaiah chapter thirty, we read how the nation of Israel had turned away from God. They were children, who rejected God’s plans and refused His counsel (vs. 1-2). They were “...rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the Lord” (v. 9).

God sent His messenger, called seers, and they told the seers, “Do not see,” and told His prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things; prophesy illusions, leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel” (vs. 10, 11). This sounds so much like what is happening in Christendom in our land.

The next several verses describe what the false prophets refused to tell them, and in this way gained favor with the people as they spoke “smooth things” to them. God told Isaiah to write in his book, the book of Isaiah, that there would be a permanent record of what lay ahead (v. 8). As we read that book, there is a description of an unseen crumbling in the wall of security they thought they had. It was bulging and about to fall suddenly and in an instant (v. 13). This is precisely what happened to that nation who despised His word and trusted in the perverted words of the false prophets.

A bad student was removed and made to sit in the corner of the room

Yet, there was hope for the nation if they returned to God and heard His teachers and prophets. When their hearts changed, God’s teachers “would not be moved into a corner anymore” (v. 20). As I read these words, I think of my childhood. The Jews had taken His teachers and removed them from

the nation and sent them to the corner of the room. It was the way they removed the truth from their lives. However, when they repented, these prophets of God would be honored and figuratively stand in their midst. Their message would not change. If the Jews turned to the left or the right, they would again hear them say, “This is the way, walk in it” (v. 21).

God, help us to stop pushing Your message into the corners of our lives. God, help us to honor Your words and have them in the center of our lives.



By David Sproule

The Missing Link in Some Conversions Today

A form of the word “repent” is found over 60 times in the Bible. We may think about it strictly as a New Testament term, but 10 of the 60+ uses are in the Old Testament. So, “repentance” is certainly a Biblical concept from beginning to end.

Generally speaking, we know what it means to “repent.” The basic meaning of the term is to “change one’s mind.” It is, essentially, a change of mind that leads to a change of life. Most have probably heard sermons on the subject and certainly have heard the step of “repentance” included in God’s plan of salvation. But, is it possible that we have neglected to emphasize this God-given responsibility as much as God would have us to emphasize it?

Repenting is a command of God. John the Baptist’s preaching could be summarized with the command that he issued to “Repent” (Matt. 3:2). Jesus came and preached the same sermon to “Repent” (Matt. 4:17; Mark 1:15). It is a “command” that “all men everywhere” must obey (Acts 17:30). Even Christians who have sinned are commanded to “Repent” (Acts 8:22; Rev. 2:5, 16; 3:3, 19). This is not something optional that we can ignore.

Repenting carries with it great rewards when obeyed. Repentance can lead one into “the kingdom of

God” (Mark 1:15), lead to “remission of sins” (Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 8:22; 2 Cor. 7:10), lead to “joy in heaven” (Luke 15:7) and can lead to eternal “life” (Acts 11:18).

Repenting carries with it severe consequences when neglected. Choosing to not repent leads one to be “rebuked” by the Lord (Matt. 11:20), to be “removed” by the Lord from His sight (Rev. 2:5, 16), and to “perish” (Luke 13:3; 2 Pet. 3:9).

Is it possible that we do not spend enough time emphasizing repentance?

Repenting from sins should be motivated by the presence and consequences of sins in our lives (Acts 8:21-22), “godly sorrow” for those sins (2 Cor. 7:9-10) and by the “goodness” and “longsuffering” of God toward us (Rom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9).

Here is a concern. Is it possible that we are sometimes so eager to convert someone to Christ by getting them baptized for the “remission” of their sins that we do not spend enough time emphasizing the meaning, obligation and urgency of repentance from those sins? Is it possible that some people are not actually “converted to Christ” because we skipped this all-important step? Is it possible that more new converts would remain faithful if they truly understood the nature of sin and the personal responsibility to repent of those sins? Is it possible that more Christians would continue to repent of sins throughout their Christian life if they had learned that lesson before becoming a Christian? Is repentance a “missing link”?



By Robert Lupo

What “The Hippo Song” Can Teach You

Year after year, VBS after VBS, there is one song that gets more requests and more hype over any other. Of course, it is the monstrously popular “Hippo Song.” Its silly lyrics combined with blazing fast movements make it a spectacular event in and of itself. But, what value does it bring?

Many of the songs we sing have a clear spiritual value. “Jesus Love Me” teaches us that the eternal love of Christ can be found in the pages of the Bible. “The Wise Man” teaches us the famous parable about building your life upon the teachings of Jesus. But, what in the world makes “The Hippo Song” worth burning all of those calories and risking injury? I’ve got two great reasons.

First, it teaches that the creation of the world demonstrates God’s love for mankind. The songs says, “In the beginning, God made the seas and the forest filled with trees; made the mountaintops so high. At the top He placed the sky. His fingerprints are everywhere, just to show how much He cares.”

How do we know God is real? Because we can see His work in the universe. “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psa. 19:1). How do we know that God loves us? Because He made the world just

right for us to live and flourish. “For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited” (Isa. 45:18). All the creativity and planning that went into the world was done just for us. What a wonderful thing to sing about.

Second, and this is really important, “The Hippo Song” teaches us to laugh. When I was an aftercare counselor, if I had a student in a sour mood, I would have them do a lap around the cafeteria while skipping. Without fail, the child’s frown would slowly change into a smile! You can’t stay in a bad mood if you’re doing something silly. Silliness brings laughter, and laughter brings joy. And there is no VBS song that causes more laughter than “The Hippo Song.”

Laughter is an important creation of our heavenly Father meant to enrich our lives and draw us to Him. Sarah was right when she said, “God has made laughter for me...” (Gen. 21:6). Laughter makes life more enjoyable and fulfilling. The Proverbs tell us, “A joyful heart is good medicine...,” “A glad heart makes a cheerful face,” and “...he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast” (Prov. 17:22; 15:13, 15).

I love “The Hippo Song” for the truth it teaches and the joy it brings. I hope we get our fill, laughing with our children as we get dizzy singing this great song together.

**“God has made laughter for me...”
(Gen. 21:6).**

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“With you”

Various ones throughout the Bible were given the same encouraging, bolstering, motivating message. Abraham was told: “God is **with you**” (Gen. 21:22). Isaac was told: “the Lord is **with you**” (Gen. 26:28). Israel was told: “the Lord your God is **with you**” (Deut. 20:1). Joshua was told: “the Lord your God is **with you**” (Josh. 1:9). Gideon was told: “The Lord is **with you**” (Judg. 6:12). King Saul was told: “God is **with you**” (1 Sam. 10:7). David was told: “the Lord is **with you**” (2 Sam. 7:3). King Asa was told: “The Lord is **with you** while you are with Him” (2 Chron. 15:2). Judah was told: “the Lord is **with you**” (2 Chron. 20:17). Mary was told: “the Lord is **with you**” (Luke 1:28).

The Lord said to Isaac, “I am **with you**” (Gen. 26:24), to Jacob, “I am **with you**” (Gen. 28:15), to Israel, “I am **with you**” (Isa. 41:10; 43:5), to Jeremiah, “I am **with you**” (Jer. 1:8, 19; 15:20), to Judah, “I am **with you**” (Jer. 30:11; 46:28), to the returning remnant, “I am **with you**” (Hag. 1:13; 2:4).

Yes, He says to you, “I am **with you always**” (Matt. 28:20)! Encouraging, bolstering, motivating! Don’t ever forget it or doubt it! – DS

They remembered His words

On Sunday morning, when the women arrived at Jesus’ tomb and found it empty, two angels (Luke 24:4) announced to them that Jesus was risen from the dead, “as He said” that He would (Matt. 28:6). “And they remembered His words,” for Jesus had taught His disciples, “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again” (Luke 24:7-8).

On Sunday morning, when we arrive at the first-day-of-the-week worship assembly, we also need to remember His words. We need to remember that we are gathering on the first day of the week to celebrate that it is “the third day” on which He would “rise again.” We need to remember that He was “delivered into the hands of sinful men,” in order to shed His blood to forgive us of our sins (Matt. 26:28).

Seeing the empty tomb must have changed their lives forever. His words must have resonated in their hearts for the rest of their lives. Does it have that same impact on us? Jesus said, “Do this in remembrance!” – DS



Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Zula Garrett	now recovering at home
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Dick Kelley	recovering from surgery
Jerry Pittman	having retina surgery on June 10
Sherri Richmond	dealing with severe lung 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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Neva Benjamin	Ophelia Holmes' sister, in the hospital with heart issues
Ricky Johnson	Reanna Lupo's father, has a blood clot from heart attack
John Lord	David Lord's father, has prostate cancer
John Nash	Rosa Nash's husband, recovering at home
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, awaiting PET scan results
Ruby Tritschler	Misty Hayes' mother, undergoing medical tests

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	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	

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, June 9

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

- ◆ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Kevin Patterson will be speaking on "Simon, Simon - A Call to Return."

Sunday, June 16

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Wednesday, June 19

- ◆ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Baptiste Joseph will be speaking on "Saul, Saul - A Call to Conviction."

Sunday, June 23

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Wednesday, June 26

- ◆ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Creston Frizzell will be speaking on "Martha, Martha - A Call to Prioritize."

Saturday, June 29

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

Sunday, June 30

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated** in the Family Room after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Saturday, July 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Singing Night** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday-Saturday, July 14-20

- ◆ **Forever Camp (formerly Jenkins/Blackmer Week)** at CFBC for Age 10-Grade 12. Counselors and staff volunteers are needed. Donations are also needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, August 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Bible Study & Game Night** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, August 16

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Casey Bound for details.

Saturday, September 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Day Retreat.** Mark your calendar and plan to attend! See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Wednesday-Saturday, June 12-15

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Please keep the campers and preachers in your prayers.

Sunday-Saturday, July 14-20

- ◆ **Forever Camp (formerly Jenkins/Blackmer Week)** at CFBC for Age 10-Grade 12. Campers, please register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. **Registration will close on July 1.** Donations are also needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 20-24

- ◆ **Upward Bound at CFBC** for Grades 9-12. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Saturday, July 27

- ◆ **Picnic for Grades 5 & Under** at 4:00 p.m. at the church building. See Ivan or Amber Villard for details.

Friday, August 2

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Hangout.** Location TBD.



WHEN YOUR NAME is called.. TWICE

Summer Series hosted by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

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| June 12 | “SIMON, SIMON” - A CALL TO RETURN | Kevin Patterson |
| June 19 | “SAUL, SAUL” - A CALL TO CONVICTION | Baptiste Joseph |
| June 26 | “MARTHA, MARTHA” - A CALL TO PRIORITIZE | Creston Frizzell |
| July 3 | “SAMUEL, SAMUEL” - A CALL TO SERVICE | Dustin McCrickard |
| July 10 | “ABSALOM, ABSALOM” - A CALL OF GRIEF | Terry Casey |
| July 17 | “MOSES, MOSES” - A CALL TO LEAD | Terry Frizzell |
| July 24 | “JACOB, JACOB” - A CALL TO ASSURANCE | Grant Fuller |
| July 31 | “ABRAHAM, ABRAHAM” - A CALL TO FAITH | Gale Nelson |
| August 7 | “JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM” - A CALL TO WARN | Jonathan Jenkins |

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
June 2

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, June 9

Stephen & Carolina Beliech (Ann.)
Namdidie Ikon

Monday, June 10

Bill & Gai Ingram (Ann.)
Kinsey Hayes
Amberdenise Puckett
Phyiona Smedberg

Tuesday, June 11

Richard Watson

Thursday, June 13

Tim & Susie Cox (Ann.)
Judie Jenkins
Taylor Price
Squadeina Ross

Friday, June 14

Jeff & Diane Leslie (Ann.)

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Sal Biondo; Mrs. Judy Bird; Ms. Michell Castonguay; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Menendez & Astrid Arevalo; Mrs. Germaine Noukelak; Miss Sofia Nunez; Miss Lea Nunez; Ms. Dorothy Pernell; and Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Walt & Hazel Arthur, Nashville, TN; Ms. Elsie Burdeos, Butuan City, Philippines; Mr. & Mrs. Jacob & Lauren Campbell, Franklin, TN; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Blair Jefferies, Hernando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Brenda McLeod, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Lindsey McPherson and Mason & Maddie, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Yvonne Mobley, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; Ms. Andrea Smith, Philadelphia, PA; Mr. & Mrs. Leon & Marie Weeks, Valdosta, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Stephanie Weeks and Melanie; Lake Park, GA.



Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. The love and support shown at my mother's passing has given our family great comfort during a most difficult time. All you did is greatly appreciated and will be forever remembered.

Barbara & Nadia King

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, June 9

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Willie Smith
Scripture Reading Robert Mariano
Singing
Lord's Supper Douglas Alvarenga
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Henry Williams

Serve at Table:
Tim Cox Tim Mahlbacher
Ryan Hankins Taylor Reeves
Namdidie Ikon Trevin Roman
Orlando Lolo Tyler Williams
Steward Lynch

Sunday Evening, June 9

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Scripture Reading Phil Porter
Singing
Lord's Supper Tim Fry
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tom Garrison

Serve at Table:
Troy Alberga Nicholas Pietro

Audio this week: David Brown
Computer this week: Seth Watson
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, June 12

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Robert Lupo
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	June 2	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	172	173
Sun. AM Worship	282	264
Sun. PM Worship	140	101
Wed. Bible Study	157	146
Contribution	\$23,924	\$17,140

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,174

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Ricky Smith
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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: Levi Nelson, Lucas Villard & David Bound

New Sunday Bible Classes (JUNE 9-AUGUST 4)

Auditorium (Richard Watson):

Spiritual Maturity and Stewardship

Our level of spiritual maturity can be measured in various ways, but one sure measurement of our maturity as Christians is in the area of stewardship, which has many different facets to it. This class will study the stewardship of God's grace, that we may create an awareness of opportunities, privileges and responsibilities in worship to God and service to man.

Adult 1-2 (Kirk Crews, Jeff Goodale, Willie Smith, David Sproule, Ivan Villard, plus others):

Hall of Faith (Hebrews 11)

Hebrews 11 is often called the "Hall of Fame of Faith." Sometimes, the Hebrews writer describes the individual's faith, while other times only their name is referenced. These individuals were not perfect, but God wanted them listed. Why? Each Sunday, we will study an individual from the Hall of Faith, so we can better serve God faithfully in our lives.

Conference Room (Dan Fuller):

Fundamentals of the Faith (Part 2)

It is essential that all Christians be rooted, built up and established in the faith (Col. 2:7). New Testament Christianity, with all of its doctrines and practices, finds its roots in "the faith" (i.e., the one gospel system) revealed in the New Testament. This class is especially for new converts and Christians who need to be firmly grounded in the fundamentals of the faith of Christ.

Sr. High & Jr. High (R. Lupo):
The Life of Christ

Wednesday Nights (Adults, Sr. High & Jr. High):
Summer Series: When Your Name Is Called Twice