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Welcome New Members



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19TH ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA LECTURESHIP



THURSDAY, NOV. 6
7:00–8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7
7:00–9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8
2:00–5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9
9:00 A.M. WORSHIP
10:25 A.M. BIBLE CLASS

PLAN TO ATTEND
EVERY SESSION

FULL SCHEDULE ON WEBSITE



By Dan Jenkins

Some Exercise is Profitable

America seems to be obsessed with physical fitness. There is obvious profit in getting our bodies fit, but when compared to getting our souls fit, there is little profit. Paul said, "Bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things" (1 Tim. 4:8). However, the Bible does show that sometimes running is truly profitable. Look at the following.

"But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside" (Gen. 39:12). Bible students will recognize these words describing how young Joseph dealt with the temptation of sexual sin. He knew what sin was and literally ran from the arms of the woman trying to seduce him. So many lives would be so different if men ran away from sin. Running can be profitable sometimes.

"They ran to the tent; and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver under it" (Josh. 7:22). The Israelites had just come from destroying Jericho. When Achan took God's treasures and hid them in his tent, disaster struck. When it became obvious what Achan had done, righteous men ran to deal with sin. We need to learn the immediate danger of sin and deal with it as soon as possible. We need to learn to run and deal with ungodliness in the midst of His people.

"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that

he may run who reads it" (Hab. 2:2). Habakkuk, the messenger of God, was sent to deliver heaven's message to the Jews. God told him to write the message so plainly that when men heard the message they would immediately flee from the coming judgment. Two points become obvious. First is the importance of Christians clearly presenting God's message. Political correctness never works when it comes to heavenly truths. The second point can never be forgotten. When we learn of the coming judgment of God against sin, we must turn away and run from it. Running can be profitable.

The Bible does show that sometimes running can be truly profitable

"So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah . . ." (Acts 8:30). The man from Ethiopia was seeking for God, and Philip ran to teach him. Think about this for a moment. What is the only response we should have in trying to take the gospel to the lost? Running can be profitable.

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). The Jewish Christians addressed in this book had begun their walk with the Lord so well, but after time passed, their devotion cooled. The Spirit's message to them was to remind them of the only race which truly matters. Hence the words "run with endurance." We must never give up in this race. Running can be profitable.

May we run the race that ends with a crown of life!



By David Sproule

God Did Not Respect Cain

Aretha said that all she was asking for was a little r-e-s-p-e-c-t. Rodney was always saying, "I don't get no respect!" It is something that everyone wants from everyone else: respect! But, what about respect from God? Do we crave and seek the respect that can come to us from God Himself?

There is an interesting statement made about Abel and Cain in Genesis 4. These two sons of Adam and Eve brought an offering to the Lord, and the Lord's dissimilar response to these two offerings is recorded in verses 4 and 5: "The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering." The Lord respected one man and his worship; and the Lord did not respect the other man and his worship. What was the difference?

If there is any respect available on this earth for which I ought to strive daily, it is the unequalled respect that I can have from heaven. Can you believe it? We can have the respect of God? How can we be extended the regard and respect of God? The fact that I need it is unquestioned; the fact that I can receive it is extraordinary; the fact that I must have it requires my utmost attention.

The Lord Himself explains to us the difference between Abel's offering and Cain's offering. We are not left to

surmise or wonder about it. In Hebrews 11:4, we have the divine commentary on Genesis 4. "By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts..." The difference between Abel's accepted (respected) offering and Cain's unaccepted (un-respected) offering was "faith." Abel made his offering "by faith," and evidently, Cain did not. But, what does that mean?

The only way to continue to receive the respect of God as we offer our lives

How was Abel's offering "by faith"? Does that mean it was just his best guess, or he believed in his offering more than Cain believed in his? No. To understand an action done "by faith," we need to know the origin of faith. Paul stated in Romans 10:17, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Abel's offering, to which God had respect, was done by faith, which came when he heard the instructions of God in His Word.

Put this together and we see how we can also be the recipients of heaven's respect. First, we must hear the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). Next, we must have a receptive heart that believes the Word (Rom. 10:9-14). Then, that faith must act (Jas. 2:14-26). It must obey (Rom. 1:5; 16:26). It must do what the Word says (Jas. 1:22-25). This is the only way to receive the respect of God, and it is the only way to continue to receive the respect of God as we offer our lives to Him daily!



By Josh Blackmer

Milestones of Faith

I look forward to seeing them when I drive. They are on the highways or the Florida Turnpike, in every State of the Union and in most countries. They are little reminders along the path that I am closer to my destination. Every mile or every exit off the highway, I am that much closer to home—mile markers.

In ancient times, they were called “milestones.” The Romans built the most elaborate road system of the ancient civilizations. Some sections are still in use today. Take that, FDOT. Along those roads are milestones carved in Latin with the name of the current Caesar and distance to the next town or village. Why are they so important?

Milestones mark the next point on a path or a significant point reached on a journey. When the Hebrews crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land, a memorial was erected with twelve stones. Joshua chapter four records the event. “Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’ then you shall say to them, ‘Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.’ So these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel

forever” (Josh. 4:6-7). These stones marked an important event in the path to the Promised Land and in the lives of those that were present that day. They were so important that they were instructed to teach their children of the event. Those twelve stones were a testament that God gave them access into the Promised Land—something that Joseph saw from a distance (Heb. 11:13, 22). When we look back on our lives, we can see milestones along the way. These milestones, when aligned with the word of God, are part of the life lived in faith. Each milestone prepares us for the next.

The Israelites were not ready to enter the Promised Land when they left Egypt. They had to go through the process of learning to trust in God before they could cross the Jordan with Joshua. The same is true for maturing in the faith. We must be preparing for crossing the Jordan into our promised rest. If our life is lived as a process of faith, then each moment prepares us for the next. So, when we come to the end we can say, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will award me on that day; and not only me, but also to all who have loved His appearing” (2 Tim. 4:7-8). We can meet death as another milestone along the path to our heavenly home.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“Hehe! He finally got what he deserved!”

It is definitely true that “whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” (Gal. 6:7). It is true agriculturally, and it is true personally. This works in two directions: one can reap good from some good he has sown, and one can reap evil from some evil he has sown. When we see someone “reap the evil that he had coming,” sometimes we might get a charge out of that and perhaps “enjoy” that he finally got his comeuppance. But, is that a Christian response?

A child of God is to have “agape love” for all mankind—Christians (1 John 4:7) and non-Christians (Matt. 22:39) alike, even our enemies (Matt. 5:44). Agape love seeks what is best and most needed by the one to whom we extend that Christian love. A Christian who has agape love for all people could hardly “rejoice” at the calamity of others (cf. 1 Cor. 13:4-6). The wise man wrote, “He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished” (Prov. 17:5). Then, “Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; Lest the Lord see it, and it displease Him” (Prov. 24:17-18). So, to snicker or not to snicker? – DS



“Ahhh! Some ‘Me’ Time!”

Have you ever received a pass or coupon or some favor on your birthday? Students might sometimes receive a “homework pass” on their birthday, so that they don’t have to do an assignment. Employees might sometimes get to “go home early” (with pay) on their birthday. Customers will sometimes receive coupons on their birthdays from restaurants or retailers.

Some Christians have brought that way of thinking (i.e., receiving certain favors or rewards on our birthdays) into their Christian walk. I have heard of Christians who decided to take Sunday as a “Day for Me,” to celebrate, relax and “enjoy what I like,” and so they did not attend worship that Sunday. In their minds, it was an “excused absence” for their birthday.

There is nothing unscriptural about celebrating birthdays and receiving favors and rewards. However, when our “celebration” or our “Me Time” overrides our devotion (and obligation) to the One who gave us life, we need to sit down, reflect and earnestly examine ourselves! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Walter Arthur	ICU Step-Down room at St. Mary's, stroke
Joy Cantrell	recovering from her hospitalization
Hattie Daniels	recovering from hospitalization
Pearl El	continued health struggles, fluid around heart
Gary Friedly	recovering from surgery on his hand
Trudie Holland	suffering with pain in her leg
Kasandra Jones	suffering with severe back pain
Lynne Jorgensen	undergoing procedures on her knees
Cassie Lavender	recovering from seizure and concussion
Jean McMasters	recovering from hospitalization
Silas Moses	recovering from a fall
Leigh Puckett	home from the hospital, infection in her face
Jermaine Smith	St. Mary's Hospital (room 2049), surgery on broken leg
Linda Studer	undergoing chemo treatments

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	both kidneys removed

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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



Dick Haines upon the passing of his **granddaughter, Danielle Reed**, last week.

Tasha Ellis upon the passing of her **stepfather, Ed Campbell**, last Sunday.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Torrey Green	Freddie Gadson's nephew, pneumonia, not doing well
Lori Greene	Johnny & Betty Davis' niece, pneumonia, ICU in Alabama
Perry King	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer
Mario Moss	Marcia Clough-Moss' husband, recovering from surgery
Mary Sanders	Betty Sanders' daughter, recovering from brain surgery
Karlvellis Showes	Marie Thorpe's nephew, procedure on mouth
Eddie James Smith	Mary A. Jackson's cousin, pancreatic cancer
A'Gatha Spradlin	Troy Spradlin's mother, recovering from stroke, not well
Charles Thomas	Giselle Smith's father, CCU at West Palm Hospital
Roger Wineinger	Cheryl Ann Wineinger's uncle, recovering from heart attack

Pray for Our Missionaries

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, November 2

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4

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

Wednesday, November 5

- ◆ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. We will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

Thursday-Sunday, November 6-9

- ◆ **19th Annual South Florida Lectureship "Part of the Family."** See the Welcome Desk for a complete schedule of the weekend.

Thursday-Sunday, November 6-9 (cont.)

- ◆ **"Part of the Family" Lectureship Schedule Overview.**

Thursday, Nov. 6	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, Nov. 9	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:25 a.m. Bible Class

Sunday, November 9

- ◆ **College Care Package Item Return Deadline.** Please put items in the Lobby in the designated area. See Skye Brown or Loni Fuller for details.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, November 16

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:00 p.m. in designated rooms.

Sunday, November 23

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake Blvd. RSVP to Joan Holloway.



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Young Adults

Monday, November 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. See Traci Sproule or Cara Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, November 16

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

Thursday, December 4

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dish, and bring an ornament for the exchange.

Saturday, December 13

- ◆ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier.

Sunday, December 21

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

Saturday, January 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



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Youth

Sunday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 15

- ◆ **Sr. High Mini-Golf** from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Meet at the church building. Bring \$20 for dinner and golf. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

Sunday, November 16

- ◆ **Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for the day and meet in the Family Room after worship. Will return around 4:00 p.m.

Friday, November 21

- ◆ **Sr. High Family Devo & Bonfire** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. Bring \$3 per person for food. RSVP to Cindy Nelson.

Saturday, December 6

- ◆ **Jr. High Holiday Party.**

Equipping & Edifying Families



10 Ways to Survive (and Thrive) in a Difficult Marriage

First, it's important that we understand that the concepts of "difficult marriage" and "good marriage" can be compatible. Fact is, the best relationships involve challenge because challenge is typically a prerequisite for experiencing the best.

If your marriage does not involve challenge (and even conflict) then you are, in all likelihood, barely scraping the surface of what is possible in terms of a life-charged relationship. Life is always a work in progress, and so are the best marriages. Use these "10 Ways to Survive (and Thrive) in a Difficult Marriage" as you work out your commitment to create the best relationships possible.

1. Understand that the word "commitment" is the most important element in the meaning of love.

Great relationships are predicated on long-term faithfulness. Time is not just a great healer; time also provides the space we need to work things out.

2. Take a look at this Biology 101 definition of "life" and apply it to your marriage.

- Life is that which distinguishes something vital and functional from something that is dead.
- Life is a force associated with animation, or vigor.
- Life is a state characterized by metabolism, growth, the ability to react, reproduction and constant adaptation via internal change.

3. Tweak your perception.

Real life is challenging and life without challenge is, by definition, "life-less." All of us enjoy a little calm. But try viewing difficulties in your marriage as opportunities to grow. Perception can be reality.

4. Consider the fact that there are always two alternatives to every situation.

We can either elevate the experience...or make it worse. Your response sets the trajectory and sets into motion what is possible.

5. Connect with a support group.

You and your spouse both need to be surrounded by deliberate encouragement and loving accountability. To find that, you need to surround your marriage with couples who are in strong relationships.

6. Commit to positive change – yourself.

The only person you can change in a marriage is yourself. Positive personal growth can be the catalyst for positive change in the relationship.

7. Hold yourself accountable.

Do you want your spouse to change? Change yourself first. When we are willing to be the change we imagine, we have already opened the gate for positive change in our spouse.

8. Never blame.

Resist the urge to blame your husband or wife for difficulties, even when you know you're doing your best. The assignment of blame is always a step backwards.

9. Always affirm.

Don't lie (because insincerity always falls flat). However, when we find positives and then follow them with heart-felt affirmation, we demonstrate both compassion and belief. Belief is a strong asset to a marriage.

10. Love with increasing eloquence.

Always aim to raise your own game. Love your spouse with creativity and energy. Love with the heart of a servant.

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



Sunday,
October 26

Thank you so very much for all the wonderful cards, calls, and prayers during my sickness with shingles. You are truly my family.

In Christian love,
Joan Holloway

LOCAL VISITORS: Kendra Carver; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Bradlie Glassman; Lauren Grimaldi; Ionel Ionescu; Beulah Francois; Mr. Andres Lopez; Mario Moss; Michael Staley; and Miss Kimberly Traxler.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss Squandeina Davis; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Mrs. Elaine Dilbeck, St. Augustine, FL; Mrs. Marcia Farr, Palm City, FL; Ken Gibson, Buford, GA; Mr. Gerry Griffin, Madison, AL; Mr. Cornelius Henderson, III & Mr. Pervis Henderson, Boynton Beach, FL; Mrs. Tracy Jamison, Boynton, Beach, FL; Mrs. Debbie King, Jacksonville, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Lee, Hopkinsville, KY; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Mrs. Angie Robertson, Glen Rose, TX; Ron Wilkins, Pollock, LA; and Ms. Tori Williams & family, Tallahassee, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

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| <u>Sunday (November 2nd)</u>
Trish Clark
Isolyn Sinclair | <u>Thursday (November 6th)</u>
Flo Aristy
Trudie Holland |
| <u>Tuesday (November 4th)</u>
Chad Brown
Richard Lerro
Phil Porter | <u>Friday (November 7th)</u>
Jim & Jo Ann Rogers (Ann.) |
| <u>Wednesday (November 5th)</u>
Brent Leslie | <u>Saturday (November 8th)</u>
Kay Fish |

- Andrew Jenkins
- Dale Jenkins
- Dan Jenkins
- Gary Jenkins
- Jeff Jenkins
- Jonathan Jenkins
- Mona Jenkins

News & Notes

Our Midweek Services will be held on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship. We will not meet on Wednesday, November 5.

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, November 2

- Lead Singing Dave McLeod
- Opening Prayer Dan McLeod
- Scripture Reading..... Henry Bass
- Presiding at TableOrlando Lolo
- Serve at Table:
- Derrick Banks David Lord
- Chuck Clark Les McQuinn
- Bobby Ingraham Jim Rogers
- Dick Kelley David Thorpe
- Alternates:
- Gene Puckett Ken Tipton
- Closing Prayer Bill Ingram, Sr.

Sunday Evening, November 2

- Lead SingingJerry Pittman
- Opening Prayer Brad Shelt
- Scripture Reading..... Marty Williams
- Presiding at Table..... Jim Davis
- Serve at Table:
- Paul Batitsky
- Austin Metzkes
- Ivan Villard, Jr.
- Prayer..... Darin Summerlot

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Oct. 26</u>	<u>Sept. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	250	209
Sun. A.M. Worship	360	341
Sun. P.M. Worship	189	173
Wed. Bible study	197	199
Contribution	\$15,154	\$13,174
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +21,192		

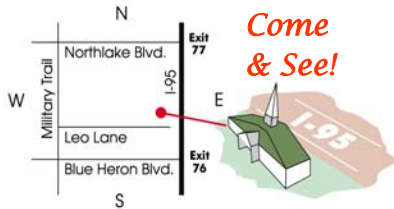
Ushers for the week of **Nov. 2** Head Usher: Victor Colage, Tim Fry & Jonathan Jordan



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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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LESSONS FOR ADULTS:

The Family Who's Been Born Again
The Family Whose Love Knows No End
The Family Who's Together in Sunshine & Rain
The Family Who's On Its Way Home

The Family Who...Seeks the Lost Souls Together
The Family Who...Restores the Wayward Sheep Together
The Family Who...Bridges the Generation Gap Together
The Family Who...Praises the Almighty God Together

The Family Who...Encourages Like Barnabas
The Family Who...Rejoices Like Paul
The Family Who...Serves Like Phoebe
The Family Who...Perseveres Like Paul

The Family Who...Loves Like Jesus
The Family Who...Forgives Like Jesus
The Family Who...Prays Like Jesus
The Family Who...Sacrifices Like Jesus

LESSONS FOR TEENS:

The Family Who...Pursues Purity
The Family Who...Honors Honesty
The Family Who...Serves Selflessly
The Family Who...Reveres Reverence