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PROMOTION



Sunday


Singing class
Sunday,
August 17 at 5:00 p.m.



By Dan Jenkins

The Rich Man and Lazarus—A Parable???

The story of the rich man and Lazarus found in Luke 16 has fascinated Bible students for years. While they lived on this earth, the wealth of one and the poverty of the other was obvious to all. When they both died, their roles were reversed. The beggar was blessed, but he who lived in luxury was tormented in the flames of Hades. Some have asked if they actually lived or if this is a parable of Jesus.

Before dealing with this question we need to define a parable. To do this we must first consider the definition of two words: fables and parables. Both are stories with moral teachings, but what is the distinction between them?

The fables of Aesop are known by many. He lived at least 600 years before the Lord and wrote many stories containing moral truths. Many of them concerned animals. He wrote of wolves, wasps, snakes, dogs, fleas, oxen, flies, dolphins, donkeys, cats, horses, goats, camels, mice, weasels, lions, ants, frogs, bees, sheep, deer, mules, elephants, bears, locusts, chickens, gnats, rabbits, swans, crabs, and geese. In these fables, the animals talked and interacted in conversation with each other and with people they met. *The truth is that these stories never happened, nor could they happen.* They all contain moral truths, but no one, other

Fables and parables teach moral truths. Fables are like imaginary fairy tales.

than small children, would ever think they are factual accounts. Fables are so much like fairy tales.

On the other hand, there are the parables of Jesus. By definition they are “earthly stories with a heavenly meaning.” They concern men building houses, farmers sowing their fields, merchants, fishermen, families and their interactions, and a host of other earthly stories. *Each of these could have happened!* They are vastly different from fairy tales or fables.

So whether the rich man and Lazarus ever lived makes no difference in the truths surrounding them. There are angels who carry the righteous to a place of bliss, and there are either comforts or torments on the other side. There is Hades with its flames and the thirsting for water for those who are there. Some who want to advance the doctrine about the soul sleeping until the resurrection want this story to be a fable, but it is not a fable. But, is it a parable?

Parables often begin with words like, “The kingdom of heaven is like . . .” but Jesus actually said, “There was a beggar named Lazarus.” Jesus said this specific man was at the gates of a rich man. This is far different from fables which could never happen. It has none of the characteristics of fables. Parables could have happened; fables could not. However, it is hard to ignore that Jesus said the beggar Lazarus lived and died. We need to believe what the Lord said about him.



By David Sproule

Thank God for Bible Class Teachers!

One of the largest and most important groups in the church is a collection of unsung heroes, who pour their hearts and souls into their labors, and often go unrecognized for all that they do. To all Bible Class Teachers, who teach our children week in and week out, we thank God for you!

We thank God for Bible Class Teachers because they teach our children the Bible! There are a lot of people teaching our kids a lot of things, but only a very small collection of heroes teaching them the Bible!

We thank God for Bible Class Teachers because they teach our children only the Bible! In some churches, “Bible class time” is filled with a myriad of games and activities that have no Bible connection at all, but it keeps the children entertained for 45 minutes (almost like a babysitting service).

We thank God for Bible Class Teachers because they give and give, sacrificing time and energies, with very little in return! Of course, there are personal satisfactions derived from teaching the Bible and great joy found in serving others, but teachers are some of the hardest working members in the church, spending untold hours in preparations before ever stepping into the classroom to teach.

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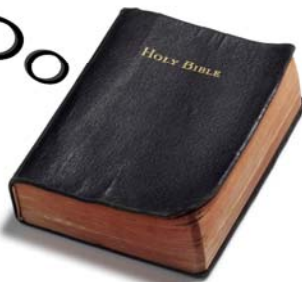
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take on a difficult task and are sometimes “used and abused”! Is there a more difficult task in the church than teaching children? You’d be hard-pressed to find one, especially with kids today. The level of difficulty involved in this endeavor often leads to few volunteers, which usually leads to teachers being called upon more often and asked to teach for longer periods of time. (Side note: We need more teachers!)

We thank God for Bible Class Teachers because they have hearts full of love for children and they long to make a difference in children’s lives! The memories that grown-ups often have of “church when they were a child” are focused on their Bible class teachers. Teachers today are making a lasting impression on the hearts of these kids...maybe an eternal one!

One of the hardest things about being a teacher is the dearth of appreciation that is shown to them. This is not always the case, but often times a teacher will throw themselves into teaching a class (and make all the necessary sacrifices to do it right), but he/she may receive few (if any) expressions of thanks and genuine gratitude. Sometimes all they receive is criticism and complaints.

To all Bible Class Teachers: We may not have done it right in the past and we may fail again in the future, but we want you to know how much we appreciate all that you do for our children, in teaching them the precious Word of God!



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The God of “second chances”

Aren't you glad that your God doesn't condemn you and write you off completely when you make one mistake! Some people might think that of God, but that's not how the Bible depicts our God! If God never gave second chances, then Jesus' words about the “narrow way” would have read like this—“Difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are NONE who find it.”

Throughout the Bible, we read of those who sinned and yet God gave them a “second chance.” Adam and Eve got a second chance. David got a second chance. Peter got a second chance.

The God of love and mercy wants His children to be saved! He wants them to do right! He wants them to succeed! He wants them to go to heaven! (Read those statements again.) Therefore, from the depths of His love and mercy, He will continue to forgive (and forget) the mistakes that we make, as frequently as we acknowledge them and beg His forgiveness (1 John 1:6-10)! Thank God for second chances! – DS

Is your hope a “happy hope”?

Every Christian possesses and is sustained by hope. There is the “hope” of the resurrection from the dead (Acts 23:6; 1 Cor. 15). There is the “hope” of heaven (Col. 1:5; Heb. 6:19). There is the “hope” of eternal life (Tit. 1:2). There is the “hope” of brethren in the presence of Christ (1 Thess. 2:19). There is the “hope” of seeing Christ's return (Tit. 2:13).

Of this last entry, there is to be much anticipation among God's children. We are to “eagerly wait for the Savior” to return (Phil. 3:20). We are not only looking for that day but also “hastening the coming of the day of God” (2 Pet. 3:12). Paul words it this way to his son in the faith, “...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). The hope of Christ's return is not just a hope that we possess—it is to be a blessed hope, or a happy hope. We need to be ones who “love His appearing” (2 Tim. 4:8).

When you consider the hope you have of Jesus' return, is it a happy hope filled with love? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Joyce Barnhouse	recovering at home from her surgeries
Judy Carmack	recovering from oral surgery, in a lot of pain
Richard Haines	recovering at home from blood transfusion
Jerry Hopkins	recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
Ruth Milton	having health issues
Gene Puckett	has diverticulosis
Leigh Puckett	recovering from foot surgery
Lovella Rogers	upcoming eye surgery (8/13)
Norm Smedley	suffering with breathing problems
Linda Studer	cancer surgery on Monday (8/11) at Jupiter Med Ctr
Clayton Trujillo	recovering from oral surgery
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



John McNicol & family upon the passing of Angie McNicol last week. A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday evening

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ed Campbell	Tasha Ellis' stepfather, preleukemia, multiple complications
Craig Clark	Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
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
Susan Schenk	Leesa Schenk's sister-in-law, diagnosed with bone cancer
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, chest surgery
Quinntel Smith, Jr.	Willie & Giselle Smith's infant grandson, St. Mary's NICU
Charles Thomas	Giselle Smith's father, health is failing rapidly

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 Aforgi	Nigeria
Apologetics Press	Montgomery, AL
Mauricio Yegros	Coral Springs, FL



Church Family Calendar of Events

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.

Monday, August 11

- ♦ **NO Monday Night Bible Study** this week.

Tuesday, August 12

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

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, August 22

- ♦ **Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Quinn. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Sunday, August 24

- ♦ **Baby Shower for David & Jessica Santana** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Target & Babies 'R Us. It's a boy!

Friday-Sunday, August 29-31

- ♦ **Science vs Evolution Seminar with Jeff Miller.** See the Welcome Desk in the Lobby for brochures to give to your family & friends.

Friday	7:00-8:30 p.m. <i>Evolution vs. the Laws of Science (Part 1)</i>
Saturday	6:00-8:30 p.m. <i>Evolution vs. the Laws of Science (Part 2)</i> <i>Evolution's Evidence (Part 1)</i>
Sunday	9:00-11:30 a.m. <i>Evolution's Evidence (Part 2)</i> <i>Why Be an Atheist?</i>



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

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.

Saturday, October 18

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



Palm Beach Lakes 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. RSVP to Melinda Price.

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.



Leaving a Legacy

By Josh Blackmer

Abraham started something. Something that influenced people beyond his comprehension. There was a reason why God, in Exodus 3:6, identified Himself to Moses as “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” That family, of whom Moses belonged, had a legacy of following the one true God. It was through that legacy that God would bless all of mankind. How did Abraham start this?

The name “Abraham” brings to mind a dusty Bedouin-type individual whose name means, “father of many nations.” Each one of us has the ability to be the father, or mother, of a legacy of faith. The choices we make, or don’t make, about our families right now WILL affect our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The choice you have today is what kind of affect you want to have on your family. There are some great examples of simple things in the life of Abraham that we can use to keep our family on the path of faith.

“He departed” (Gen. 12:4). God called Abraham for a specific purpose. God promised blessings on him and those that blessed him. He would be a blessing to others by simply following God’s call. In similar fashion, we have been called by the gospel (2 Thess. 2:14). We must to live a “departed” life. As Peter puts it in 1 Peter 2:11, “Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.” We are to live as though we have already left—pilgrims. The book of Hebrews speaks of Abraham’s family as pilgrims (Heb. 11:13). The author says of them, “But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city” (11:16). As an individual and as a family, live a departed life. Teach your children that we are not like “everyone else”—we are different because we seek a heavenly city.

“And Abraham said, my son, God will provide” (Gen. 22:8). He had to believe this to leave his home town and family. He also had to believe this to receive the blessing of Isaac, his son, in his old age. So when God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his attitude was, “God will provide.” Concerning the thoughts of Abraham in that moment, the Bible says, “He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back” (Heb. 11:19, ESV). Isaac’s question was, “Where is the ram for the sacrifice?” Abraham’s answer was that God would provide. Our children will ask about provisions and our response should always be, “God will provide.” We need to live a life of devoted faith that teaches our children dependence in God. “He is faithful that promised” (Heb. 10:23).

“And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac” (Gen. 25:5). The context of this verse is a physical inheritance. We need to think about a spiritual inheritance. Those who are faithful will receive an inheritance from God the Father (Col. 3:24). We need to do all we can, give all we have, put forth 100% effort on behalf of our children, so that they too can receive that inheritance. God gave the Israelites Deuteronomy chapter 6 as a guideline for teaching future generations. The basic premise is to use everyday opportunities to teach about God and our relationship with Him. If you are going to leave a spiritual legacy for your children, there can be nothing more important than Christ and His church. Give them everything, give them heaven.

God started something with Abraham that would last for generations. What has He started with you? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob is your God. Will you give your children and grandchildren every opportunity for Him to be their God?

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



Sunday,
August 3

Your visits, prayers, thoughts, and cards meant so much to mom (**Margie Fortenberry**) while she was home-bound. Thank you doesn't say enough. I was touched by all of your kindnesses. We appreciate the lovely flowers and their expression of sympathy.

Joan, Larry, & Sydney Smith



Congratulations to **Jeff & Jennifer Goodale** on the birth of their son, **Griffin James**, on Thursday, August 7. He weighed 7 lbs, 9 oz.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Peggy DeLaney; Mrs. Chrissy DeStefano; Trinity Damron; Ms. Santana Gunsby; Stephen Livergood; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Mr. & Mrs. Ken Tipton; and Joe Woodfall.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Gail Archer; Mr. & Mrs. Walt Arthur, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Boone, Davenport, FL; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mrs. Thelma Findley, Bladensburg, MD; Elrad Findley, New Carrollton, MD; Isaac Gonzalez, Houston, TX; Patric Keegan, Ft. Pierce, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lupo, Sneedville, TN; Ben, Tresa, Allee, Cameron, & Alesha Shirrell, Stuart, FL; and Stan Taylor, Mr. Vernon, MO.



Sunday (Aug. 10th)

Chris & Brittany Thompson (Ann.)
Phil & Mary Porter (Ann.)
Paulette Cole
Aren Elizee
Loretta Holaday
Dan McLeod
Paul Metzkes
Wesley Williams

Thursday (Aug. 14th)

Mike & Donna Erickson (Ann.)
Aryanna Duhl
Jon Jordan

Friday (Aug. 15th)

Tim & Beth Fry (Ann.)
Buzz Nelson

Saturday (Aug. 16th)

Ross Stone
Tom Martens

Tuesday (Aug. 12th)

Ben Harriott
Loretta James
Margaret Wade

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 10

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Henry Bass
Scripture Reading.....Bob Higbee
Presiding at Table Gary Seames
Serve at Table:
Cornelius Brown Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Doug Carrick Carmen Ruckman
Victor Colage Lawrence Williams
David Payne Marty Williams
Alternates:
Freddie Gadson Richard Lerro
Closing Prayer Jerry Pittman

Sunday Evening, August 10

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Darin Summerlot
Scripture Reading.....Jim Rogers
Presiding at Table..... Chuck Clark
Serve at Table:
Dick Kelley
Rick Price
Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Dave McLeod

Wednesday Evening, August 13

Lead Singing Shea Brown
Extend Invitation..... Jeff Leslie
Family Prayer Chuck Clark

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Aug. 3</u>	<u>July Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	218	229
Sun. A.M. Worship	353	376
Sun. P.M. Worship	172	184
Wed. Bible study	230	204
Contribution	\$14,445	\$13,263
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +15,219		

Ushers for the week of **Aug. 10:** Head Usher: Tim Cox, Grant Fuller & Tommy Pauldo

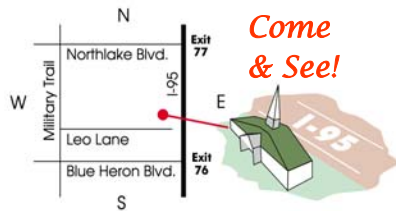


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Service Schedule

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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**Behold, ALL things
have become NEW.**

(2 Cor. 5:17)