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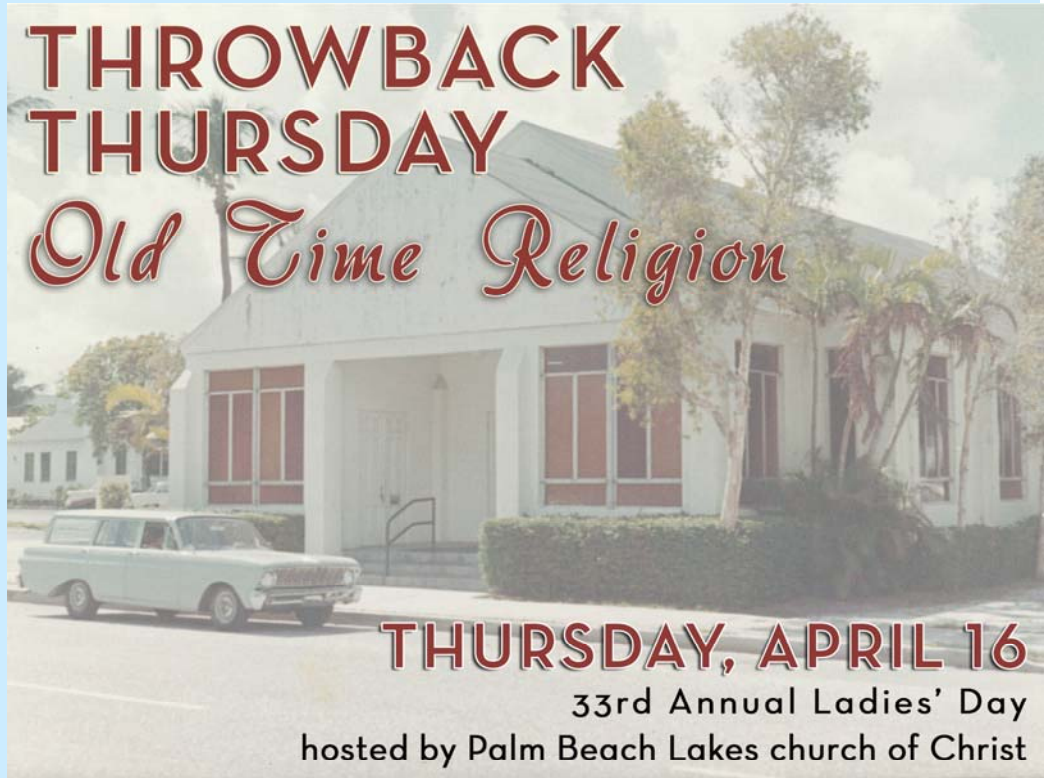


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THROWBACK THURSDAY
Old Time Religion



THURSDAY, APRIL 16
 33rd Annual Ladies' Day
 hosted by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ



Guest Speaker:

Celine Sparks (Huntsville, AL)

- 5:45 p.m. Registration
- 6:00 p.m. Opening Comments
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner Served by PBL Men
- 7:30 p.m. Lesson: "Old Time Religion"



By Dan Jenkins

We Need More “Timothys”

We need as many “Timothys” in the church as we possibly can have—both young men and young ladies. These young people are becoming spiritual leaders in the church. “Timothys” just do not accidentally happen. To understand the part you play in their growth, consider the influences in the life of Timothy, Paul’s young companion.

“Timothys” are made because of the influence of parents and grandparents. Paul’s son in the faith came from an unusual background. From early childhood, there was the influence of his mother and grandmother (2 Tim. 3:15; 1:5). His father was a pagan, yet such did not keep Lois and Eunice from shaping his life. The home shapes the lives of all of us.

“Timothys” are made because of the influence of congregations they attend. When Paul decided to take Timothy with him on his second missionary journey, the brethren at Lystra and Iconium spoke highly of him (Acts 16:2). Imagine how Timothy must have felt knowing that many brethren would stand up and support him. Lois and Eunice knew of his faith and, as he grew, others saw it.

“Timothys” are made because of the influence of elders. We know very little of the details of that time when the eldership laid their hands on young Timothy, but that influ-

ence of church leaders had to shape his life tremendously (1 Tim. 4:14). When Paul and Barnabas were sent out as missionaries, the church laid hands on them to signify the importance of their work (Acts 13:3), and perhaps this same thing happened to Timothy. Even without knowing the details we can see the important role elders played in his life.

“Timothys” are made because of the influence of preachers. Paul taught Timothy the gospel, and he was the first preacher who molded the young man’s life. He also knew Barnabas, Silas, Sopater, Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius, Tychicus and Trophimus (Acts 20:4). These men traveled with Paul and Timothy and no doubt were part of Timothy’s growth.

“Timothys” are made because of the influence of members of the church. Timothy knew Lydia, the jailor at Philippi, Aquila, Priscilla, Crispus, Sosthenes, Gaius and a host of unnamed Christians in every church he visited. His life is such a vivid illustration of the importance of every member shaping the lives of younger Christians.

“Timothys” are being made in the church today. Take time to pray and think about the role you can play in being part of this great work today at this congregation. Get involved in the lives of our young people. The destiny of the church lies in their hands. They need your influences on them!

Get involved in the lives of our young people. They need your godly influence.



By David Sproule

The Blessing of a Sun Shower

Sun showers are an interesting phenomenon. It can be an otherwise bright and sunny day, but it just so happens that it is raining where you are. *What’s up with that!* Or you might look at another way: it is lightly raining but look at the beautiful colors on this sunny day. The difference is one of perspective: do you focus on the rain or do you focus on the sun?

The Christian life is not unlike this phenomenon. Sometimes the day is bright with some rain, and sometimes the day is rainy with some sun. It’s all a matter of perspective and where you put your focus. Let me suggest to you to put your focus on the Son, even in the midst of the showers.

In the midst of the showers of temptation, the Son is our way of escape! The devil is in the business of deceit and enticement; his primary objective is to lure you into one of his traps. When you think that the devil is going to overpower you, change your perspective and look to the Son, for “He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4). Remember that the Son will “make the way of escape” (1 Cor. 10:13) in the showers of temptation!

In the midst of the showers of troubles, the Son is our ever-present companion! Sometimes life seems like one trial after another. Someone says, “I’m like a magnet for prob-

lems.” Or, “If something can go wrong, it will.” The Christian is not exempt from suffering and tribulation. But, when you think that all the hardships of life are raining down on you, change your perspective and look to the Son, for He is ready for “all your anxieties” (1 Pet. 5:7). Remember that the Son, as your ever-present companion, “will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5) in the showers of troubles!

In the midst of the showers of grief, the Son is our wonderful counselor! The pain of losing someone dear to us never really leaves us! When your heart is aching, when you feel all alone, and when you feel like your family and friends have “moved on,” change your perspective and look to the Son, for He is the “friend who sticks closer than a brother” (Prov. 18:24). Remember that the Son is the “Wonderful Counselor” (Isa. 9:6) in the showers of grief!

In the midst of the showers of sin, the Son is our personal advocate! As a Christian, we don’t want to sin, but we do. Sometimes the guilt of our sin causes us to want to give up. When you think you can’t go on, change your perspective and look to the Son, “since He always lives to make intercession” (Heb. 7:25). Remember that the Son is our personal “Advocate with the Father” (1 John 2:1-2) in the midst of sin!

Sun showers are usually brief and light. So are the showers of life (in perspective). Keep your focus on the Son!

Sometimes the day is bright with some rain, and sometimes rainy with some sun.



By Josh Blackmer

In the Valley of Elah

There he stood in the valley of Elah (1 Sam. 17). The grassy plains swaying in the breeze as the day passed into evening. There were five smooth stones in his shepherd's bag. He could feel the weight of the bag against his leg and the smooth wood of the staff in hand. In his right hand, he held the leather sling that he had practiced with since childhood. Before him stood a giant of a man taunting him. Perhaps young David thought, "Who do you think I am! I am a servant of the Most High God!"

There were a lot of events in David's life that led up to this critical moment. In 1 Samuel 16:12-13, David was anointed by God. David also had a reputation. "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the LORD is with him" (1 Sam. 16:18). This reputation may have come from killing the wild beasts that came after his father's sheep, the lion and the bear (1 Sam. 17:34-37).

We do not know why he was not in the army. We can assume that he was under the legal age of 20 (Num. 1:3) to be in military service. His father sends him to the front with food for his brothers and the captain of his brothers. There he learns of the tauntings of Goliath. After voicing his opinion and

asking questions, he was taken before King Saul. Perhaps just hours after convincing Saul and trying on the king's armor, he stood in the valley with Goliath. Armored with the conviction of faith he had in God and his familiar weapons, he ran head-long into mortal combat with the most feared warrior of the day and won.

Today, you may be standing in your own valley of Elah. You may be at a critical moment in your life where you must use the lessons learned by faith and trust in your conviction of God and who He is. Or, you may be currently learning those lessons and preparing for when the day comes that you must stand in that valley.

Whenever you find yourself in that moment, think on these things: "I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken" (Psa. 16:8). "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (Psa. 18:2) "The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread" (Psa. 27:1)? "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?" We need to have the courage to say, "Who do you think I am! I am a child of the most high God" (Rom. 8:31)!

"I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"When all is said and done..."

The expression, "when all is said and done," is often used to "cut to the chase" and state the conclusion of a matter. The idea is, "When all is said and done, here's what is left." When all is said and done, what will be the end result? Think about this for a moment.

When all is said and done, what will I have said in people's lives that will have made a positive difference? When all is said and done, what will I have said in people's lives that will have helped them along life's pathway toward heaven? When all is said and done, what will I have done to save lost souls? When all is said and done, what will I have done to encourage and restore struggling Christians? When all is said and done, what will others remember about what I've said and done? When all is said and done, what will God remember about what I've said and done? When all is said and done, will I have said and done all that I needed to say or do?

There will come a time when the saying and doing in this list will be over. What then? – DS

The biggest thing you've ever seen!

What is the biggest thing you've ever seen in person? The space shuttle? The Sears Tower? Michigan Stadium? The Grand Canyon? Mount Everest? Relative to other "things," all of those are pretty big. Of course, they are dwarfed by the earth, the sun, our solar system, our galaxy, our universe, etc. But, is there something that equally dwarfs those astronomical bodies?



The Apostle Paul wanted all saints to be "able to comprehend...what is the width and length and depth and height" of "the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge" (Eph. 3:18-19). Can you comprehend that? How big is the love of Christ? It is so wide that it reaches every man! It is so long that it doesn't have an end! It is so deep that it can reach the lost soul in the lowest abyss of guilt! It is so high that it can exalt you into the presence of God!

Now, what's the biggest thing you've ever seen again? You've seen and experienced the love of Christ in person! Nothing is bigger, better, bolder or brighter! How blessed are you! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Joy Cantrell	recovering at home from hospitalization
Sandy Colage	finished cancer treatments, doing better
Dianne Frye	suffering with back problems
Richard Haines	Manor Care Rehab (room 125-B)
Margie Hardin	upcoming gallbladder surgery
Joe Holland	suffering with severe pain in back and legs
Mary A. Jackson	suffering with back pain
Ruth Milton	suffering with pain in knees
Leigh Puckett	Wellington Regional (room 304-A)
Mary Reeves	recovering from eye procedure, dealing with back pain
Julie Williams	recovering from surgery

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	dialysis treatments

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Jefferey Byrd	Cheryl Floyd's brother, recovering from bypass surgery
Lyle Fjelsted	Micky Affron's uncle, diagnosed with bone cancer
Maebelle Hancock	Turkessa Fernander's aunt, recovering from a stroke
Joung Hutson	Daniel Swayne's sister-in-law, stage 4 stomach cancer
Halie Nora Jenkins	Gary & Jacqui Jenkins' granddaughter, in NICU, improving
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, recovering from knee surgery

Remember
Our Mission Works

Paraguay
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, April 12

- ◆ **No Youth & Family Singing.** Will resume next month.

Monday, April 13

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 14 (cont.)

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Bring drinks or chips.

Thursday, April 16

- ◆ **Ladies' Day at Palm Beach Lakes.** Celine Sparks of Huntsville, AL will be speaking on *"Throwback Thursday: Old Time Religion."*

5:45 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m.	Opening Comments
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Served by PBL Men
7:30 p.m.	Lesson: <i>"Old Time Religion"</i>

Friday, April 17

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ally Alberga. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, April 19

- ◆ **Troy Spradlin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.

Monday, April 20

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21

- ◆ **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, April 24-26

- ◆ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$35 per person.

Sunday, April 26

- ◆ **Mount Dora Children's Home Supply Supply Deadline.** A supply list can be found on the Welcome Desk.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

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.

Saturday, April 25

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Bible Bowl.** Use the Romans "Studying Through the Bible" questions in the Lobby to prepare. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, May 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Monday, May 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brittany Thompson.

Sunday, May 17

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.



Palm Beach Lakes

Youth

Sunday, April 12

- ◆ **No Youth & Family Singing.** Will resume next month.

Saturday, April 25

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Bible Bowl.** Use the Romans "Studying Through the Bible" questions in the Lobby to prepare. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, April 26

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See David or Traci Sproule for details.

Friday-Saturday, May 1-2

- ◆ **Evangelism Training for Youth with Lonnie Jones.** See Josh Blackmer for details. Volunteers are needed to provide housing for boys & girls and to bring cookies & drinks. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Sunday, May 10

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

Equipping & Edifying Families

5 Ways of Dealing with Stress to Stay Cool



Stress strains relationships. Stress makes parenting significantly more difficult. Stress has serious health ramifications. Stress kills. Do we have your attention?

We're cognizant of stress and the dangers it presents to our health, our psychological wellbeing, and our families, yet we persist in an approach to life, and parenting, that plays fast and loose with stress and its consequences. Here are 5 Ways of Dealing with Stress to Stay Cool.

- 1. Reprioritize.** We like what our friend Bob did when he turned down a promotion that meant a move. This let the kids stay in the neighborhood, schools, and church they enjoyed with a sense of mutual commitment. Extra money versus a family-friendly life is always a choice worth thinking about.
- 2. Take a step toward health.** As a family, make the commitment to nurture both a healthy lifestyle and a healthy budget. We can move toward both by taking small steps. The benefits, in terms of stress reduction, are not only cost-effective but future cost-saving.
- 3. Nurture primary relationships.** That feud you're having with your co-worker may well be killing you. Putting off counseling with your wife is raising your blood pressure and costing you sleep. Being at odds with your kids is giving you an upset stomach—not to mention the irritability.
- 4. Manage media consumption.** Too much media consumption not only causes stress; it disrupts sleep patterns, family relationships, and productivity. That's both you and the kids. Make a plan, and then stick with it.
- 5. Pray.** We can't overstate the importance of applying the basic tenets of spiritual faith to our stress-filled lives. Prayer changes things, mostly starting with you.

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Thank You Note From Our Missionary

Dear loved ones,

I am finding it rather difficult to truly express in words the sincere gratitude that I feel toward all of you at Palm Beach Lakes for the recent act of loving kindness extended toward me and my family after the passing of my mother.

I was completely overwhelmed by and immediately choked up when I received the package that was stuffed full of so many cards from you all. Quite frankly, it took me a couple of days before I had the courage to read them because I knew each one would bring me to tears. But, then I sat and read every one of them. I could hear each of your individual voices within the written words and felt the love expressed in the various forms of condolences being offered. Brethren, that only happens within a family! A family that knows, loves and cares for one another!

I have never felt so loved and so thankful to be part of God's family—the body of Christ.

God bless you, my dear family at Palm Beach Lakes! The healing process has begun because of such a wondering outpouring of love.

Your brother in Christ,
Troy Spradlin

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



Sunday,
April 5

Jennifer Anderson moved to Coral Springs.
Andy Griffiths moved to North Carolina.

It's girl!

Congratulations to Gary & Jacqui Jenkins upon the birth of their granddaughter, **Halie Nora Jenkins**, to **Daniel & Kay Jenkins** on Wednesday, April 8 weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. Proud great-grandparents are Dan & Judie Jenkins.

Thank You Note

To our PBL family,
Thank you for your prayers, calls, and concern during our brother, **Bobby's**, brief stay in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness will be warmly remembered.
In Christian love,
Johnnie Green & Mary Jackson

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Paulette Arrington; David, Yurose & Josh Baudin; Mr. Jean Charles; Andrew DeLaney; Mr. & Mrs. Antone Faria; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Darla Hall; Mike Heitman; Ms. Linda Hoskins; Miss Thelma Jackson; Morris McDaniel; Ms. Briana Marini; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Miller; Lynn Parker; Michael Staley; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Mrs. Cecilia Tipton; and Crystal Lee Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss Catherine Aragon, Deerfield Beach, FL; David Barr, Greenwood, IN; Terry & Sherri Cheshier, Duncanville, TX; Kirk, Mendy, Casey & Claire Crews, McLean, VA; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Squadeina Davis & Aaron Ross, Pembroke Pines, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hall, Maury City, TN; Miss Kenva Higgs, Freeport, Bahamas; Miss Brooke Lang, Pompano Beach, FL; Ms. Monique Leblanc, Canada; Mrs. Diane Lee, Hopkinsville, KY; Mr. Deltom Lequernaque, Stuart, FL; DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL; Mrs. Lenis Villard, Daytona Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Leon Weeks, Valdosta, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. James Williams & Brandon, Monroe, NC.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

<u>Sunday (April 12th)</u> Bill & Inell Ingram (Ann.) Kaylani Carmona	<u>Friday (April 17th)</u> Joseph Charles
<u>Monday (April 13th)</u> Marcia Clough-Moss	<u>Saturday (April 18th)</u> Jerry & Shirley Hopkins (Ann.) Loni Fuller

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, April 12

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening PrayerKevin Weeks
Scripture Reading..... Adam Seal
Presiding at Table L.H. Richardson
Serve at Table:
Kane Campbell Austin Metzkes
Mike Erickson Vincent Rogers
Bobby Ingraham Darin Summerlot
Gary Jenkins Ivan Villard, Jr.
Alternates
Tim Cox David Thorpe
Closing PrayerHarrison Carter

Sunday Evening, April 12

Lead SingingBobbo Lupo
Opening PrayerGary Friedly
Scripture Reading..... Cam Crotts
Presiding at Table..... Ted Friesner
Serve at Table
Paul Batitsky
Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Leonard Williams
Prayer.....Paul Metzkes
Wednesday Evening, April 15
Lead SingingClayton Trujillo
Invitation..... John Hoelzer
Family PrayerDan McLeod

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Apr. 5</u>	<u>Mar. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	238	212
Sun. A.M. Worship	444	363
Sun. P.M. Worship	178	211
Wed. Bible study	214	214
Contribution	\$16,014	\$14,151
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -1,158		

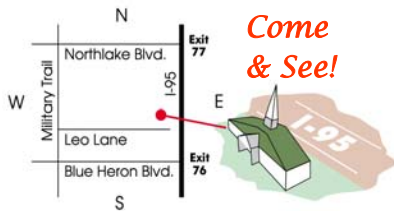
Ushers for the week of **Apr 12**: Head Usher: L. Collier; Richard Watson & Eugene Williams



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*Come
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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

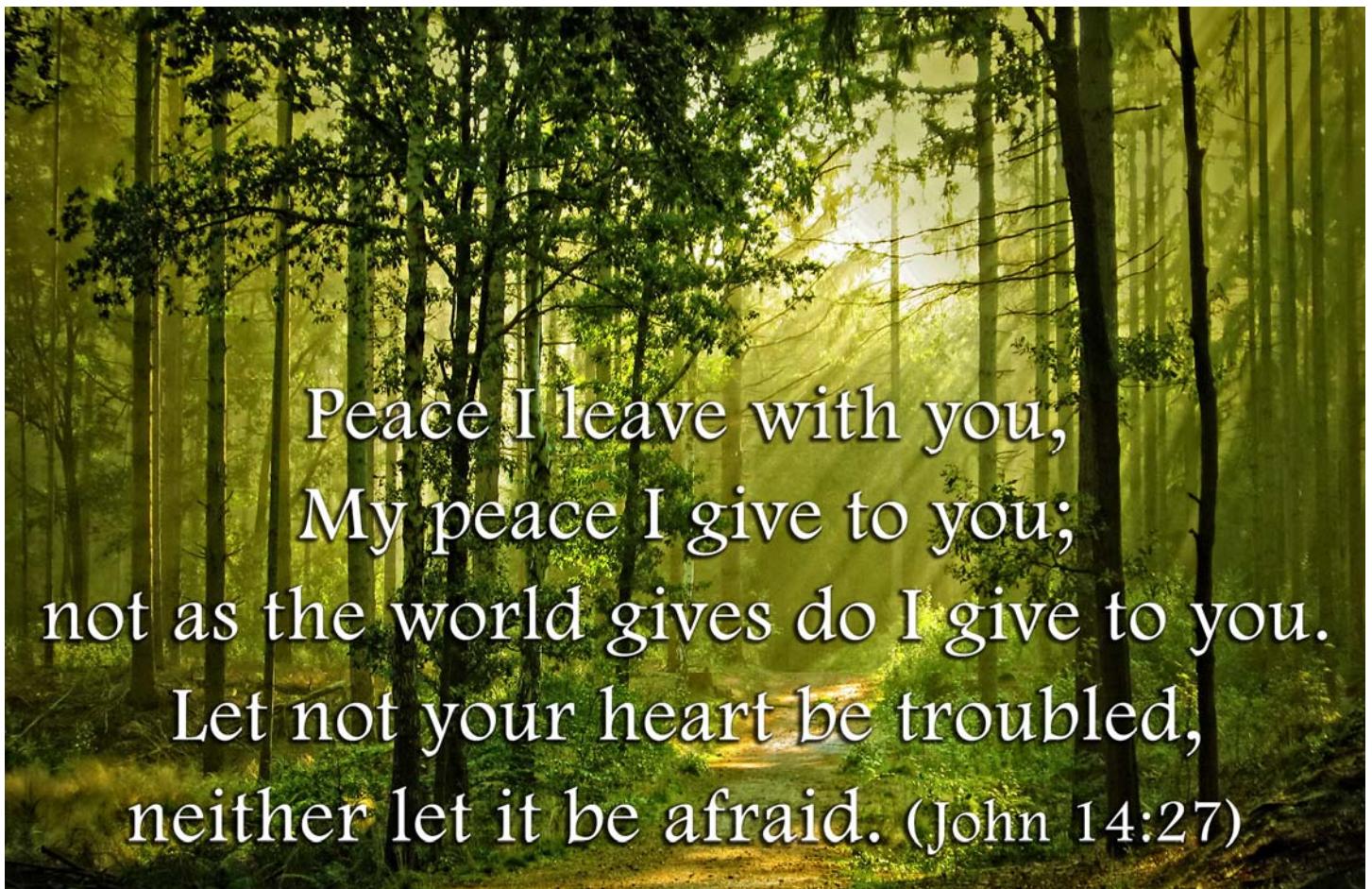
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.



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Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27)