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Be Still
— and —
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By Dan Jenkins

Spiritual Dwarfs

From the time we were very young, we heard of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. It may have been the first time we heard of these little people, but we were fascinated by them when we heard just how special and helpful they were. At some point we saw a dwarf, and we knew that these short people were very much part of our society. We may not remember all of Snow White's helpers, but we were thrilled as we heard about Doc, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Bashful, Sneezy, and Dopey.

However, there are others who spiritually have not developed into spiritual adults, and these should be of greater concern. We enter the family of God with a new birth (John 3:5), and tragically, at this point, some fail to reach the maturity that God longs for us to have. It is amazing that sometimes "spiritual dwarfs" do not realize that they actually have grown very little as Christians.

There is that spiritual food God has for us described as either milk or strong meat (Heb. 5:12-14). God said to these Jewish Christians, "By this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles..." Their growth depended on first partaking of the milk (the first principles of God's truths), but they had even forgotten the most fundamental aspects of truth. Understanding these simple

truths is just the beginning. God says there is a time when we should grasp these matters and go even deeper in our study of His word.

Look at these words to the Christians who were not growing: "Solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (v. 14). God's plan is for us to discover truth and use spiritual understanding to determine right and wrong. Babies in Christ, some of them who have been babes for many years, sometimes will say, "I just do not see anything wrong with this." Their words may be true in the sense that they have not grown spiritually and are still "unskilled in the word of righteousness." We become able to discern what is right and wrong because we exercise our spiritual judgment, which enables us to see matters so much clearer.

There are preachers who are still babes and are preaching the same kind of sermons they preached twenty years ago. There are deacons who know less about God and study His word less than they did years ago when they first became deacons. There are elders and church leaders who spend less time in personal Bible study and have stopped growing in "...the grace and knowledge of the Lord" (2 Pet. 3:18). There are members who are not growing, and there is little in their lives that will help them. Are you growing?

Look at these words to the Christians who were not growing



By David Sproule

"None of Self" in Reverse

Will you take just a moment to consider something? I'm not asking you to consider whether something like this could "hypothetically" happen to "someone else." I'm asking you to consider if this could happen (or even, if this has happened) to you.

One of the most moving songs that we sing (lyrically speaking) was written in 1874 by Theodore Monod, entitled "None of Self and All of Thee." It is one of those songs that you cannot skip any verses. The four verses move in a logical progression. First, I want you to consider the movement of this song.

The **first** verse: "O the bitter pain and sorrow That a time could ever be, When I proudly said to Jesus, '**All of self, and none of Thee.**'" Of course, this is from the perspective of a faithful Christian looking back at the time when he said to Jesus, "All of self, and none of Thee." Presently, it is viewed as a time of "bitter pain and sorrow." But, of course, when living in that condition, it was viewed as freedom and self-indulging. But change came.

The **second** verse: "Yet He found me; I beheld Him Bleeding on th'accursed tree, And my wistful heart said faintly, '**Some of self, and some of Thee.**'" The word "Yet" notes a change to the "All of self" life. What was it? Learning of Jesus bleeding on the old rugged cross. The good news of Jesus will

prick the heart, if we let it. This is the first step of progress here, in the right direction. Will it continue?

The **third** verse: "Day by day His tender mercy Healing, helping, full and free, Bro't me lower while I whispered, '**Less of self, and more of Thee.**'" Do you see the progression? A "day by day" growth in the abundant "mercy" of God fills us more with Him and empties us of self.

The **fourth** verse: "Higher than the highest heavens, Deeper than the deepest sea, Lord, Thy love at last has conquered, '**None of self, and all of Thee.**'" Do you see the excitement in this verse? The love of the Lord is exciting, moving and life-changing—it will lead us to gladly give Him our all.

It is such a tremendous song, even 150 years later. It shows how we ought to grow more and more *out of* self-indulgence and *into* Christ-enthralment. But, here's the question for today: Is it possible that I could end up going in reverse? If I can go forward, can I go backward? Could I go from "None of self" to "Less of self" to "Some of self" to "All of self"? Could I go from "All of Thee" to "More of Thee" to "Some of Thee" to "None of Thee"? To ask the question is to answer the question.

So, let me ask you—which verse are you on? How full of "self" are you and how full of "Christ" are you? And, what are you doing to go forward and avoid slipping into reverse?

Which verse are you on?



By Robert Lupo

They Don't Have Any Standing

A lot of people claim to teach the "real" teachings of Jesus Christ. If you spend any time online or on television, it is likely you have come across someone saying that some clear biblical doctrine isn't what you think it is. Some examples would include abortion, homosexuality, and transgenderism. You don't have to dig far to find people arguing that these are not only permissible but affirmed by Jesus. In fact, there is currently a politician running for the Senate making these exact points.

For many Christians, it can be difficult to figure out how to address these claims. Either they declare, "It's just your interpretation versus mine," or they over-analogize a passage beyond its context. In the first instance, they present a subjective view of the scriptures that makes any interpretation possible, and therefore, no view can be correct. In the second, they place their own assertions into the text. If you aren't prepared, these kinds of arguments, though fallacious, could catch a Christian off guard. They might even cause you to second-guess your own beliefs.

However, there is one simple question that completely dismantles any argument they might make. Who do they believe Jesus is? In the vast majority of cases, if someone makes these kinds of arguments, then they do not believe Je-

sus is God Almighty. If that is the case, then nothing they say has any weight whatsoever. John told us the truth about these people. He says in 1 John 2:22-23, "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also." We have no reason to listen to liars. And if someone denies the Son, then they are certainly not Christians.

Denying Jesus' divine nature demonstrates either a fundamental lack of understanding of the Bible or opposition against God. It is clearly taught in the scriptures. John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Paul says in Colossians 2:9, "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily..." And, when Thomas realized he was standing before the resurrected Jesus, he declared, "My Lord and my God!" There is no doubt that Jesus is more than just a man. He is God!

The world is filled with wolves in sheep's clothing seeking to lead us from the Lord's church. As Paul said in Colossians 2:8, we must "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ." If they don't believe Jesus is divine, then they have nothing to teach you about the Bible.

**They might even
cause you to
second guess...**

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"I would love to help!"

We typically begin our Sunday morning worship with one of our young men reading some verses from Psalms to help us focus on our God. During the week before, I usually text the young man next in the rotation to ask him if he will read from Psalms that coming Sunday. There is one young man, over the years of his reading, who gave me these actual responses to my request: "Absolutely." "Most definitely." "I sure can." "You can count on me." "I would love to." He never said anything like, "Let me think about it. Let me check. I'm not sure." It was always like he was jumping at the opportunity and thankful for it.

Where did he learn that? Recently I asked his mother if she would help with a project here at the church. Guess what her response was? "I would love to help!"

What is your response when someone at church asks for your help? Are you eager? Are you excited? Are you thankful? How are we raising our children to respond to such opportunities? "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord" (Col. 3:23). – DS



Is "the closest one" good enough?

If you are looking today for the church that you see in the Bible, would finding "the closest one" be good enough?

If you were looking for Jesus, would someone who is "the closest one" you can find to the Savior be good enough? If you were looking for a lost child, would someone who is "the closest one" to that child be good enough? We would never accept that in these situations, so why would we accept such when it comes to the bride of Christ—His church?

The Bible gives us clear identifying marks for the church that Jesus put on this earth, including: it was founded by Christ (Matt. 16:18), in Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-4), on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:1-47), and it follows only one law system (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Gal. 1:6-9; Col. 3:17), is organized according to Biblical guidelines (1 Tim. 3:1-13; 1 Pet. 5:1-4), worships according to New Testament authority (John 4:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Col. 3:16-17), teaches only one Scriptural plan of salvation (Acts 2:37-41), etc. Don't look for a church "closest" to the church of the Bible—look for His "one" church (Eph. 4:4). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Paul Davidson	dealing with a several health issues
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from a medical procedure
Charlene Knowles	begins treatments on her nose in November
Verdell March	dealing with issues with her ears
Emma Reeves	recovering from surgery
Isolyn Sinclair	undergoing medical testing for her severe back pain
Amy West	having an angiogram on October 20

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
Bill Ingram, Jr.	advanced Alzheimer's
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Kyle Buonadonna	Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna's son, blood clot, testing
Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, in nursing home, on feeding tube
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, recovering from hip surgery
Laura Griffin	Jennifer Goodale's mother, recovering breast cancer surg
Stacey Lynch	Debora Lynch's daughter, undergoing medical tests
Michael Newman	Lorena Pittman's brother, ICU with several injuries
Linda Price	Rick Price's mother, recovering from knee surgery
Curtis White	Betty White's brother, recovering from hip replacement

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Sadie Myrie
Gloria Boyd	Leigh Puckett
Josie Dawson	Don Seay
Zula Garrett	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Jackie Stout
Kassandra Jones	Samuel Williams
Owen Miley	Evetta Wilson

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-Wednesday, October 18-21

- ♦ **Lectureship hosted by Haverhill Road** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Guest speakers Terry Francis & Phil Robertson will be speaking on "United By the Cross: Called to Be a People of the Cross."
- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Lake Placid.** Tom Hall will be speaking each night at 6:30 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

Monday, October 19

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on November 2.

Tuesday, October 20

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

Friday, October 23

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Dinner from Olive Garden will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring \$5/person. See Skye Brown or Allison Roman for more details.

Saturday, October 24

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Saint Augustine** at 9:00 a.m. Becky Blackmon will be speaking on "*Singing in the Rain.*" Light lunch will be provided.

Sunday, November 1

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Set your clocks back one hour.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, November 2

- ♦ **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, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Wednesday, November 4

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.** Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of Anchored.



YOUNG ADULTS

Saturday, October 24

- ♦ **Young Adult Sunrise & Breakfast** at 7:00 a.m. at Juno Beach. Breakfast will be at Juno Beach Café. See Ivan Villard for more details.
- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. All Jr. High, Sr. High & Young Adults are invited. Please bring a pumpkin to carve, and drinks and desserts to share.

Saturday, November 14

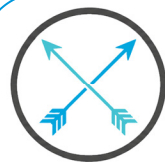
- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Thursday, December 3

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drinks.

Saturday, December 5

- ♦ **Young Adults Baking Cookies** at 9:30 a.m. Come and help bake cookies, then help the Grades 5 & under children decorate them.



YOUTH & FAMILY

Sunday, October 18

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

Sunday, November 15

- ♦ **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.

Wednesday, November 18

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project** after Bible study. We will assemble Thanksgiving baskets that we will deliver on Sunday, November 22.

Sunday, November 22

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring money for lunch and a change of clothes (if needed). Meet in the Family Room after morning worship. We will return by 3:00 p.m. Parents, please let Robert Lupo know if you can help by being a driver.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Ends ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying	2 ☆ Men's Meet b Trish Clark b Michelle Franck b Isolyn Sinclair	3	4 ☆ No Midweek Services b Phil Porter	5 b Brent Leslie b Maxine McCoy b Susie Spurlock	6 b Trudie Holland	7 a David & Natalie Perez b Idara Ikon
				Anchored: "Be Still & Know" (November 5-8)		
8 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying	9	10 b Sofia Buonadonna	11	12 a Todd & Caila Juckett b Dee Catanzaro	13	14 ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting ☆ Young Adult Devo
15 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Jr. High Family Devo b Lovella Rogers	16	17 a Cristian & Lisa Suarez b Kelly Sproule	18 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project b Diane Leslie b Natalie Reeves	19 a Buzz & Kathy Nelson	20 b Freddie Gadson b Matthew Jones b Leonard Williams	21 b Allysha Fischbacher b Shelley Nesbitt b Trevin Roman
22 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Thanksgiving Visiting ☆ Shepherds Praying b Elizabeth Carter b Rosemarie Joseph	23 a Richard & Marcia Kelley	24	25 ☆ Congregational Singing b Sue Hoelzer b Halle Johnson	26 b Orlando Lolo	27 b Brent & Andrea Leslie b Gary Friedly	28 b Mike Damron b Aaron Ross
29 ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Young Men Conducting PM Services b Regina Paul	30 ☆ No Monday Night Bible Study a Brad & Krystian Dubuisson b Andres Fernandez					

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 11

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Stella Bongiorno; Mr. Jack Charles; Mr. Josue Charles; Mr. Wyatt Dickerson; Mr. & Mrs. Zane & Eden Johnson; and Ms. Jean Powers.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Carmen Christie, Tamarac, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Bailey Jimenez, Odem, TX; Mr. Mary Alice Moorner, Port Orange, FL; and Mrs. Ethel Tumblin, Sebastian, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday, October 19th
Todd Juckett

Thursday, October 22nd
Tim Mahlbacher

Wednesday, October 21st
Janice Maloney
Sabrina Pietro
David Sproule

Friday, October 23rd
Millie Ames

Saturday, October 24th
Lydia Quinn

News&Notes

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His Kids Class

♥ Love God. ✓ Obey God. 📖 Learn about God in the Bible. 👑 Live with God in Heaven in the end.

Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

For age 3 & up.

Meet in the front of the Auditorium.

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, October 18

Singing Robert Lupo
Lord's Supper Robert Mariano
Singing
Opening Prayer Tim Cox
Scripture Reading Trevin Roman
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Beau Caviness

Serve at Table:

Jack Holoman	Steward Lynch
Namddie Ikon	Tim Mahlbacher
Todd Juckett	Taylor Reeves
Orlando Lolo	Joseph Snyder

Sunday Evening, October 18

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Scripture Reading Andres Fernandez
Singing
Lord's Supper Phil Porter
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Closing Prayer Stephen Beliech

Serve at Table:

Tim Fry Joe Maloney

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, October 21

Singing Wilton Moorner
Invitation Victor Colage
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 11	Sep Avg
Sun. Bible Study	155	150
Sun. AM Worship	227	234
Sun. PM Worship	75	98
Wed. Bible Study	96	97
Contribution	\$17,599	\$17,000

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,619

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

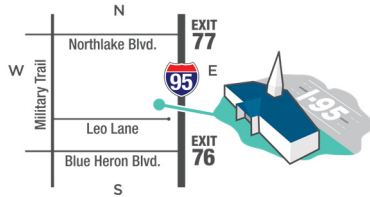
Ushers for this week: Tim Fry & Bret Nesbitt
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



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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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