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Welcome New Members



Robinson, Luther

Group 3

Identified July 13



Henderson, Cornelius, Andrea
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Group 4

Identified July 13





By Dan Jenkins

Is There Eternal Suffering in Hell?

How could a loving God ever consider casting man into a lake of fire and leaving him there to suffer for all eternity? This is not an easy question to consider on many levels, but it is one which intrigues the minds of so many. Is it possible that we may not see the horrendous nature of sin and what divine justice demands for punishment? Is it possible that we may have developed a wrong view of God by overemphasizing His goodness, and that wrong view of Him is part of the problem? Whether we can answer these two questions or others which might come to mind really is not the issue. *The underlying issue is, "What does God reveal that He will do with the wicked?"*

Every sin will be punished. The writer of Hebrews looked at the Old Testament and said, "The word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward" (Heb. 2:2). The Holy Spirit of God affirmed that *every* sin committed for the thousands of years since Adam had been justly rewarded. Our God delights in forgiveness and rejoices in showing mercy (Micah 7:18), but He is also just. The issue before us is, "What does He reveal that He will do with the wicked?"

The sin of angels is punished by God with continuing suffering. Both Jude and Peter (Jude 6; 2 Pet. 2:4) describe the

rebellion of angels. What did a loving God do with them? He did not simply destroy them, but He bound them with chains in the darkness of hell awaiting a coming judgment where they will be cast into an everlasting fire (Matt. 25:41).

The rich man who refused to share with the beggar, Lazarus, suffered in the fires of Hades. What did a loving God do with this selfish, rich man? Taken from his body, he was in torments, begging for one drop of water to cool his tongue. His words, "I am tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:24), show what love and justice demanded from both Lazarus and the rich man.

Those who worshipped the beast suffered consciously in the fire of God's judgment. "If any man worship the beast . . . he himself shall drink of the wrath of God. . . . He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone . . . And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night" (Rev. 14:9-11). How will a loving God deal with the man who rebels against Him? Certainly not simply casting him into the lake of fire where he will immediately burn up and cease to exist. It is the loving God who speaks of fire and brimstone lasting forever and ever and never having any rest from that punishment.

Remember the issue is, "What does God say about hell?" The options are clear—eternal bliss with God or eternal darkness with weeping and gnashing of teeth. Your choice!

The underlying is, what does God reveal He will do with the wicked?



By David Sproule

Brethren, Let's Create That Environment

It is so refreshing to go to a Christian college campus or a summer Bible camp, and to be immersed in a setting where it is not unusual (and even normal) to see someone reading his Bible, bowing his head in prayer, using his Bible in Bible classes and even taking notes for his own use and growth. Such an atmosphere inspires spiritual development, revives spiritual fervor and encourages others to do the same. Wouldn't it be great if every Christian today could enjoy and benefit from such an environment? Brethren, let's create that environment in the church!

Let's create that environment in our Bible classes! Brethren, are we bringing our Bibles to Bible class? Are we opening and using our Bibles in Bible class? Now, hopefully we have teachers who are opening and using their Bibles in Bible class. And, assuming that is the case, who is too old or too young, too cool or too smart, too mature-in-the-faith or new-in-the-faith to not need their Bible in Bible class (along with pen and notebook)? Let's create the environment where we all bring, open and use our Bibles in Bible classes! What an example for our youth!

Let's create that environment in our worship! Brethren, are we bringing our Bibles to worship? Are we opening and using our Bibles during worship? One commanded avenue

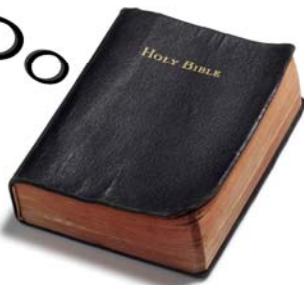
of our worship is the preaching and studying of God's Word. Now, hopefully we have preachers who are opening and using their Bibles to preach. And, assuming that is the case, who is there (adult or child) who does not need their Bible in worship (along with a pen and notebook)? Let's create the environment in our worship, where we all bring, open and use our Bibles! What an example for our youth and our visitors!

Let's create that environment in our homes! Brethren, are we reading our Bibles and praying in our homes, so that everyone else in the home senses the spiritual atmosphere and God-centered nature of our homes? What impact would it have on children and any non-Christians in the home to observe the Christians in the home regularly focused on Bible study and prayer? (Or what about the contrary—what impact would it have for them to never see the Christians in the home in a Bible study posture?)

Let's create that environment in our daily lives! Would your friends, neighbors, coworkers, acquaintances find it more natural to talk to you about spiritual matters if they observed that as a regular (and natural) part of your life? Would fellow-Christians be more inclined to feel at ease in studying and praying on their own, if they observed you doing so as a natural part of your life?

That environment is needed in the church today!

So refreshing to go to a Christian college campus or a summer Bible camp



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You're a leader, even if you think you're not!

"Leadership" is an interesting word and brings various thoughts to mind. As Christians, we may think of leaders as the elders, the deacons, the teachers, those men who lead in worship, etc. And, perhaps for some of us, we don't see ourselves as leaders in any respect.

However, I have news for every Christian reading these words—*You're a leader, whether you want to be or not!* No, that doesn't mean that everyone is an elder or a deacon and gets to make decisions for the church. But, if there is just one person who looks at you and follows your example, that makes you a "leader." Where there is a "follower," there is a "leader."

Now, what kind of leader are you? What kind of example do you set for others to follow? For the non-Christians being led by your example, where are you leading them? What about Christians? What about teens and children being led by your example? Where are you leading them? It is sobering to think that we lead by example—whether we realize it or not! – DS

Status symbol

It is hard not to be influenced by status symbols. Status symbols are typically some visible denotation of one's social or economic prestige. It might be a certain label or logo on clothing, a designer purse, a fancy car, a particular university's diploma, the latest phone, exotic vacations, etc., etc. The perception is that those possessing certain symbols have reached a status above "others" and it would be appropriate for those "others" to recognize it.

While Christians ought to be immune to such material pursuits, they rarely are. We want to be noticed. We want to be accepted. We don't want others to look down on us.

May we firmly fix in our minds the only "status" that matters is our status with God. How does God see us? What have we attained in His sight? While some outward manifestations of our "status" with God exist, may we be reminded that God's view of our status starts with the condition of our heart (1 Sam. 16:7) and our relationship to His Son's blood (Eph. 2:13). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Joyce Barnhouse	recovering at home from her surgeries
Josh Blackmer	recovering at home from appendectomy
Richard Haines	recovering at home from blood transfusion
Jerry Hopkins	recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
Kasandra Jones	suffering with severe back pain
Ruth Milton	hospitalized last week, doing well
Leigh Puckett	recovering from foot surgery
Mary Reeves	suffering with back pain
Lovella Rogers	upcoming eye surgery (8/13)
Betty Sanders	suffering with pain in her feet and ankles
Norm Smedley	suffering with breathing problems
Teresa Williams	recovering from surgery

Long-Term Health Issues

Millie Ames	receiving specialized care
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Lennie Langley	Palms Edge, Hospice Care
Deidra Miley	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Les Sawyer	recovering from radiation
Patricia Ventress	both kidneys removed

Our Shut-Ins:	Vera Day	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Betty Matter	Ricky Smedley
	Cora Lee Dennis	Margaret Griffo	Shelton Howell	Rosa Nash	Margaret Wade
	Kay Fish	Margie Hardin	Jean McMasters	Leigh Puckett	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Hayes Burleson	June Pack's brother, recovering from foot surgery
Ed Campbell	Tasha Ellis' stepfather, preleukemia, multiple complications
Craig Clark	Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
Richard Hamlen	Stephanie Weeks' father, recovering from heart cath.
Carl Hoeweler	Jennifer Jordan's uncle, chemo & radiation for cancer
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, recovering from foot surgery
Perry King	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, chest surgery
Ava Reeves	Chuck & Mary Reeves' granddaughter, undergoing testing
Vivian Reeves	Chuck & Mary Reeves' 1-month-old granddaughter, testing
Charles Thomas	Giselle Smith's father, health is failing rapidly
Jonah Watson	Leslie/Watson's 2-wk-old grandson, undergoing testing

Pray for Our Missionaries

Josh Blackmer	Paraguay
Troy & Andrea Spradlin	Paraguay
Robert & Mary Martin	Pacific Islands
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan	Pacific Islands
Joey & Tammy Treat	Pacific Islands
Tamuka Arunashe	Zimbabwe
Nnanna Aforji	Nigeria
Apologetics Press	Montgomery, AL
Mauricio Yegros	Coral Springs, FL



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 3

- ♦ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, August 4

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

Tuesday, August 5

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

Wednesday-Sunday, August 6-10

- ♦ **Lectures hosted by Haverhill Road** each night (Wednesday-Saturday) at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "*Discover Jesus.*" Tommy Peeler of Tampa, FL and Berry Kercheville of Nashville, TN will be speaking. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, August 10

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, August 16

- ♦ **Area-Wide Congregational Singing** hosted by Suncoast at 7:00 a.m. See the bulletin board for details.

Sunday, August 17

- ♦ **Congregational Singing Class** (led by Gary Friedly) at 5:00 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, August 29-31

- ♦ **Science vs Evolution Seminar with Jeff Miller.** See the Welcome Desk in the Lobby for more details.

Friday 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Evolution vs. the Laws of Science (Part 1)

Saturday 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Evolution vs. the Laws of Science (Part 2)

Evolution's Evidence (Part 1)

Sunday 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Evolution's Evidence (Part 2)

Why Be an Atheist?

Sunday, August 31

- ♦ **Mount Dora Coin Can Return Deadline.** Please return all filled coin cans to the office.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Friday, August 8

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Game Night** at 6:30 p.m. See Cherylann Wineinger for details.

Sunday, August 17

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

Saturday, August 23

- ♦ **Young Adult & Sr. High Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, September 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Kari Reeves.

Monday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 21

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



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Youth

Sunday, August 10

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, August 16

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family BBQ** at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Paul & Lisa Metzkes. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dish, dessert or drinks.
- ♦ **Young Families BBQ** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Rick & Melinda Price. All families with children in 5th grade or under are encouraged to attend. Please bring a side dish and a drink or dessert.

Saturday, August 23

- ♦ **Young Adult & Sr. High Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday, August 24

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

Equipping & Edifying Families

10 Variables a Successful Marriage Formula Has to Have



What are the variables that are found in successful marriages? What type of marriages last not only five years, but until “death do us part?” Let’s examine some necessary ingredients.

- 1. Sense of Humor and a Short Memory.** Anyone that has been married for a lengthy period of time can tell you that a sense of humor is certainly required to get through the trials and tribulations of marriage. You had better be able to laugh together, and especially at yourself. When it comes to trouble, keep a short memory; lose the grudges and smile.
- 2. Conflict and Tension.** Say what? That’s right, most healthy marriages require periods of conflict and tension in order to balance the relationship. Like steam escaping from a pot so the pot does not explode. Conflict and tension also serve a role in the sexual relationship (“make-up sex”) of a marriage as well. Love only grows stronger when it has endured a storm.
- 3. Open Communication.** One of the deadliest poisons to a marriage is when the couple has stopped talking. When a couple has a lack of communication, it leads to suspicion and suspicion leads to stress and worse. Married partners should be able to share everything with each other, and through that help each other navigate life successfully.
- 4. Teammates and Partners.** Going hand and hand with communication is the spirit of teamwork and partnership. A couple should balance the best traits of each person to form the best possible team to take on the challenges of marriage, parenthood and life in general. Great teams play to each member’s strengths. The same applies in marriage.
- 5. Rock Solid Trust.** Trust is hard to earn and easy to lose. It must be held as sacred. None among us are perfect and we will make our mistakes, but in a successful marriage, trust must not be broken. It is an enormous leap of faith to align personal destiny equally with another, and without trust in that person you will never make it. You have their back and they have yours; never allow anything to come between. And neither spouse ever lies to each other, no matter how uncomfortable the conversation. Lies are the WMDs to trust.
- 6. Positive Compatibility.** Simply put, sex can’t sustain a relationship long-term. In order to establish an environment where a marriage can reach full potential, it is essential we choose partners with whom we share many compatible traits and values. We have to actually like being with that person. We’re good friends with them. We need to share the same hopes and dreams. Compatibility goes far beyond the bedroom.
- 7. Passion and Commitment.** Passion is a burning desire to be successful at a stated goal. The commitment to do whatever it takes to reach the finish line. It takes great sacrifice by both partners to reach the level of commitment necessary to make a marriage last. We are tested and tempted constantly by other options, and that will not change. Deep passion and unwavering commitment for, and to, the marriage is how you reach a golden anniversary.
- 8. Emotional Security.** This is usually an overlooked aspect of human need. The requirement we have to keep a place where we feel safe and secure from the outside world. A marriage that is working well is just that. The “us against the world” mentality where we feel needed and wanted. When you listen to sports players talk after they win championships, someone will always say, “We closed ranks and it was us against the world.” A successful marriage works the same way.
- 9. Unbreakable Respect.** When two people are in love, they have a mutual respect and desire for each other that overrides any shortcomings and traits in the other person. There is an unbreakable respect and passion for that person. This should last not only when things are going great, but when the hard times come as well. When tragedy strikes or when people change. When respect leaves a marriage, the people involved will usually follow not far behind.
- 10. God-centered.** God must be in the center of each marriage for it to blossom and reach its full potential. Remember, you are a conduit of God’s love for your spouse. When a husband and wife are tapped into the bottomless ocean of the Lord’s grace, love and mercy, they are eager to have that overflow onto each other. Pray for strength, guidance, and wisdom to love each other well.

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



Sunday,
July 27

To our Palm Beach Lakes family,

Your expressions of love to our family during the bereavement of our mother, **Gladys Jackson**, will never be forgotten. It meant more than you know.

In Christian love,
The Jacksons

Harriet Morris sends her thanks and affection for all the help given her to help her go to Marianna to the funeral of her sister. She asks that we remember her in our prayers.

Thanks for your prayers, calls, and cards. I'm doing much better as I continue to heal. - Teresa Williams

LOCAL VISITORS: Arianna Bassett; Daniel, Yurose & Joshua Baudin; Kelvin Brown; Caila Buonadonna; Carmen Dussard; Josh Findley; Lauren Grimaldi; Santana Gunsby; Mrs. Melanie Heitman; Rimma Nikulova; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Mr. & Mrs. Ken Tipton; Mitchell Townsend; and Gina Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Vickie Armstrong, Tampa, FL; the Bassie family, Columbus, GA; Ricky & Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; John & Peggy Daniels, Rebecca & Steven, Folsom, CA; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Ms. Lucille Hanna, Freeport, Bahamas; David & Lisa James, David, Jr., & Micah, Hollywood, FL; Daniel Jenkins; and Herbert Penn, Dania Beach, FL.



Directory Changes

Earl Brown moved to Merritt Island.

Alex & Emily Lane moved to Missouri.

Mary Coombs moved to Port St. Lucie.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (Aug. 3rd)

Rick & Betsy Donahue (Ann.)
Stephen Beliech
Allison Roman
Seth Watson

Thursday (Aug. 7th)

Jeff & Jennifer Goodale (Ann.)
Brad Shelt

Friday (Aug. 8th)

Silas & Debora Lynch (Ann.)
Mary Porter
Gary Seames

Tuesday (Aug. 5th)

Roy & Charlene Knowles (Ann.)
Betty McQuinn
Jennifer Summerlot
Julie Trujillo

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, August 3

Lead Singing Dave McLeod
Opening Prayer Orlando Lolo
Scripture Reading David Thorpe
Presiding at Table Rick Hall
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Rodney Robinson
Pete Brown Brandon Thomas
Jim Davis Rick Tibbetts
Austen Metzkes Ivan Villard, Jr.
Alternates:
Jeff Leslie David Payne
Closing Prayer Bill Ingram, Sr.

Sunday Evening, August 3

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Chad Brown
Scripture Reading Tyrone Toson
Presiding at Table Dan Fuller
Serve at Table:
David Brown
Bobbo Lupo
Mike Trujillo
Closing Prayer Brad Shelt

Wednesday Evening, August 6

Lead Singing Harrison Carter
Extend Invitation Phil Porter
Family Prayer Lawrence Richardson

Our Record

Attendance	July 27	June Avg.
Sun. Bible study	223	240
Sun. A.M. Worship	385	377
Sun. P.M. Worship	179	198
Wed. Bible study	182	200
Contribution	\$14,632	\$14,238
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +14,444		

Ushers for the week of **July 20**: Head Usher: Tim Cox, Jimmie Banks & Les McQuinn

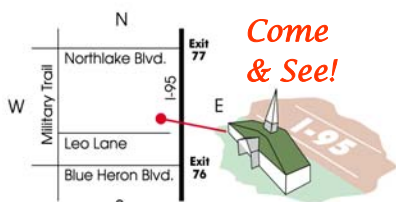


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Service Schedule

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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Upcoming Events

August 10

Promotion Sunday

August 17

Congregational Singing Class at 5:00 p.m.

August 29-31

Science vs. Evolution Seminar with Dr. Jeff Miller

September 14

Blackmer Family "Return from the Mission Field"
Celebration

September 26-28

Live Saved Weekend at CFBC

October 10-12

Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

November 6-9

19th Annual South Florida Lectureship