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## New 10-Week Bible Class Session Begins March 29

## Adults, Sr. High & Jr. High (2<sup>nd</sup> 10 Weeks)

SUNDA	AY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M. (M	Iar. 29-May 31)
Auditorium	Genesis (Part 2)	Dan Jenkins
Adult 1	Miracles of Jesus	Richard Watson
Adult 2	Fundamentals of the Faith (Part 2)	David Sproule
Adult 3	Young Adults: Ephesians	Brad Shelt
Sr. High	Sr. High: Romans & Galatians	Josh Blackmer
Jr. High	Jr. High: Genesis	Victor Colage

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M. (Apr. 1-June 3)

Auditorium	Survey of the New Testament (Part 2)	David Sproule
Adult 1	Bible Geography	Dan Jenkins
Adult 3	The Providence of God	Douglas Alvarenga
Adult 2	Ladies: You Can Be Beautiful	Cara Blackmer
Sr. High	Sr. High: Christian Evidences	Nate Nelson
Jr. High	Jr. High: Parables & Prayers of Jesus	Cam Crotts



By Dan Jenkins

## **Staggering Promises**

When Paul said that God "calls those things which do not exist as though they did" (Rom. 4:17), he laid the foundation for all that is involved in hope. Hope enables us to see the invisible. The apostle also said, "Hope that is seen is no longer hope" (Rom. 8:24). We do not walk by sight, but by a faith

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rooted in what God has promised. Things we are unable to see physically are seen through the eyes of faith as clearly as though they did. This truth is best understood by looking at Abraham's hope.

God's promises to Abraham were staggering, but not to Abraham. How was it possible that a man well beyond the age most men have children Christ, consider and a woman whose age gave no hope of ever giving Abraham's hope birth would be parents so late in life? Yet, when God promised this would happen, "Abraham staggered not at the promise of God" (Rom. 4:20, KJV).

God's promises are staggering to most. Atheists mock our faith by saying, "Do not give me my pie in the sky by and by. I want my pie before I die." The ancients said, "Let us eat, drink for tomorrow we die" (1 Cor. 15:32). This view of life might bring momentary "pleasure," but the future is filled with hopelessness. His promises are also staggering to those with weak faith, but Abraham's faith was strong (Rom. 4:19).

God's staggering promises allow the faithful to ignore external circumstances. In the midst of adversity, many turn their attention to their problems, but this was not the focus of the hope on which Abraham made life's choices. The Bible said that he did not consider the "facts" and did not waver in unbelief (Rom. 4:19-20). Instead of looking outward, he looked upward. The hope that governed Abraham is the same hope we have when we anchor our faith in Christ.

> God's staggering promises are tied to the nature of God. Abraham knew that what God had promised He was able to perform. Throughout the Bible, the faithfulness of God is affirmed eleven times, but it is implied in every dealing mankind has with Him. God says it, and that settles it! When we embrace His faithfulness our view of life and its problems are drastically changed.

God's promises have never failed, not even one time. When the Jews had conquered Canaan, the Divine record said, "Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass" (Josh. 21:45). Not even one word! This is why we can anchor our hope in the Lord and trust every single promise He has made. Anchor your faith in Him, and then when you come to the end of your life, you can look back and know that not a single word of all his promises have failed! Anchor your hope in Him!



### "He Saw Them"

Do you know the verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous"? Is that verse in the Old Testament or the New Testament? Regardless of which answer you gave to that question, you're right. We know it best from 1 Peter 3:12, "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous." When

Peter wrote that, he was quoting from Psalm 34:15, "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous." Does that reality give you comfort? Imagine the

Imagine that you lived during the lifetime of Jesus, when the Lord God took on flesh. Imagine the literal, human eyes of the Lord falling on you and how that would make you feel. For even in that day, the eyes of the Lord Jesus fell on those who were His people. Imagine Him looking at you.

One of my favorite instances is when Jesus "saw them straining at rowing" (Mark 6:48). On this occasion, Jesus was on a mountain alone (Matt. 14:23), in the middle of the night (Mark 6:48), during a great storm (John 6:18), and His disciples were three to four miles out in the sea (John 6:19), straining at rowing (Mark 6:48). In the midst of all this turmoil, storms and troubles, "He saw them." Do you know that "the eyes of the Lord are on you" in the struggles and storms of life? What a comfort!

During the last week of His life, Jesus was teaching in the temple and watched as "the people put money into the treasury" (Mark 12:41). A poor widow, living in poverty, came and "out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood" (12:44). Can you imagine what must have been going through her mind? Not just on that day, but every day of her life, as she struggled day in and day out to survive. Luke tells us that "He saw" her "putting in two mites" (Luke 21:2). What

> a hard life she was living. No one seemed to care. But, the Lord did! He saw her! He saw her life's struggles! He saw her generosity! What a comfort!

> There are numerous other occasions in the life of Jesus when "He saw" people in various circumstances. There was the day when four men broke through a roof to lower their paralyzed friend down to Jesus, and "He saw their faith" (Luke 5:20). There

was the day "when He saw the multitudes" and "was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). There was the time when, while He was escaping an attempted stoning by the Jews, "He saw a man who was blind from birth" (John 8:59-9:1).

Today, it is no different. Jesus is still living. And, He still sees what is happening in your life and in your heart. Take comfort knowing that as "He saw them," He also sees you!



## Are you a Christian?

His name is Christian. He has a wife, but there are troubles. There are issues in the relationship, and they are currently separated. He has a son living with him—he is 5. Christian loves his son very much. His heart is heavy—something many of us can relate to. By Josh Blackmer His friends counsel him, "Talk with Josh.

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Study the Bible with Josh." So, there we sat. Late at night in a dimly lit room with the Bible open.

He began, and I listened. He opened up about what was hurting him and asked, "What does the Bible say about that?" So, we read the Bible. We read in Philippians 4:6-13 (the 23rd Psalm of the New Testament) that we are to be "anxious for nothing." We read about trusting in God and thinking on things from above. We read about how we can find contentment in any situation and that with God we can.

We then went to Colossians 3:1-15 and read that finding peace starts with a resurrection and getting rid of the old man and replacing it with the new. We read about what the new man looks like in Christ. We then went to Romans 6:1-6 and talked about what it means to be resurrected with Christ in baptism. We read about the death that takes place and resurrection that we can have in Christ.

We went to Psalm 1 and read about the man that meditated on the law of the Lord day and night. We went to Proverbs 1:1-7. There we read about what Solomon wanted for his sons and how we can find it through a respect for God.

He then asked, "What should I do for my son?" I told him that he already knew he needed to be in Christ. That he needs to make that important in his own life. I told him his son needs to see that it is important to you. He needs to see you

> pray, and he needs to see you read the Bible. He needs to know that the Bible is the only guide for your family. And, you need to love him and show him that God loves him. He said he could do that. We ended the study with a prayer, and he said that it had helped him. He said, "You have no idea how timely you being here is." He has some things to think about as he processes all that was discussed.

> Why would I tell that story? It is not about me or my glory. It isn't really about Christian either. His is

just the name with the story. We all know a "Christian" that needs the same message. Many of us have been in Christian's place. Not the same details but in a place with a heavy heart needing to hear a message from God. You have something so precious in your hands when you hold the Bible. You have no idea how timely it is. My prayer for all the "Christians" out there is that they would turn to God and seek Him.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

## The finger of God

During the ministry of Jesus on this earth, demons—who were under the sway of Satan, "the ruler of the demons" (Luke 11:15)—were permitted, by God, a certain (but limited) exercise over individuals. The purpose of allowing demonpossession seemed to be to prove Jesus' power and authority over all things, including the spirit realm (cf. Matt. 12:28; Mark 1:27). Demon-possession ceased when the age

for the Day But the focus of this article is on one expression of Jesus about His Divine power over evil. The Son of God said, "But if I cast out demons with the finger of God..." (Luke 11:20). Think about that. How much power does God have over the devil, over evil, over the power of darkness? So much power that with the "flick of His finger," He can dismiss them.

of miracles ceased (Zech. 13:2; 1 Cor. 13:8-12).

What's the point for us? Our God has the power, just in His finger, to thrust Satan aside from troubling us! Have you asked Him to do that lately? "Deliver me from the evil one!" -DS

## **Giving Him what He wants**

Did you ever receive a gift that you didn't want? Why didn't you want it? Each person has their own tastes, likes, preferences, etc. If a sushi-lover excitedly gives his favorite sushi to a sushi-hater, it does not mean that the gift will be as excitedly received as it was given. For a gift to be appropriate, it must take into account the receiver's tastes, likes, preferences, etc.

> Do you think a gift has ever been given to God that He didn't want? Read passages like Isaiah 1:11-17 and Amos 5:21-27, and you'll discover that God has rejected gifts that man has offered to Him. Yet, there is another kind of gift that can be "a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable

sacrifice, well pleasing to God" (Phil. 4:18). What's the difference? If someone offers to God a gift (or a worship), how could God reject a well-intentioned, heart-felt, personallyvalued gift?

God must be regarded as holy (Lev. 10:3). All that we offer to Him must be holy (Rom. 12:1). Our gifts to Him must be what He wants, and not what we think He would or should want! -DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## **Pray for These PBL Members**

**Dee Catanzaro** recovering from eye surgery

Sandy Colage Good Samaritan Hospital (room 484)

**Terry Denton** Jupiter Med. Ctr. (room 343), diverticulitis, heart issues

Margaret Griffo under on-going Hospice Care

Richard Haines PBG Medical Ctr. (room 211), knee replacement surgery

Margie Hardin upcoming gallbladder surgery

**Shirley Hopkins** recovering at home from broken rib

Jean McMasters St. Mary's Hospital (room 2211), recovering from stroke

**Ruth Milton** suffering with severe back pain

**Harriet Morris** recovering at home from hospitalization

**Chuck Reeves** scheduled for two cataract surgeries in May

Mary Reeves suffering with neck & back pain, scheduled for epidurals

Cathy Seay dealing with blood pressure issues

Julie Williams scheduled for surgery on April 10



ympathy is extended to... Troy Spradlin, upon the passing of his mother, A'Gatha Spradlin, in Texas last week.

#### **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** 

## **Pray for Our Shut-Ins**

dialysis treatments

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

## **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

Brad Costello
Sue Shelt's son-in-law, recovering from appendectomy

Jermaine Cox
Willie & Mattie Cox's son, hospitalized for asthma attack

Lyle Fjelsted
Micky Affron's uncle, diagnosed with bone cancer

Joung Hutson
Daniel Swayne's sister-in-law, stage 4 stomach cancer

Brenda Lendsey
Debora Lynch's sister, chemo for lymphoma

Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again

Janice Persecky
Amanda Fetting's grandmother, hospitalized last week

## **Pray for Our Missionaries**

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

# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Monday, March 23

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

#### Tuesday, March 24

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- Family Group 3 Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Bring drinks or chips.

#### Friday-Sunday, March 27-29

 Singles' Retreat at CFBC. Cost is \$40 per person. See the bulletin board for more details.

#### Sunday, March 29

- Adult Mission Trip to Paraguay Meeting after morning worship in Adult 1 for those interested in going and to receive more details about the trip. See Josh Blackmer for details.
- 5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby during evening assembly.

#### Sunday-Wednesday, March 29-April 1

 Revival Meeting hosted by Third Street. Various men will be speaking on "The Unity of the Spirit" each night (Monday-Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. See the bulletin board for more details.

#### Monday, March 30

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

#### Tuesday, March 31

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- Family Group 4 Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Bring drinks or chips. Please carpool.

#### Sunday, April 5

- Adult Mission Trip to Paraguay Payment Deadline.
   Please give your payment to Josh Blackmer.
- Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.



#### Friday, March 27

 Young Adult Movie Night & Food Truck Invasion at 6:30 p.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park. The movie (Guardians of the Galaxy) will begin at 8:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

#### Saturday, April 4

Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m.

#### Monday, April 6

 Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Traci will provide the main dish. Bring sides, salad, bread or a dessert to share.

#### Saturday, April 18

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

#### Sunday, April 19

• Young Adult Meeting after evening worship in Adult 3.



#### Sunday, March 22

- Jr. High Family Devo after evening worship in the Family Room.
- Sr. High Devo after evening worship.

#### Saturday, March 28

 Jr. High & Sr. High Fun & Games from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the building. Come and enjoy carnival games together. Food and prizes included. See Mike or Julie Trujillo for more details.

#### Saturday, April 4

• Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. High youth at 10:30 a.m. Young Families, sign up on the bulletin board to bring a food. Jr. High arrive at the building at 9:45 a.m. Bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs (no chocolate; it will melt).

#### Friday-Sunday, April 9-13

 Sr. High Trip to Makin' Music. See Skye Brown for more details.

## **April 2015**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 b Taylor Reeves	<b>2</b> b Lorena Pittman	<b>3</b> b Giselle Smith	4  ☆ Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under ☆ Young Adult Devo b Major Roman
5  ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit ☆ Paraguay Mission Trip Payment Due b Joycelyn Harriot b Elizabeth Summerlot	6 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night	7 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting b Kristen Fuller b Lauren Fuller	8 b Micky Affron b Jean Archer b Zula Garrett b Nadia King	<b>9</b> b Regina Mayne	10 a Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna b Anthioda Charles b Jennifer Higbee b Rose Martens b Stephanie Weeks	11
Summerior				Sr. High	Trip to Makin' Music	(9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> )
12  ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Bill & Inell Ingram b Kaylani Carmona	13 b Marcia Clough- Moss	14 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting	15	16  ☆ Ladies' Day with Celine Sparks	17 b Joseph Charles	18  ☆ Young Adult Service Project a Jerry & Shirley Hopkins b Loni Fuller
19  ☆ Troy Spradlin Mission Report ☆ Young Adult Meeting b Katie Wagner	<b>20</b> b Tommy Pauldo	21  ☆ Family Group 3  Meeting  b Kay Richardson	a Steward & Rowena Lynch b Jeremy Maloney b Amber Villard	23	24	25 ☆ Sr. High Bible Bowl b Bethany Bertram b Margaret Griffo
					Father Son Retrea	t at CFBC (24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> )
26  ☆ Mount Dora Supply Deadline  ☆ Jr. High Family Devo  ☆ Sr. High Devo b Helen Burney b Rick Hall b Ivan Villard	a Jordan & Marsha Beasley b Jessica Gibbins	28 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting b Kane Campbell	29 b Beth Fry	<b>30</b> b Pearl El		

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



Thank you for your prayers. All went well for my husband's surgery (**Thomas Frederick**) and his recovery is going well. We thank God for the love you all showed in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ, Rita Frederick (Haverhill)



The Mount Dora Supply Truck will be coming the week of April 26. A list of supplies needed can be found in the Lobby or you may donate Wal-Mart or SAMs gift cards. Please place donated supplies in the designated area in the Lobby.



Sunday, March 15

LOCAL VISITORS: David, Yurose, Yves & Joshah Baudin; Angelica Castro. Mr. Jean Charles; Terry & Regina Crews; Mrs. Maxine K. Griggs; J. & Mark Lombardi, Nickolas & Molly; Morris McDaniel; Lynn Parker; Ms. Christine Passavanti; Angel Santiago; and Michael Staley.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Carson, Kristin, & Caroline Freund, Brentwood, TN; Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Ms. Monique Leblanc, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick LaConte, Stuart, FL; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Don Mahaney, Vienna, WV; Clint Neel, Pegram, TN; Mr. & Mrs. James Nixon, Will & Allie, Nashville, TN; Laddie & Joan Owens, Dyersburg, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Williams, Nashville, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Guy Wood, Prattville, AL.



Sunday (March 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Joe Quigley

Monday (March 23<sup>rd</sup>)
Major & Allison Roman (Ann.)

**Betty Sanders** 

Thursday (March 26<sup>th</sup>)

Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham (Ann.)

Thursday (March 26<sup>th</sup>) cont.

Matthew King Carmen Ruckman

Friday (March 27<sup>th</sup>)
Danielle Carter
Jerry Hopkins
Jerry Pittman

#### **Those to Serve**

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

If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u>
If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

#### Sunday Morning, March 22

Lead Singing	Jud Davis
Opening Prayer	Charles Hayes
Scripture Reading	Jim Davis
Presiding at Table	Chris Thompson
Serve at Table:	
Henry Bass	Vincent Rogers
Mike Erickson	Chris Thomas
Dick Kelley	Kevin Weeks
Kenneth Long	Marty Williams
Alternates:	
Richard Lerro	Jerry Pittman

Closing Prayer ...... Brent Leslie

#### Sunday Evening, March 22

Lead Singing	Dan McLeod			
Opening Prayer	Dirk Summerlot			
Scripture Reading	Eugene Williams			
Presiding at Table	Kane Campbell			
Serve at Table				
Andy Griffiths				
John Kemp				
TBD				
Prayer	Tom Martens			
Wednesday Evening, March 25				
Lead Singing	Ivan Villard			
Invitation	Austin Metzkes			
Family Prayer	Nate Nelson			

### **Our Record**

Attendance	Ma	r. 15	Feb. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	,	258	215
Sun. A.M. Wors	hip	369	360
Sun. P.M. Wors	hip	231	186
Wed. Bible stud	ly	226	212
Contribution	\$16	,010	\$14,572

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Ushers for the week of Mar 22: Head Usher: Freddie Gadson; Gene Puckett & Adam Seal



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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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