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Forty-Third Annual Ladies' Day

FROM ROUTINE TO

Radiant



Emily Hatfield

Thursday, April 16

5:45 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m. Opening Comments

6:30 p.m. Dinner Served

7:30 p.m. Lesson Presented



By Dan Jenkins

No Unimportant People in Christ

So, you think you are a student of the Bible? Let me ask you a question. How many of these Bible characters do you remember? Epaphroditus, Amplias, Andronicus, Junia, Urbanus, Apelles, Aristobulus, Herodion, Narcissus, Persis, Rufus, Julia, Tryphena, Tryphosa, Asyncritus, Patrobas, Phlegon, Hermas, Philologus, Lympas, Gaius, Erastus and Quartus?

This is not a copy of the names copied from some obscure genealogical list. They are all mentioned in the New Testament. Paul knew them and likely you some day will meet them in heaven.

We know that some of them used their house as a place of worship. One was the first person Paul converted in Achaia. Some were fellow prisoners and were known by many apostles. Paul described some of them as beloved, fellow workers, approved in Christ, labored much in the Lord, chosen in the Lord, my mother, my host, the treasurer of the city, and a brother.

You might think they are not important, but God, for some reason, wanted us to know them and gave us a record of their names. They are all found in Paul's closing chapter to the church in Rome. They are all on another list found in another place where their names are recorded in heaven (see Heb. 11:23). You some day will meet them in heaven!

We must remember God sees every cup of cold water given to others

If you sometimes feel that your presence in the kingdom is so insignificant, you are wrong. These were real people who impacted in some way the lives of other Christians. You are just like them for you to impact the lives of others. It is not just those important church leaders whose names are widely known that matter. We must never overlook those who are not known, for Jesus spoke of those who were the least in the kingdom and was so vitally aware of what happened in their lives. The doors of heaven open and close on how we treat the least in the kingdom, for our attitude toward them shows our attitude toward the Savior. The Lord said, "As often as you did it unto them, you did it unto Me" (Matt. 25:40).

We may feel that because we are not visible in some public way in the church that we do not matter. He sees us and is aware of every "cup of cold water" we give to others (Matt. 10:42). Your worth is not determined by doing great deeds like noble people. It is determined by the unrecognized, "insignificant" deeds.

So, live your life realizing that you serve Him, and He gives you opportunities to bring glory to Him in faithfully serving by doing "insignificant" service. God does not just see the great deeds of those well-known. He sees you and your name is recorded above. There are no names on that list that are not important to Him. Your name is important to the Lord.



By David Sproule

How Many Good Works Are Enough to Save Me? (Part 1 of 4)

The Bible does not teach that a Christian can "earn" his way to heaven by doing good works (Eph. 2:8-9), but it does teach that we are created for "good works" (Eph. 2:10). Sometimes that might sound confusing. Sometimes folks will lean on the first part of that (verses 8-9, as if good works are not necessary to go to heaven) over the second part (verse 10), and sometimes other folks will lean on the second part (verse 10, emphasizing good works so much that it might sound like they're earning heaven) over the first part. So, which is it? Where is the balance? Are good works necessary to go to heaven?

These words are found in Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Does that teach that "works" are not necessary to be "saved"? Such has often been argued from these verses. But, what do the verses actually say, and what does the balance of Scripture teach?

The Bible says that salvation is "the gift of God." Does that mean a person must "do" ZERO things to obtain salvation? Think through Scripture. There are obvious conditions that God places between a sinner and salvation (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:35; Romans 10:9-17). To say that a sinner can obtain

the gift of God's salvation while "doing" ZERO things is to state something the Bible never states (Gal. 1:8-9; Rev. 22:18-19). God equally places conditions between a saved individual and going to heaven (which will be examined in the next article). So to say that a Christian can enter the gates of heaven while "doing" ZERO things is to state something that is not found in Scripture (1 Cor. 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:11).

Christ's "works" for us are necessary to be saved.

So what is Ephesians 2:8-9 saying about "works"? It is evident from reading the Bible (and knowing that the Bible never contradicts itself but only harmonizes to teach the same thing [Psa. 119:160]) that Paul is not saying that NO "works" are necessary to be saved and to go to heaven. The distinction Paul is making has to do with humanly devised works, as if one could "boast" of earning his salvation. Contextually, we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works" (v. 10), so the "works" (v. 9) which do not save us are different from the "works" that Christ has for us. Christ's "works" for us are necessary to be saved. Man's "boast"-worthy "works" will never save. And that is the difference.

God places conditions on His free gifts. For example, He told Israel that He was "giving" (it was a "gift") the land to them (Josh. 1:2, 11, 13, 15), but then He gave conditions to obtain it (Josh. 6:2-5). He defined the "works" essential to obtain His "gift." God's "works" are essential for His gifts!



By Robert Lupo

Caught in the Middle

No one likes being caught in the middle of an argument, especially when it's between your brethren in Christ. Often, even the best Christians fail to handle arguments privately, as our Lord described in Matthew 18:15-17, and will look for a friend to back them up.

This is not a situation a Christian wants to be in. We are supposed to love one another (John 13:34) and give preference to one another (Rom. 12:10). We cannot fulfill these commands by just backing up our buddy. We must judge righteously without partiality. So, what do you do when you're asked to choose a side?

In Paul's letter to Philemon, he explains to his "friend and fellow laborer," Philemon, that he met Philemon's runaway slave, Onesimus, while he was in prison. And, according to Paul, Onesimus was an unprofitable slave who may have wronged Philemon in some other way (vv. 11, 18). But, Paul taught him the gospel and now he is a fellow Christian.

This is not a comfortable situation to be in. Paul has a close relationship with both of these men who have a serious contention. But, they are supposed to be brothers in Christ now. The easy thing to do would be to throw your hands up

and say, "It's not my problem" and let them handle it. But that is not what Paul did. Instead, he evaluated the situation and mediated a reconciliation.

When Paul wrote to Philemon, he had already evaluated the situation. While Onesimus certainly wronged Philemon according to the law, he demonstrated his repentance by accepting the gospel and agreeing to return to his master (v. 12). So, he called for Philemon to forgive him and accept him as a brother (v. 15-16). In 1 Corinthians 6:1-6, Paul blasted the church in Corinth for taking each other to court instead of handling it themselves. No problems will be solved if we cannot make righteous judgments.

But it is not enough to just judge a situation and keep it to ourselves. If we have the opportunity, we must be willing to step in and mediate peace between our brethren (cf. Rom. 12:18). Paul wrote to Philemon, "...receive him as you would me. But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account" (v. 17-18). Paul was willing to help his brothers reconcile even if it cost him money. Because of Paul's efforts, he was convinced Philemon would "...do even more..." (v. 21).

When we find ourselves caught in the middle of disagreeing brethren, we must be willing to foster peace. Let's judge impartially and mediate wholeheartedly.

...we must be willing to step in and mediate peace...

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Learning from someone who's been where you are

Have you ever felt overwhelmed in your spirit? Like some folks were just out to get you? Like no one was concerned about you and you had nowhere to go? Have you ever felt in desperate need and that you were, figuratively, in prison?

I am not just making up the words in the questions above randomly. They are drawn from the very words that a fellow believer expressed when in a time of great despair. How did he handle it? Read Psalm 142. See David's heart raw and aching before God.

David cried out to the Lord (v. 1). He poured out his complaint and trouble to God (v. 2). He trusted that when everything else was going wrong around him that God would "know" (v. 3), God would "see" (v. 4), God would listen (v. 6), God would "care" (v. 4), God would take him in (v. 5), God would provide (v. 5), God would help (v. 6), God would work through His saints (v. 7), God would "deal bountifully" with him (v. 7). Even though he could not see all of that in the moment, David said that He would praise the name of the Lord (v. 7)! How about



He's real!

So many things have been done to depict the devil almost as a caricature that some people (even Christians) have a hard time accepting that the devil is real or that he has any influence over them today. No doubt, that is one of his "devices" (2 Cor. 2:11) that he uses to "deceive" (Rev. 12:9) folks and keep them "blinded" (2 Cor. 4:4) to his destructive "power" (Eph. 2:2).

But your Bible shows that Satan is very real and very dangerous! Ask Adam and Eve if he is real (Gen. 3:1-6). Ask David if he is real (1 Chron. 21:1). Ask Job if he is real (Job 1:1-2:10). Ask Jesus if he is real (Matt. 4:1-11). Ask Judas if he is real (Luke 22:1-6; John 13:2, 27). Ask Peter if he is real (Luke 22:31, 54-62). Ask Ananias and Sapphira if he is real (Acts 5:1-11).

The devil is tricky (Gen. 3:1; 2 Cor. 11:3). He will try to convince you that he is not a big deal. He will try to convince you that you can handle a little sin. Don't fall for it! "Resist him steadfast in the faith" (1 Pet. 5:8-9)! Do not give him any opportunity or foothold (Eph. 4:27)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	MRI on his injured knee on April 7
Jimmie Banks	medical tests on April 2 and biopsy on April 9
Judy Bird	recovering from hernia surgery
Gloria Boyd	Avante Rehab in Lake Worth
Lynne Jorgensen	endoscopy rescheduled for April 13
Amy West	recovering from surgery

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Donald & Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's parents, Alzheimer's & dementia
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, pacemaker surgery
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, La Posada, rehab after a fall
Ann Graham	Luann's McLeod's mother, constant pain after fall
Babs Lee	Bonnie Quigley's sister, undergoing medical treatments
Ornans Pierre	Juliette Mauvais' son, recovering from car accident
DeMarcus Turner, Sr.	Linda Coe's son, undergoing medical testing
Nancy White	Bonnie Quigley's sister, undergoing medical treatments

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

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

Monday, April 6

- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.
- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, April 7

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

Saturday, April 11

- ◆ **EDP & Office Cookout** at 6:00 p.m. See David Sproule for details.

Sunday, April 12

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Thursday, April 16

- ◆ **Ladies' Day with Emily Hatfield** at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"From Routine to Radiant."* Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the lesson at 7:30 p.m. See Traci Sproule for more details.

Saturday, April 18

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in Adult 3. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, April 19

- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry more details.
- ◆ **2-Week Mini Session Classes Begin.** Age 3 thru Grade 5 meet in Adult 1-2. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults meet in the Auditorium.

Friday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 28

- ◆ **"Digging Deep" Women's Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Lisa Metzkes for more details.

Saturday, May 2

- ◆ **Elders' Workshop with Jeff Jenkins** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"A Workman Approved By God."*

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Monday, April 6

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

Friday, April 17

- ◆ **Young Adult Mini-Golf & Ice Cream** at 7:00 p.m. at Lighthouse Cove Adventure Golf at Abacoa (1145 Main Street, Jupiter 33458). See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, April 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. on the church property. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, May 2

- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"A Workman Approved By God."*

Friday, May 8

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Brenda & Sarah Collier. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, April 5

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring drinks and desserts to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, April 11

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Movie** at 2:20 p.m. at Royal Palm Regal to see The Super Mario Galaxy Movie. Please bring money to purchase your ticket at the door.

Sunday, April 12

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, April 18

- ◆ **Youth Rally hosted by West Broward** for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Sign up on the bulletin board.

A Passage A Day

Keeps me on the Lord's way

A ONE-YEAR STUDY THROUGH THE

Life of Christ

IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

For the Month of *April*

April 1: Matthew 7:13-20; Luke 6:43-45

Jesus Teaches About the Narrow Way and False Teachers

April 2: Matthew 7:21-29; Luke 6:46-49

Jesus Teaches About Doing the Will of God

April 3: Luke 7:1-10

Luke's Account of Jesus Healing a Centurion's Servant

April 4: Matthew 8:5-13

Matthew's Account of Jesus Healing a Centurion's Servant

April 5: Luke 7:11-17

Jesus Raises the Widow of Nain's Son

April 6: Matthew 11:2-6; Luke 7:18-23

Jesus Answers Messengers Sent By John the Baptist

April 7: Matthew 11:7-19

Matthew's Account of Jesus Commending John the Baptist

April 8: Luke 7:24-35

Luke's Account of Jesus Commending John the Baptist

April 9: Matthew 11:20-30

Jesus Pronounces Woes and Offers Rest

April 10: Luke 7:36-50

A Sinful But Forgiven Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet

April 11: Mark 3:20-30

Mark's Account of Jesus Being Accused of Having an Unclean Spirit

April 12: Matthew 12:22-37

Matthew's Account of Jesus Being Accused of Having an Unclean Spirit

April 13: Matthew 12:38-45

Jesus Rebukes Sign-Seeking Pharisees

April 14: Matthew 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21

Jesus Identifies His Family

April 15: Matthew 13:1-3a; Mark 4:1-2; Luke 8:1-4

Women Minister to Jesus, and Jesus Teaches in Parables

April 16: Matthew 13:3-9; Mark 4:3-9; Luke 8:5-8

The Parable of the Soils

April 17: Matthew 13:10-17; Mark 4:10-12; Luke 8:9-10

Jesus' Purpose in Teaching in Parables

April 18: Matthew 13:18-23; Mark 4:13-20; Luke 8:11-15

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Sower

April 19: Matt. 13:34-35; Mark 4:21-25, 33-34; Luke 8:16-18

Jesus' Parables Are a Light to Reveal His Truth

April 20: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Parable of the Tares

April 21: Matthew 13:31-33; Mark 4:26-32; Luke 13:18-21

The Parables of the Mustard Seed, the Seed Growing of Itself, and the Leaven

April 22: Matthew 13:44-52

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure, the Pearl of Great Price, and the Dragnet

April 23: Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

Jesus Calms the Storm on the Sea of Galilee

April 24: Mark 5:1-13

Mark's Account of Jesus Healing Two Demon-Possessed Men

April 25: Luke 8:26-33

Luke's Account of Jesus Healing Two Demon-Possessed Men

April 26: Matthew 8:28-32

Matthew's Account of Jesus Healing Two Demon-Possessed Men

April 27: Matthew 8:33-34; Mark 5:14-20; Luke 8:34-39

The Varied Reactions to the Demons Being Cast Out

April 28: Matthew 9:18-19; Mark 5:21-24; Luke 8:40-42

Jairus Asks Jesus to Heal His Daughter

April 29: Mark 5:25-34

Mark's Account of Jesus Healing a Woman Who Touched Him

April 30: Matthew 9:20-22; Luke 8:43-48

Matthew and Luke's Accounts of Jesus Healing a Woman Who Touched Him

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
March 29

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Felipe Gonzalez; Mr. Mark Lester; Mr. Rai Masuda; Mrs. Jean Pieros; Mr. Kenneth Primmer; Ms. Ketura Rolle; and Ms. Martie Veverka.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Micky Affron, Ocala, FL; Mr. Ron Brackett, Eustis, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Cody & Jessi Brown, Lakeville, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Cory & Nicole Brown, Eagan, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Jacob & Lauren Campbell, Franklin, TN; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, South Bend, IN; Mr. & Mrs. William & Lawana Duwe, Broken Arrow, OK; Mr. & Mrs. Elijah & Kristen Dye, Addison, TX; and Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy & Charlene Story, Loretto, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



Tuesday, April 6th
Krystian Dubuisson

Friday, April 10th
Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.)
Anthioda Charles

Wednesday, April 8th
Jean Archer
Zula Garrett
Nadia King

Friday, April 3rd
Giselle Smith

Thank you everyone for all your prayers, calls, cards and food. I don't know where I would be without the church family. You all have been so good to me. Please continue to pray as I go down this difficult journey.

Thank you and Christian love,
Amy West

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, April 5

Opening Prayer Dan McLeod
Singing Robert Lupo
Scripture Reading James Green
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan Jenkins
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Kirk Crews

Serve at Table:
Casey Crews Michael Menendez
Michael Erickson John Patrick
Sylvester Jackson Vincent Rogers
Jeff Leslie Joseph Snyder

Sunday Evening, April 5

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading Jim Rogers
Singing
Lord's Supper John Hoelzer
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jeff Goodale

Serve at Table:
Connor Goodale Kameron Heitler

Wednesday Evening, April 8

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Phil Porter
Family Prayer Eugene Williams

Our Record		
Attendance	Mar. 29	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	170	142
Sun. AM Worship	262	241
Sun. PM Worship	104	106
Wed. Bible Study	110	118
Contribution	\$15,729	\$17,099
2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$2,669		

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

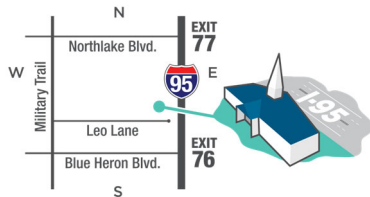
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Islay Rodriguez



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.

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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).