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FAMILY STRONG SEMINAR

Building Homes That Last



FEBRUARY 7-8, 2026



Steve Minor
Wylie, TX

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00 a.m. What Drives Your Family?

11:00 a.m. 10 Priorities in Our Home

12:00 p.m. Pizza Lunch Provided

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 a.m. 7 Dangers Killing the Family

10:00 a.m. What Does It Mean to Build
an Intentional Family?

11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch

12:45 p.m. Learning to Raise Failures



By Dan Jenkins

Jesus Created “Deviled Ham”

I remember as a child that we ate lots of Spam and Deviled Ham. I cannot understand why, but obviously many still like the taste. Though I did not understand why that ham had that name, I ate it. I like deviled eggs and devil’s food cake, so I learned to eat Deviled Ham.

Read the rest of this article to see why it can be said that it was Jesus who made the first “deviled ham.” When the Messiah came, He had to manifest His omnipotence, His power over everything. He showed His power over nature by turning water into wine, stilling the tempest and multiplying loaves and fishes. He showed His power over disease and immediately cured every diseased person ever brought to Him.

However, there had to be a manifestation of His power over Satan who used death as a way of creating great fear of death and the unknown. Jesus showed His power over death and through His death destroyed Satan who seemed to have the power of death. He delivered mankind from the bondage of Satan’s power (Heb. 2:14-15).

In the first century, there were many who were demon-possessed. While these evil spirits were mentioned rarely in the Old Testament, they were rampant when Jesus came. Think of how often, as you read the New Testament, you see

Him casting out demons. It was not just the sick that were cured by Him, but numberless demon-possessed people were brought to Him and He cured them all. Every instance of Him doing this was a visual manifestation of His power over Satan and his power.

There was one occasion when Jesus confronted a man who had a legion of demons inside of him. (This incident is recorded in Matthew 8, Mark 5 and Luke 8). The name of the man was Legion, a military term indicating at least 6,000 soldiers. The demons knew their destiny was to be sent into the abyss (the Greek word here is sometimes translated “deep,” and this abyss is the same word translated “bottomless pit” in Revelation). They begged Jesus to postpone that time (Matt. 8:29) and instead cast them into a herd of swine.

This request was granted by Jesus and the legion of demons in this one man left the man and entered the herd of about 2,000 swine. You know what swine are. They are hogs which give us ham. The demons entered the swine, the hogs, the ham, and so it was Jesus who made deviled ham!

Demon possession is mentioned in Zechariah 13 which foretold that when the Messiah came as a fountain to remove sin, two other things would end. There would no longer be prophets to reveal the Testaments and there would no longer be demon possession. His work ended both of these!

Jesus had to manifest His power over nature, disease and Satanic power



By David Sproule

What Does the Bible Say About Speaking in Tongues?

The supernatural ability of speaking in tongues was one of the miraculous, spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit gave to early Christians, along with gifts such as healing, working miracles, prophesying, casting out demons, taking up serpents, drinking deadly poisons, etc. (1 Cor. 12:7-11; Mark 16:17-18).

What can we know from the Bible about speaking in tongues?

Tongues were actual, known, spoken languages in the first century. Upon the first occasion when tongues were spoken in the New Testament, God defined them. When the apostles “began to speak with other tongues” (Acts 2:4), “everyone heard them speak in his own language” (2:6; cf. 2:11)—the “language in which [they] were born” (2:8). Tongues were real, comprehensible, native languages spoken by those who had never studied them.

Tongues had a defined purpose of converting unbelievers. The Holy Spirit revealed that “tongues are for a sign...to unbelievers” (1 Cor. 14:22). When early Christians “went out and preached everywhere,” the Lord was “working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs” (Mark 16:20; cf. Heb. 2:3-4). Unbelievers could be convinced of the validity of the message preached when they heard it proclaimed in a language not native to the speaker.

The gift of tongues ceased in the first century

Tongues were designed by God to have a limited duration and to cease in the first century. The Spirit affirmed, “tongues...will cease...when that which is perfect has come” (1 Cor. 13:8-10). Early Christians had “part” of divine revelation while the New Testament was still being written. When the completed (i.e., perfect) revelation of Christ’s New Testament had come (John 16:13; 2 Pet. 1:3; Jude 3), the miraculous “part” (spiritual gifts) would be “done away” (1 Cor. 13:10).

If the Holy Spirit is still empowering Christians to speak in tongues today, then such would be (1) real, known languages (not unintelligible sounds), (2) controlled with only two or three taking turns (1 Cor. 14:27-32), (3) imparted only by the hands of a living apostle (Acts 8:14-19; 19:6), and (4) only one of all other miraculous powers still occurring, including healing, working miracles, casting out demons, taking up serpents, drinking deadly poisons, raising the dead. Most of all, if the Holy Spirit is still empowering Christians to speak in tongues today, then such would unequivocally confirm that we do not have the completed revelation of God, which Scripture insists that we do (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3; Jude 3).

Like all other miraculous gifts, tongue-speaking fulfilled its God-given purpose of confirming the spoken word, which we have in written, completed form today. According to the Bible, the gift of tongues ceased in the first century.



By Robert Lupo

When Empathy Becomes Dangerous

Have you seen this cliché in movies before? A heart-broken character receives a hand on the shoulder and a friend tells him, "I sympathize...No! I empathize with you." In this moment they want to portray that instead of feeling pity for their situation that they actually feel the same emotion as their unfortunate friend.

In modern conversation, you will often hear people esteem empathy as a far more preferable response to someone's plight. In some ways this can be true. To empathize with someone necessitates a close bond with someone. According to Oxford Languages, empathy is "the ability to understand and share the feelings of another." This can happen between two people that share a similar circumstance or worldview. For people experiencing tragedy, a word of empathy can often be more beneficial than sympathy.

In the Bible, Christians are taught to show empathy, especially toward one another. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." He also states in Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." Furthermore, Jesus demonstrated the very essence of empathy in His incarnation. Hebrews 4:15-16 tells us, "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot

sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Jesus feels pity for us (sympathy) because He lived as we do and shows us mercy (empathy).

However, empathy can also be dangerous. Sometimes people prioritize empathy so much that it leads to sin. In the verse right before Paul said, "Bear one another's burdens," he warned, "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted" (Gal. 6:1). Empathy should drive us to reach out and rescue others when they fall into sin. But we must be careful and not let that pursuit lead us into sinning ourselves.

Consider these examples. If a brother starts going to drinking parties, an empathetic Christian should be driven to confront them. But, if they go to the party, they may be tempted to join in. Or a Christian may become close friends with someone and later learn they are a homosexual. Their empathy for their friend may lead them to reject Biblical teaching in favor of their friend and fall into the sin of approving of sin (cf. Rom. 1:32).

Christians must have empathy for their fellow man. But empathy must be guided and limited by the Word of God.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"Come, Lord Jesus!"

Are you ready for Jesus to come? That can mean different things. It can mean—have you obeyed the gospel plan of salvation to have your sins washed away by the blood of Jesus, so that you are sin-free when He comes? It can mean—are you living faithfully to His commands as He has instructed us to do, so that He finds you actively doing His will when He comes? It can mean—are you tired, worn out, at your end and not sure how much you have left in the tank, so you'd be ok if He decided to come back now? It can mean—are you just so excited about the thought of seeing Jesus face-to-face, hearing His voice, feeling His embrace and spending every moment of eternity with Him that you just cannot wait to get that started?

The next-to-last verse of the Bible says, "Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20). Can you say that? Would you be unprepared if He came right now? Would you be disappointed if He came right now? Or would you be overflowing with excitement if He came right now? —DS



If you turned it off for one day

What if you took a slip a paper and wrote the answers to the following questions? If you turned off the television for one day, how many minutes would that give you? 30? 60? 240? If you turned off social media for one day, how many minutes would that give you? If you turned off the video games for one day, how many minutes would that give you? If you turned off YouTube videos for one day, how many minutes would that give you? If you jotted down some numbers for each of those questions, what would be the total? Do you know how much combined time the typical adult spends on these four media entertainment options each day?

The average is 7-8 hours each day. You may argue with that and say you are below average. Ok, what's your total? It's at least four hours, but probably closer to the average of 7-8 hours. This article is not telling you to turn everything off! But just to raise a question: what could you do for the Lord, for His church and for your own spiritual health if you took back just 1-2 hours each day? —DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	recovering at home, slowly doing better
Sonia Davidson	recovering from second cataract surgery
Zula Garrett	Jupiter Medical Center, undergoing tests, possible surg.
Maria Hackshaw	undergoing medical testing
Namdidie Ikon	Palms West Hospital, recovering from surgery
Todd Juckett	hernia surgery on February 20
Charlene Knowles	dealing with pain in her knee
Luann McLeod	dealing with back pain
Can Margarini	dealing with back and leg pain
Islay Rodriguez	procedure on February 12
Amey West	undergoing medical testing
Evetta Wilson	undergoing more medical tests

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Jackie Stout	trouble walking

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Kasandra Jones
Gloria Boyd	Leigh Puckett
Josie Dawson	Don Seay
Zula Garrett	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Samuel Williams

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Willie Evans	Rosa Nash's brother, in ICU with pneumonia
Kori Grant	Lizzie Rozier's daughter, dealing with health issues
John Lord	David Lord's father, still dealing with prostate cancer
Joel Owens	Cindy Nelson's father, upcoming biopsy
Leonard Rozier	Lizzie Rozier's brother, dealing with health issues
Aliyah Sutherland	Ayanna's daughter, undergoing medical tests
Marion Vanderwende	Karen Lester's mother, hospital last week, more tests

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

Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8

- ♦ **Family Seminar with Steve Minor.** The focus will be "Family Strong: Building Homes That Last."

Monday, February 9

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in Adult 3.

Tuesday, February 10

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.

Wednesday, February 11

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Saturday, February 14

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited.

Saturday, February 21

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

Saturday, February 21

- ♦ **Chill & Grill Day hosted by the Young Adults** at 2:00 p.m. on the church property. All PBL members are invited to come and enjoy this time of fellowship. See Ivan for more details.

Friday, February 27

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. See Skye Brown or Allison Roman for details.

Saturday, February 28

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship together.

Monday, March 2

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Saturday, March 7

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8

- ♦ **Family Seminar with Steve Minor.** The focus will be "Family Strong: Building Homes That Last."

Saturday, February 21

- ♦ **Chill & Grill Day hosted by the Young Adults** at 2:00 p.m. on the church property. See Ivan for more details.

Saturday, March 14

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Estephany Hernandez. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday, March 29

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Family Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. All Youth and Young Adult families are invited to have lunch together and prepare advertising packages for this year's Vacation Bible School. Cost is \$5 per person (age 5 & up); kids under 5 are free. Please RSVP by March 25 and pay Ivan Villard (cash or venmo @Ivan-Villard-1).



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, February 8

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on February 15.

Friday, February 13

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet Set-Up** at 7:00 p.m. for Jr. High & Sr. High. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, February 14

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Jr. High & Sr. High Youth should arrive at 4:00 p.m. Please wear a white button-up shirt and black pants. RSVP to Robert Lupo.

Sunday, February 15

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

Thursday-Sunday, February 19-22

- ♦ **Challenge Youth Conference for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth** in Pigeon Forge, TN. Meet at the building on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and return late Sunday evening.



33 Keys FOR A GOD-CENTERED HOME

by David Sproule

1. Model Jesus for everyone in your home (1 Cor. 11:1).
2. Pray together as a family at least once a day (1 Thess. 5:17).
3. Read a paragraph from the Bible (or a Bible story) every day (2 Tim. 2:15).
4. Make church services a priority every Sunday and Wednesday (Matt. 6:33).
5. Review and reinforce what they are learning in Bible class at church (2 Tim. 3:14-17).
6. Be actively involved in all age-appropriate and all-church activities (1 Cor. 15:58).
7. Listen to a chapter from Proverbs in the car each day (Prov 8:6).
8. Display Scripture in your home (Deut. 6:9).
9. Memorize one verse together each week (Psa. 119:11).
10. Pray for missionaries and lost souls together (Matt. 9:37-38).
11. Sing hymns or spiritual songs as a family sometimes (Eph. 5:19).
12. Find and use teachable moments to make spiritual applications (Deut. 6:6-7).
13. Diligently seek to catch your kids doing good and praise them (Prov. 12:25).
14. Lovingly correct and discipline inappropriate choices and actions (Prov. 13:24).
15. Lead them by example and instruction to participate in worship (John 4:23-24).
16. Encourage and prioritize close bonds with church friends (Prov. 27:17).
17. Have church members in your home regularly (1 Pet. 4:9).
18. Find small things that you can do as a family for folks at church (Gal. 6:10).
19. Speak kindly and favorably about church leaders and workers (1 Thess. 5:11-14).
20. Adopt a widow in the church to look after and encourage (Jas. 1:27).
21. Create a “no phones during family time” rule (Eph. 5:15-16).
22. Encourage children to participate in service projects at church (Gal. 5:13).
23. Write cards as a family to sick, shut-ins and visitors (Heb. 3:13).
24. Set aside regular one-on-one time with each child (Prov. 22:6).
25. Guard your home from worldly influences (media, music, entertainment) (Psa. 101:3).
26. Teach your children how to apologize and forgive (Eph. 4:32).
27. Make gratitude a daily part of your home life (Col. 3:15).
28. Eat meals together as much as possible—talk about God’s blessings (Deut. 6:12).
29. Create a home environment filled with kindness, humility and grace (Col. 3:12-14).
30. Let your children see you studying the Bible personally (2 Tim. 3:10).
31. Talk often about heaven and spiritual hope (Col. 3:1-2).
32. Set spiritual goals as a family for the year (Phil. 3:13-14).
33. Regularly remind your family of God’s love and your love for them (Jer. 31:3).

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 1



We rejoice with **Monica Brown** who was baptized on Saturday, January 31.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Monday, February 9th
Joe & Janice Maloney (Ann.)
Rudolph & Verdell March (Ann.)

Tuesday, February 10th
Pete & Pat Brown (Ann.)

Wednesday, February 11th
David Brown

Thursday, February 12th
Dave Holaday

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

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



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 8

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading Orlando Lolo
Singing
Lord's Supper Phil Porter
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tom Garrison

Serve at Table:

Ryan Hankins	Robert Mariano
Jack Holoman	Bret Nesbitt
Steward Lynch	Taylor Reeves
Tim Mahlbacher	Trevin Roman

Sunday Evening, February 8

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Bret Nesbitt
Scripture Reading Joe Maloney
Singing
Lord's Supper Tim Fry
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Andres Fernandez

Serve at Table:

Todd Juckett Ricky Smith

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, February 11

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Freddie Gadson
Family Prayer David Lord

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 1	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	138	154
Sun. AM Worship	228	259
Sun. PM Worship	103	104
Wed. Bible Study	117	117
Contribution	\$15,571	\$18,214

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,749

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

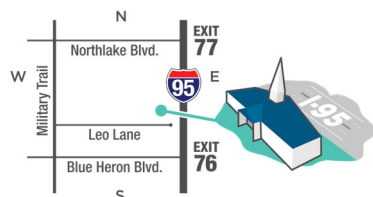
Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Namddie Ikon
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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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: Mary Jackson & Jonetta Green

New Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 15 - APRIL 12)

Biblical Interpretation

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

Young Adults: Moses and the Old Law

Robert Lupo (Adult 3)

Insights into the Jewish Offerings and Holy Days

David Sproule (Adult 1-2)

Sr. High: James & 1-2 Peter
(Kirk Crews)

Jr. High: Divided Kingdom
(Dan Fuller)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

(FEBRUARY 11 - APRIL 15)

First Kings

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

Ladies: Women of Deliverance

Various Ladies (Adult 1-2)

Sr. High: Dating & Sexuality
(David Sproule)

Jr. High: Christian Evidences
(Robert Lupo)