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# New Adult Bible Classes

MARCH THRU MAY

**SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.**

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <i>The Book of Acts (Paul's Imprisonment)</i> | David Sproule (Auditorium) |
| <i>God and Israel: From Ruth to David</i>     | Dan Jenkins (Family Room)  |
| <i>Young Adults: The Church of Christ</i>     | Brad Shelt (Adult 1)       |

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.**

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <i>Helping Wayward Sheep Return Home</i>      | David Sproule (Auditorium) |
| <i>Ten Truths Every Christian Should Know</i> | Dan Jenkins (Family Room)  |
| <i>For Ladies: Caring Like Jesus</i>          | Judie Jenkins (Adult 2)    |

Finally...  
Some  
**Good News**

A Series of Gospel Lessons  
with David Lipe

**MARCH 9-12**



By Dan Jenkins

## Looking at the World Through the Eyes of Jesus

When Israel demanded that God give them a king, He gave them precisely what they wanted. They sincerely believed that a warrior who intimidated their enemies in battle would be the answer to all of their problems, so He gave them King Saul who towered above most of Israel. They were so wrong and the reason for this is seen in the words of the Lord to Samuel. When God replaced the warrior with a shepherd boy He said, "For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

All of us often make the same mistake. Look at how Jesus looked at others, not as a man looks, but He looked at their hearts.

**The people saw ignorant and unlearned laborers.** Peter and John were lowly fishermen. The Jewish leaders called them "uneducated and untrained men" (Acts 4:13). Yet, Jesus chose them, for He sees more than outward appearance.

**The people saw a religiously prejudiced man.** If you had talked to Nathaniel about Jesus of Nazareth, you would have seen his warped view about anything good coming out of Nazareth (John 1:44). The Lord saw Him as one who would play a vital role as one who was a witness of the risen Savior (John 21:2). The Lord does not look at appearances but at hearts!

**The people saw a corrupt tax collector.** The most despised Jews in Israel were those who became agents to collect tax for the Roman government. Jesus not only called Matthew (Levi) to be an apostle, but He immediately went to his house to eat with him and his "evil" friends (Mark 2:14-15). Man looks on the outside. Jesus looks on the inside.

**The people saw a terrorist.** Most Jews had learned to live with the oppression of the Romans, but among them were the Zealots or Zealotes. The Zealotes were fanatical nationalists who were sworn to assassinate every traitor and Roman they could find. The people saw Simon the Zealot as an assassin. Jesus saw Simon the Zealot as an apostle (Luke 6:15).

**The people saw a bothersome child.** Even the apostles tried to keep children away from the Lord, for they saw them as a nuisance. Jesus rebuked these men and used a child to teach one of His greatest lessons. Jesus did not look on the problems children cause. He saw them as future servants in a greater cause.

**The people saw an adulteress, an immoral woman at a well, lepers, physically handicapped people, the lame, the blind and the sick.** Yet, Jesus saw these people so differently. Think about this. With our gospel meeting just before us, what are you seeing in those around you? *May God help us to see the people around us through the eyes of Jesus!*

**May God help us to see the people around us through the eyes of Jesus!**



By David Sproule

## The Christian and Voluntary Unemployment

There is so much happening in our nation that it is difficult to keep up with it all. One very troublesome trend over the last several years has been the high unemployment and the extreme difficulty that many have in finding a job. My heart goes out to those who want to work and are persistently looking for work but are unable to find work. (The rest of this article is not directed at these folks, for they are determined to find employment and work.) However, with so many "government programs" available to assist those who are not working, it has become common (and even expected in some circles) for some capable and responsible individuals to choose not to work and just receive the "government assistance." **What is a Christian to do?** That is what this article seeks to address. This is not a political matter! This is a Biblical matter! As Christians, we must (1) know what the Bible teaches regarding the matter of "working for a living" and (2) submit ourselves in obedience to whatever it says!

**God expects His children to have a job and work!** In one of the clearest verses in the Bible, the Lord declares, "If anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either" (2 Thess. 3:10, NASB). That's pretty strong language!

**God expects His children to work so that they can**

**help others!** Working is not merely a selfish act for selfish gain. A Christian is to "labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need" (Eph. 4:28, ESV). That's pretty straightforward!

**God expects His children to work so that they can take care of their family!** It is not the government's job to take care of our family! It's ours! The Lord said plainly, "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Tim. 5:8). That's pretty easy to understand!

**God expects His children to work so that they can support His work through the church!** Christians are commanded (not just a whimsical wish of God) to "lay something aside" (a financial contribution to the church) "every first day of the week" (1 Cor. 16:1-2). That's pretty clear!

**God expects His children to work and to not be lazy!** At least 15 times in the book of Proverbs, God calls out and rebukes "the lazy man" who: "buries his hand in the bowl, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again" (19:24; 26:15); "refuses to labor" (21:25); "turns on his bed" (26:14); etc. Read the book of Proverbs and grasp God's concept of laziness!

**Christians are set apart!** We must conform to God's standard—not society's! Still, we must be balanced. (Next week)

**"If anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either."**



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### **"He's trying to find himself"**

Have you ever heard someone say about another person (who had withdrawn himself and was spending all of his time alone and separated from his family, friends and church), "Well, he's just trying to find himself"? May I suggest to you that if someone is trying to "find himself," and has undertaken that endeavor while separating himself from the church, that the "self" he finds will be the "self" that he himself wants to find and not necessarily the one God wants him to find.

Too many individuals think that they can figure life out "on their own." They think that they have it within themselves to determine "who" they are, "what" they need to do, "where" they need to go and "how" they should go about it. However, such a person has forgotten that (1) "the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23), and (2) "the steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way" (Psa. 37:23).

Are you trying to find yourself? Turn to the Lord. Get in His church. Let Him help you! – DS

### **So, deacons can drink a little but elders none at all. Right?**

There is a feeble argument often attempted to make a significant difference between an elder's qualification to be "not given to wine" (1 Tim. 3:3) and a deacon's qualification to be "not given to much wine" (1 Tim. 3:8). Can a deacon drink a little, while an elder is to totally abstain? Here's the real question: if the Bible condemns something in excess in one passage, does that mean that God is permitting that same behavior in moderation?

God says, "Do not be overly wicked" (Ecc. 7:17). Would moderately wicked be ok? God says, "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness" (Jas. 1:21). Would moderate filthiness that doesn't overflow be ok? God says, "They think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot" (1 Pet. 4:4). Would moderate rioting be ok? God says of false teachers, "...having eyes full of adultery" (2 Pet. 2:14). Would eyes half-full of adultery be ok?

You get the point, and it's obvious, isn't it! The English might appear to make a "quantity" difference, but God was not, is not and does not! He clearly said to every one of us (elders, deacons, all Christians young and old), "Abstain" (1 Pet. 2:11)! – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Pat Brown</b>       | back pain & having trouble with her eyes          |
| <b>Carolyn Cullom</b>  | fell & injured her back                           |
| <b>Janet Hickerson</b> | severe back pain, recovering from back surgery    |
| <b>Loretta Holaday</b> | undergoing medical testing                        |
| <b>Judie Jenkins</b>   | recovering from foot surgery                      |
| <b>Jeff Leslie</b>     | recovering from triple bypass surgery & infection |
| <b>Silas Moses</b>     | recovering at home from kidney surgery            |
| <b>Cathy Seay</b>      | recovering at home from surgery on carotid artery |

### Long-Term Health Issues

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Millie Ames</b>       | receiving specialized care |
| <b>Janet Hickerson</b>   | suffering with back pain   |
| <b>Lennie Langley</b>    | Palms Edge, Hospice Care   |
| <b>Deidra Miley</b>      | dialysis treatments        |
| <b>Silas Moses</b>       | dialysis treatments        |
| <b>Charles Norton</b>    | dialysis treatments        |
| <b>Gene Puckett</b>      | dialysis treatments        |
| <b>Les Sawyer</b>        | radiation treatments       |
| <b>Norman Smedley</b>    | at home and very weak      |
| <b>Patricia Ventress</b> | both kidneys removed       |

|                      |                    |                 |                 |                |               |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Our Shut-Ins:</b> | Vera Day           | Helen Gardner   | Loretta Holaday | Jean McMasters | Ricky Smedley |
|                      | Cora Lee Dennis    | Margaret Griffo | Shelton Howell  | Betty Matter   | Margaret Wade |
|                      | Margie Fortenberry | Margie Hardin   | Gladys Jackson  | Leigh Puckett  | Karen Watts   |

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Billie Earhart</b>   | Cindy Nelson's grandmother, radiation for lung cancer      |
| <b>Jennifer Jackson</b> | Joe & Janice Maloney's daughter, recovering from seizure   |
| <b>Techina James</b>    | Loretta James' granddaughter, in ICU after car accident    |
| <b>Perry King</b>       | Bettye King's father, recovering from gall bladder surgery |
| <b>Mason Lerro</b>      | Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, NICU, tracheotomy   |
| <b>Peggy McKeal</b>     | Ruth Lipford's daughter, recovering from major surgery     |
| <b>Curtis Spann</b>     | Glen Dawson's cousin, stage 4 cancer                       |
| <b>Terry West</b>       | Amy West's father, undergoing medical testing              |

## Pray for Our Missionaries

*Remember*  
**Our Mission Works**

*Our Paraguay Team*  
**Josh & Cara Blackmer**  
**Troy & Andrea Spradlin**

*Pacific Islands*  
**Robert & Mary Martin**  
**Scott & Rebecca Shanahan**  
**Joey & Tammy Treat**

*Africa*  
**Tamuka Arunashe**  
**Nnanna Aforji**

*Montgomery, Alabama*  
**Apologetics Press**

*Coral Springs, Florida*  
**Mauricio Yegros**



# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, March 2

- ◆ **Spring Quarter Bible Classes begin.**
- ◆ **Teacher Training Class for Age 3 thru Grade 5 Teachers** at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Two Week Break from the "Stepping into the Bible" Program.** Age 3 thru Grade 5 will meet in Adult 1-2.
- ◆ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **First Worship Service of The Springs Iglesia de Cristo,** where one of our missionaries, Mauricio Yegros, works.

## Monday, March 3

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

## Tuesday, March 4

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

## Wednesday, March 5

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

## Friday-Saturday, March 7-8

- ◆ **Men's Retreat at CFBC.** Go to [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org) for more details.

## Sunday, March 9

- ◆ **Daylight Savings Time begins.** Set your clocks forward one hour!

## Sunday-Wednesday, March 9-12

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting at Palm Beach Lakes.** David Lipe will be speaking on "*Finally...Some Good News.*"

|               |            |   |
|---------------|------------|---|
| <u>Sunday</u> | 9:00 a.m.  | <i>God's Challenge to Us</i>            |
|               | 10:00 a.m. | <i>Will All Good People Be Saved?</i>   |
|               | 12:45 p.m. | <i>Man-Made Salvation Doesn't Save!</i> |

Monday 7:00 p.m. *The Universal Need for Salvation*

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. *NT Baptism & Salvation*

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. *Saved By the Grace of God*

## Monday-Wednesday

Midday Bible Study 12:15-12:45 p.m.  
*"In the Beginning Was...THE WORD"*



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Young Adults

## Monday, March 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. See Cindy for details.

## Sunday, March 16

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 1.

## Saturday, March 29

- ◆ **Young Adult & Sr. High Cookout for Kids** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at TY Park in Miami. See Ivan Villard or Brittany Thompson for details.

## Monday, April 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

## Saturday, April 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Area-Wide Devo & Fellowship** at 6:00 p.m. at PBL. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Sunday, April 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 1.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Youth

## Sunday, March 2

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Marty & Leslie Williams.

## Friday, March 14

- ◆ **Sr. High "Getting to Know God's Family" Game Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the building. All members are encouraged to attend for a night of fellowship, games and finger foods. See Chris or Brittany Thompson for more details.

## Saturday, March 15

- ◆ **Jr. High Kayaking.** See David or Traci Sproule for details.

## Friday, March 21

- ◆ **Sr. High Fun Night.** Location TBD. See Brittany Thompson or Jennifer Higbee for details.

## Sunday, March 23

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee.
- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.



## “Family, A Basic Need”

By Josh Blackmer

Abraham Maslow, in 1943, published his work, “A Theory of Human Motivation.” In it he produced a pyramid of basic human needs. It has come to be known as “Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs.” He wanted to see what truly motivated people and what made them who they are. These needs were drawn from the study of what he called “exemplary people.” This group included the healthiest 1% of the college population and Albert Einstein, Jane Adams, Eleanor Roosevelt and Frederick Douglass (all of whom were very extraordinary people). At the very heart of the pyramid is the need for “love and belongingness,” that is, the need to be a part of something bigger. Listed there are these two words, “friendship” and “family.” What does that tell us? It tells us that science knows that God has hard-wired us with the need to belong. God created the family and the church as a source to fulfill that need.

With this in mind, read Ephesians 2:19, “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens (not belonging), but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household (belonging).” In this chapter Paul speaks of the love of the Father and how, “in Christ Jesus, you who formerly were far off (not belonging) have been brought near (belonging) by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13). In this chapter, we see how we once did not belong, had no part with God, but now we are part of His family. God both programmed us to belong and provided a source for that need.

Nobody’s family is perfect, we all struggle to do the best we can. Some of us are the only ones in our families that believe and that is a struggle. Our biological families can and should be our source for a sense of belonging, and we should do all we can to make that a reality. Then the question is, what happens when they are not? What we need to understand is that the church, the family of God, should also be that source. What would happen if we all put the “one another” passages into practice? If we truly treated one another as brothers and sisters (1 Tim. 5:1-2)? If when we asked, “how are you doing,” we genuinely meant it (Phil. 2:3-4)? We would, in essence, simply be fulfilling the intent of the Father, and we would be bringing to fruition what He intended.

So the challenge is to broaden our scope of the word “family.” It no longer includes “me and mine” only, but those who call God, “Abba, Father” (Rom. 8:15) and have been washed in the blood of His Son (1 Cor. 6:11; Rev. 7:14). We can create this environment at Palm Beach Lakes, but it will only happen if we make the choice to include God’s group of extraordinary people (1 Pet. 2:9) in our definition of “family.”

| NEW CHILDREN’S CLASSES | Teachers — March - May   |                                      |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Cradle Roll            | Julie Charles  | <i>“God Made Everything”</i>         |
| Toddlers & Pre-2       | Sandy Colage   | <i>“Joseph”</i>                      |
| Age 3 thru Grade 5     | March 16 - Begin Semester #4 of <i>“Stepping into the Bible”</i> |                                      |
| Grades 6-8             | Sun: Victor Colage   | <i>“The Beginning of the Church”</i> |
|                        | Wed: Gary Seames   | <i>“Christian Responsibilities”</i>  |
| Sr. High               | Sun: Taylor Reeves   | <i>“The Life of Christ”</i>          |
|                        | Wed: Douglas Alvarenga   | <i>“Denominational Doctrines”</i>    |

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



Sunday,  
February 23

**Jack & Dee Jagers** are moving back to North Carolina. March 9 will be their last Sunday to worship with us.



Dad and I would like to thank everyone for the many cards, the abundance of food and beautiful Memorial Service for mom. She loved getting the "thinking of you" cards over the past year. She had several every week. Some people sent them faithfully each week. Can't say enough about what an encouraging work this is. Mostly, we are grateful for the constant prayers, on her, and our, behalf. It is comforting knowing she is no longer suffering and is with the Lord. David said at the funeral service that heaven has become real for our family, and indeed it has. We held mom's hand as she left this world for her reward. ~ Thanks, Kim Hensel & Harold Armstrong

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Keriann Badal; Nellie Batitsky; Jeffery Byrd; Shaeyla Davis; Miss Jacqueline Haber; Lupe Lawrence; Ben Harriett; Ms. Monique LeBlanc; Patricia Patterson; Lana Smith, Sasha, and Alexis; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Stewart; and Mrs. Maria Thomas.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Vickie Armstrong, Tampa, FL; Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Davis, Equality, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Harrington, Searcy, AR; Bob & Joy Judd, Greer, SC; Ms. Rachel King, Delray Beach, FL; Miss Jenifer Langosch, St. Louis, MO; Sydney McLeod, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Don Mahaney, Vienna, WV; Jerry Manus, Lees Summit, MO; Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Risa Schamel, Pleasant Hill, IA; Luther Robinson, Sr., Miami, FL; John & Bobbie Seay, Amory, MS; and Ms. Linda Wolfe, Fayetteville, NC.



Sunday (Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Jean Dupérat  
Andy Griffiths

Thursday (Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Susie Cox  
Linda Studer

Tuesday (Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Glen Dawson

Friday (Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Justin Maloney

Wednesday (Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>)  
John Hoelzer

Saturday (Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Henry Bass

### Those to Serve

*If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.*

*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, Mar. 2

Lead Singing .....Jerry Hopkins  
Opening Prayer .....David Thorpe  
Scripture Reading..... Tim Cox  
Presiding at Table .....Charles Hayes  
Serve at Table:  
Derrick Banks Bobby Ingraham  
Kane Campbell Rick Price  
Mike Erickson Carmen Ruckman  
Grant Fuller Brad Shelt  
Alternates:  
Mike Ellis Chris Thomas  
Sermon.....David Sproule  
Closing Prayer ..... Paul Hensel

#### Sunday Evening, Mar. 2

Lead Singing .....Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer .....Jerry Pittman  
Scripture Reading..... Tim Fry  
Presiding at Table.....Jack Jagers  
Serve at Table:  
Pete Brown, Andy Griffiths &  
Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Sermon.....David Sproule  
Closing Prayer .....Paul Metzkes

#### Wednesday Evening, Mar. 5

Lead Singing ..... Tyrone Toson  
Extend Invitation..... Gene Puckett  
Family Prayer ..... Richard Watson

### Our Record

| Attendance                           | <u>Feb. 23</u> | <u>Jan. Avg.</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sun. Bible study                     | 207            | 227              |
| Sun. A.M. Worship                    | 355            | 382              |
| Sun. P.M. Worship                    | 175            | 190              |
| Wed. Bible study                     | 220            | 173              |
| Contribution                         | \$12,565       | \$13,702         |
| 2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670         |                |                  |
| Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +1,850 |                |                  |

Ushers for the week of **Mar. 2:** Head Usher: Glen Dawson, Bob Higbee & Jim Rogers

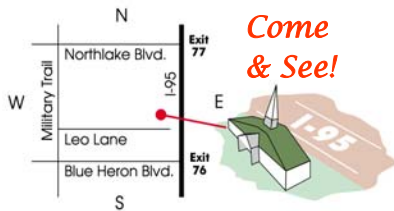




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silent where the Bible is silent.*



*Come  
& See!*

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### 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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