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15th Annual
Leadership Training Camp
for Young Men & Young Women



Back Row: Amanda Fetting, Katie Sproule, Kaylani Carmona, Nyla Hackshaw, Kelly Sproule
Front Row: Austin Metzkes, Austin Williams, Carmen Ruckman, Chris Thomas, Clayton Trujillo

The design of the camp every year: To instill the confidence and skills necessary to take an active role in the work of the church.

The emphasis of this year's camp: An overview of "The Story of the Bible," with Jesus Christ as the central theme.

Another outstanding camp this year! Thanks to all who helped!



By Dan Jenkins

Let the Bible Explain Itself

When asked the question, “How does one decide whether the language of the Bible is to be taken literally or figuratively?” the simple answer is that throughout the world in every language we take what is said literally. The exceptions to this rule would be when the speaker often uses nonliteral language or when taking the words literally twists or distorts what is said.

Look at the book of Ezekiel for a moment. The opening words speak of “the fourth month on the fifth day of the month.” Common sense makes it obvious that this is a historical narrative. Now, for someone to take the word and use his own imagination to make some profound affirmation about the numerical value of the numbers four and five violates the nature of the text. Ezekiel is simply establishing the date of the revelation God was giving to him.

However, in the verses which follow there is a description of the vision seen by the prophet. There is a whirlwind, raging fire, a great cloud, four creatures which look like a man, with each one having four faces, four wings, straight legs, calves’ feet, faces like lions, oxen, eagles and humans. Beside each of them were wheels, that had wheels inside wheels, that lifted the creatures up, and they flew. What on earth could this

mean? We read the words describing these creatures, but what is this all about? The answer is simple. “This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord” (Ezek. 1:28). Do the wings, feet, faces, and wheels have some figurative meaning? There is no way any man can give precise meaning to each of these, for God does not reveal them. Ezekiel saw a manifestation of the glory of the Lord. He wanted us to see that he uses words to tell us what he saw in the vision, and then God specifically describes the creature.

Never place more emphasis on figurative language than God places on it

Some focus on the details of the vision and try to find some hidden meaning, yet Ezekiel tells us the precise meaning. Ezekiel talks about the Spirit in this book (3:12-13, 25; 8:4; 9:3, 11:23; 45:9). Common sense would lead us to spend far more time on the Spirit and where He is found in relation to the temple than to spend all our time trying to make too much of the description of the Spirit in the vision.

Hopefully, looking at these words from the early chapters of Ezekiel will help us more clearly see one principle of dealing with prophetic, poetic language. We must never place more emphasis on the figurative language in any verse than the Bible does. Let God emphasize what matters in the text. Be willing to stop short of assigning your own meaning to figurative language. Find God’s emphasis and then stop. Let the Bible explain itself.



By David Sproule

When Persecution Comes

In the wake of recent persecutions and executions of people for their faith, Christians around the globe are examining themselves. They are wondering, “Is that going to come to my country, to my city, to my neighborhood?” They are asking themselves, “Is it possible that I might face something similar in the not-too-distant future?” They are contemplating, “What will I do if that kind of persecution comes to my house and to my family?”

Of course, persecution against Christians is nothing new—it has been happening since the very beginning. Christians have suffered at the hands of Jews, heathens, political powers, religious extremists and even fellow Christians. Believing that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God is highly offensive to millions. Teaching that there is only one God riles religious radicals into a frenzy of hatred. Holding forth the Bible as the only divine revelation on earth and the only means to eternal life after death enrages violent animosity toward believers. But, this should not surprise us.

Paul declared, “All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution” (2 Tim. 3:12). We should not think that we are exempt from that, since we live in a different country and different era than the apostle Paul. Persecution

against followers of Christ is a theme that runs throughout the New Testament, having its beginning in the very first sermon from the mouth of Jesus Himself (Matt. 5:10-12). Of course, persecution comes in a variety of forms—from being hated, ostracized, insulted and scorned (Luke 6:22), to being denied and refused the basic necessities of life (Rev. 13:16-17), to being physically tortured and killed (Rev. 13:15; Acts 14:19-20; 12:2). So, what is a Christian to do?

“It is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.”

Consider some instructions from Peter to Christians who were suffering for the name of Christ (1 Pet. 4:14-16). Do not return “evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing” (3:9). “Refrain [your] tongue from evil...Turn away from evil and do good” (3:11). Remember that “the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous” (3:12). “Do not be afraid of their threats” (3:14). “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts” (3:15). “Be serious and watchful in your prayers” (4:7). “Have fervent love for one another” (4:8). “Be hospitable to one another” (4:9). “Minister to one another” (4:10). Consider the example of Christ and His suffering for us (2:20-25; 3:18-4:1), and “rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings” (4:13). Do “not be ashamed, but...glorify God in this matter” (4:16). Keep on committing your soul “to Him in doing good” (4:19). Cast “all of your care upon Him, for He cares for you” (5:7). Trust that He will “perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you” (5:11). Let us put our trust in God!



By Josh Blackmer

But I Don't Feel Holy

I don't know if it is just me, but I am hearing a lot of emphasis on how we feel. I hear phrases like, "I'm just not feeling it," "I don't feel like it," or my personal favorite, "Do whatever makes you feel happy." While I am the last person to minimize feelings, there comes a point when it is not about what you feel. It is about doing what is right or what needs to be done. Duty and obligation are replaced with feelings and self-entitlement.

Look at 1 Peter 1:14-16. "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, 'YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.'" This passage calls us to be holy, not feel. We are to be holy in our behavior.

Holiness is the idea of being set apart. Items that were used in temple worship were holy because they were set apart or consecrated for the service to God. You could not use anything common or that was used in day-to-day life in service to God. So, when Peter writes later in the same letter, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the

excellences of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9), he is stating that we are a people set apart or consecrated for service to God. Holiness should be seen in the light of how we live and in our actions. It is not something that we feel but something that we are. When was the last time you had a birthday and you thought to yourself, "Yeah, I feel ___ years old."? Never, even though you are in fact ___ years old.

If we are obedient to the will of God and behave in a "set apart" manner, then, by the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, we are able to be holy.

If you are doing the things that show your obedience to God and diligently trying to please Him and follow His commands, then you are different. You are not some common person following your own lusts and your own wants. Peter says it like this, "Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:13). We should be preparing our minds for action, be obedient children and not conformed to this world. This verse says that our only hope at being holy is through the grace of God. Another way of looking at this is in 1 John 1:7. "But, if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." If we are obedient to the will of God and behave in a "set apart" manner, then, by the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, we are able to be holy.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Know any weird people?

There are a lot of really weird people in the world. Have you met any? There are people that look weird, sound weird when they talk, have weird thoughts, like weird things, do weird things in their free time, post weird things on social media, etc., and weird etc. Do you know the kind of people that I'm talking about?

Yes, you know the reality, don't you? We are all weird in our own way—some of us are weird by our own judgment, some of us are weird by the judgment of others. However, being different from other people is not always bad. Even Jesus' own brothers thought that He was weird and claimed, "He is out of His mind" (Mark 3:21).

One truly wonderful attribute of God is that He is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34-35). God sent Jesus to die for every person (weird or not). When God looks at His people, He only sees "children." So, do you see people the way God sees people? That should be our goal! – DS



The Giver of good things

Every dedicated father loves his children dearly and will seek to do and to give those things that will benefit his children the most. Jesus talked about how a loving father would never give his child a stone if the child asked for bread, or give him a serpent if he asked for a fish. Jesus then made His point, "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him" (Matt. 7:7-11).

Our Father is not just a Giver of things, but He is the Giver of "good things." Put this in the context: "Ask, and it will be given to you...For everyone who asks receives...Your Father [will] give good things to those who ask Him."

The question that must be asked is, "Do you ask? Do you ask the Father for His good things?" "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father" (Jas. 1:17). How much do we believe that? Our Father wants to give us His good things! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	recovering from hernia surgery
Annie Faison	recovering from cataract surgery
Margie Hardin	recovering from gallbladder surgery
Dave Holaday	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Joe Holland	Heartland Healthcare, no visitors please
Adelene Honore	undergoing medical testing
Inell Ingram	undergoing eye injections
Lynne Jorgensen	scheduled for knee surgery (6/16)
Charlene Knowles	suffering with shingles
Godfrey Pratt	recovering at home from a fall
Joe Quigley	not doing well

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Deb Cobb	Robin Stone's sister, undergoing cancer treatments
David Dawson	Glen Dawson's brother, recovering from surgery
Peggy Faison	Annie Faison's daughter, recovering from blood clots
Sally Isom	Chuck Reeves, Sr.'s sister, moving to a rehab center
Jim Jorgensen	Lynne Jorgensen's father, hospitalized, not doing well
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, upcoming open heart surgery
Shelby Slone	Betty Sanders' sister-in-law, recovering from fall in rehab
Debbie Spradlin	Troy Spradlin's sister-in-law, diagnosed with breast cancer
Lee Wineinger	Cherylann Wineinger's father, dealing with health issues

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, June 14

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women. There will be a separate class for the ladies.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing.

Monday, June 15

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume on June 29.

Tuesday, June 16

- ◆ **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.

Wednesday-Friday, June 17-19

- ◆ **VBS Decorating** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.

Thursday, June 18

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 21-24

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School hosted by Palm Beach Lakes** each night at 7:00 p.m. Classes for all ages (babies, children, teens and adults).

Sunday-Thursday, June 21-25

- ◆ **Revival hosted by the Third Street congregation.** Al Washington will be speaking on *"The Family of God"* each night at 7:30 p.m. (Monday-Thursday).

Friday, June 26

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

Sunday, June 28

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Tall Tales Restaurant (behind Home Depot on Northlake Blvd.) RSVP to Joan Holloway.



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Young Adults

Monday, June 15

- ◆ **Monday Night Meat for YA Men** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Sproule. BYOM.

Wednesday-Friday, June 17-19

- ◆ **VBS Decorating** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 21-24

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School hosted by Palm Beach Lakes** each night at 7:00 p.m. Classes for all ages (babies, children, teens and adults).

Monday, July 6

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

Saturday, July 11

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brad Shelt.



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Youth

Sunday, June 14

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women. There will be a separate class for the ladies.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 21-24

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School hosted by Palm Beach Lakes** each night at 7:00 p.m. Classes for all ages (babies, children, teens and adults).

Sunday, June 28

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

Sunday, July 12

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

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Equip Our Young People

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Promotion Sunday & High School Graduates' Luncheon

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 10-14

Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women

SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21-24

Vacation Bible School

"Equip the saints for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:12).

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

News & Notes



Sunday,
June 7

Sharon Morrison & Deltom Lequernaqué are placing membership with us.

Thank You Note

Thank you all for your cards and prayers following my recent hip replacement surgery. Dave Holaday

LOCAL VISITORS: Brittney Bowman; Nikita Cameron; Mr. Jean Charles; Ray & Jakiera Gosa; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Mrs. Sandra Hanna; Milton Jones; Rudy March; Mrs. Kayla Robinson; Mrs. Karla Santiago & Jaimara; Mrs. Patty Sherman & Travis; Ralph Williams, Sr.; and Graciela Zambrano.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Gail Archer; Mrs. Carrie Campbell, Melbourne, FL; Gary Lober, Boynton Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Rendel, Andrea, & Renee, Melbourne, FL; DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL; and Shaun, Emily, Simon & Sully Tyson, Port St. Lucie, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

<u>Sunday (June 14th)</u> Jeff & Diane Leslie (Ann.)	<u>Wednesday (June 17th) cont.</u> Mary Jackson
<u>Monday (June 15th)</u> Gary & Sue Shelt (Ann.) Rosemarie Joseph Austin Metzkes	<u>Thursday (June 18th)</u> Dan & Judie Jenkins (Ann.) Charles Fifield
<u>Tuesday (June 16th)</u> Ally Alberga Michael Fox	<u>Friday (June 19th)</u> Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot (Ann.) Judy Carmack Gwen Lyons
<u>Wednesday (June 17th)</u> Helen Gardner Nyla Hackshaw	<u>Saturday (June 20th)</u> Cam & Hollie Crotts (Ann.) Dan & Loni Fuller (Ann.) Evetta Wilson

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, June 14

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading..... Henry Bass
Presiding at Table Jim Davis
Serve at Table:
Shea Brown Jeremy Maloney
Mike Erickson Tommy Pauldo
Namdidie Ikon Scott Studer
Richard Lerro Mike Trujillo
Alternates
Darin Summerlot Kevin Weeks
Closing Prayer Bill Ingram, Sr.

Sunday Evening, June 14

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading..... Mike Ellis
Presiding at Table..... Chad Brown
Serve at Table
Michael Fox
Paul Metzkes
Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Gary Friedly
Wednesday Evening, June 17
Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Invitation..... Mike Erickson
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	June 7	May Avg.
Sun. Bible study	218	219
Sun. A.M. Worship	329	362
Sun. P.M. Worship	188	179
Wed. Bible study	171	209
Contribution	\$14,130	\$14,704
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -2,801		

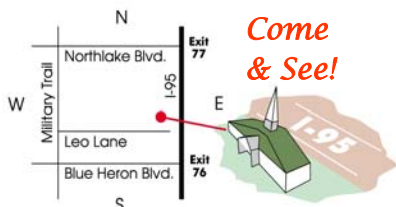
Ushers for the week of **June 7**: Head Usher: Chris Thompson; Chad Brown & Brent Leslie



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& See!*

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Service Schedule

Sunday:

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

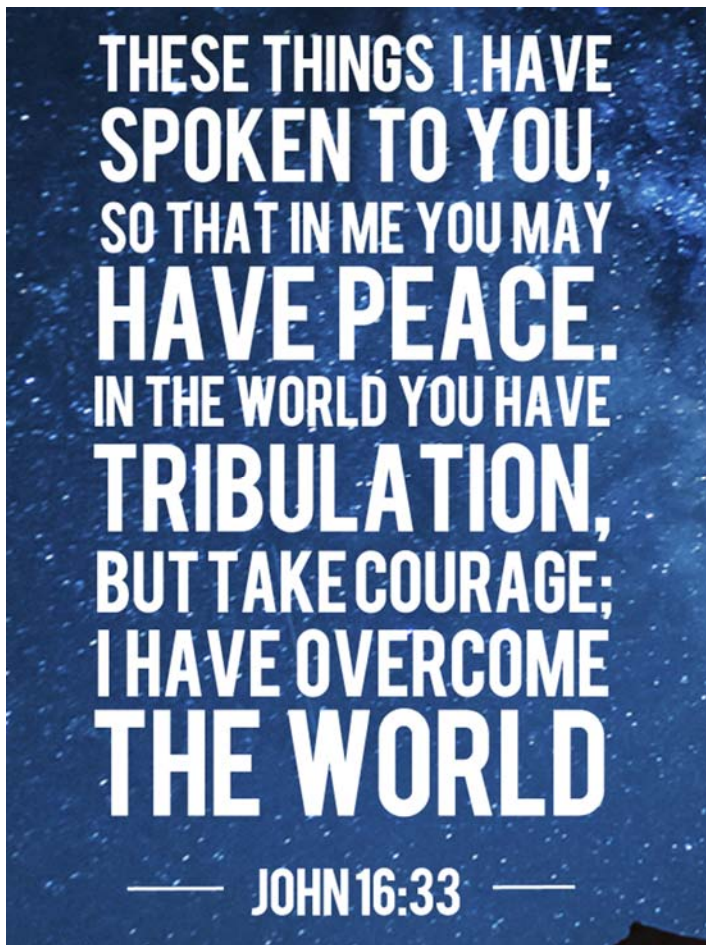
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

- 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- 2. Repent of your sinful ways**
"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
- 3. Confess your faith in Jesus**
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
- 4. Be immersed in water**
"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
- 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).