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CENTRAL FLORIDA BIBLE CAMP

Jenkins Week: July 19-25

Pray for:

- ☆ Coordinators: Gary & Jacqui Jenkins
- ☆ The campers:
 - ☆ Older ones & younger ones
 - ☆ In the church & out of the church
- ☆ The cabin counselors
- ☆ The Bible class teachers
- ☆ The chapel speakers
- ☆ The kitchen staff
- ☆ The activities staff
- ☆ The weather



By Dan Jenkins

Understanding the Kingdom

Our world is so blinded by the teaching of many about the kingdom of God. It has always been this way. When Jesus was on this earth, many expected Him to establish a kingdom like those kingdoms they had known in the past and like those physical kingdoms in the first century world.

Herod the Great did not understand the kingdom. His slaughter of the infants was because he was fearful that someone outside his household would be the next earthly king of the Jews. Another Roman official, Pilate, was equally ignorant and perplexed about Jesus and asked about His kingdom. Jesus simply told this Roman governor that His kingdom was not an earthly kingdom where its citizens were armed to force men to surrender to the king (John 18:36).

Just after Jesus had fed a multitude of 5,000 men (not counting women and children), they did not understand His kingdom. They tried to take Jesus and force Him to become their earthly king (John 6:10, 15).

Even the apostles, on the day of His ascension, showed their ignorance of the kingdom. Their earthly view of the establishment of a physical kingdom was shown in the question they asked Him that day. "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6).

Now, the first century world did understand that the message was being proclaimed as a kingdom which would soon be established. Deep Bible students could have figured out Daniel foretold the kingdom was to be established in the fourth world kingdom in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. They would have known that this fourth kingdom was Rome. However, even the most simple-minded person would have understood the preaching which began in the days of John the Baptist.

The kingdom was not understood in the first century, and it is still not understood

John the Baptist called on the Jews to repent because "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2). They could understand this and also the word of Jesus who said, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). He preached this in "every city and village" (Luke 8:1). The twelve apostles and the seventy disciples were sent by Jesus to tell others the kingdom was about to be established (Matt. 10:7; Luke 10:9).

How could anyone misunderstand the clarity of the message that the kingdom was about to be established? In fact, Jesus said it would definitely come in the lifetime of many who heard Him preach (Mark 9:1). The Jews knew the kingdom was about to come, they just did not understand the nature of the kingdom. Tragically, many today do not understand its nature, and some even deny that it has come.

Let's talk more about this in next week's bulletin.



By David Sproule

What God Says About Homosexuality (Part 3 of 5)

While we are no longer bound by the law of the Old Testament, God has provided those thirty-nine books "for our learning" and "for our admonition" (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11). There is certainly much for us to learn and many warnings to heed. When those instructions and warnings correspond with clear laws, principles and regulations from the New Testament, it further reinforces God's emphasis to us of these eternal truths.

As previously studied, God created and sanctioned the male-female relationship on man's first day of existence. Many years later, God's wrath rained down on multiple cities as punishment for their wickedness (Gen. 18:16-19:29). Specifically, "Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them...indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh" (Jude 7, NASB). The ESV calls their activity an "unnatural desire," for the men of the cities were having sex with other men (see Gen. 19:5), contrary to the natural design of sex created by God in Genesis 1. The very fact that the word "sodomy" exists to this day testifies to the vile nature of the sexual activity in those cities. Now, do not overlook the fact that God chose to destroy, with fire and brimstone, these cities and their inhabitants. This is in the Bible for our admonition. Homosexuality is sinful and punishable in the eyes of God.

An abomination is something that is loathsome or detestable to God.

The third book of the Bible emphasized how God's people in the Old Testament could acceptably approach a holy God. The key to having access to the presence of a holy God and being acceptable to a holy God is for man himself to be holy (as defined by God Himself)—"You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev. 19:2). In the chapter before that verse and the chapter after that verse are two very explicit statements regarding homosexuality. "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination" (Lev. 18:22). "If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them" (20:13). An abomination is something that is loathsome or detestable to God. Every Bible reader should underscore these verses.

Some have attempted to discard these passages in Leviticus by suggesting that the "abomination" is also used of certain fish, birds, insects and animals, and therefore (in their minds), it cannot apply today. "Abomination" is also applied to bestiality (Lev. 18:23), idolatry (Deut. 27:15), lying (Prov. 12:22), pride (Prov. 16:5), etc. Shall we also discard these passages and accept these practices? The truth is that when an act that is condemned in the New Testament is delineated as an "abomination" in the Old Testament (Rom. 15:4), that further fortifies the detestable nature of this act to God—both then and now. Homosexuality is an abomination to God!



By Josh Blackmer

Prayer, A Confident Approach to God

From time to time I read comments on atheist forums. I do it to see how they think, how they argue and see what the “latest” argument is. A very common theme is prayer. They have their tests and scientific studies that allegedly “debunk” prayer. It is really sad. They are like children trying to explain how electricity or radio waves work. Prayer is beyond their comprehension or understanding because they do not know God. They have no idea even where to begin. “See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him” (1 John 3:1).

God does not need to be tested or to prove Himself by moving a piece of cardboard to yes or no, which is an atheist’s test for prayer. He causes the sun to rise and set each day. He spoke and the world was formed. The children of God know these things. We know that we can approach the throne of God with confidence. “This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him” (1 John 5:14-15). We know that what we ask must be according to His will and that

He causes the sun to rise and set each day. He spoke and the world was formed. He listens to you.

prayer is not for our own pleasures. “You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures” (Jas. 4:3). We know that we can pray all the time. “Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess. 5:17-18). We know that we can pray for wisdom. “But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind” (Jas. 1:5-6). We know that we can pray for the sick. “Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much” (Jas. 5:14-16).

We know these things because we know God and are known by Him. What a blessing it is to be able to pray directly to God in the name, or by the authority of His Son, and know that the Creator of the universe listens and cares (John 16:23-27)!

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Are others distracted by you in worship?

All around you there are people sitting in the pews during the worship assembly. Some are Christians, some are not. Some are strong Christians, some are not-so-strong Christians. Some are young and impressionable, some are old and set-in-their-ways. How is your behavior in worship affecting others? What are you doing during the sermon? Is what you’re doing (or not doing) a possible distraction or stumbling block for others? What are you doing during the Lord’s Supper? Is your talking, note-passing, goofing off, texting, playing games on your phone, etc. a distraction or stumbling block for others?

There are young children, teenagers and babes in Christ sitting within eyeshot of you in worship. Are you paying attention? Are you engaged in the worship? If you’re not, how can they be? You may not realize it, but you heavily influence the worship of others.

Let us make every effort to help each other to honor and praise our God together! – DS



Draw near with confidence!

One of the most exciting and comforting and compelling verses in the Bible is Hebrews 4:16. In verse 14, the writer reminds us that we have “a great High Priest,” who is in heaven. In verse 15, the writer informs us that our High Priest can “sympathize with our weaknesses,” for He lived on this earth as a human Himself. “Therefore,” verse 16 begins, “Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

What an incredibly powerful verse! With our sympathetic High Priest on the throne in heaven, (1) we can draw near to that throne, (2) we can draw near with confidence, (3) we can draw near with confidence to a throne that is characterized by grace, (4) we are assured of His wonderful mercy and grace to help us when we draw near to His throne!

Question: How often do you approach that throne? Do you go there with confidence? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Kay Fish recovering at home
Dick Haines now at home, recovering from diverticulitis
Godfrey Pratt recovering at home from a fall

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
Norm Smedley breathing problems
Patricia Ventress dialysis treatments



Linda Coe and family upon the passing of her uncle, **Timothy Moore, Jr.**, on Thursday.

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Maggie Anderson Novel Brown's sister, not doing well
Bessie Butler Bessie Walker's sister, on life support in Miami
Jefferey Byrd Cheryl Floyd's brother, hospitalized last week
Victor Colage Victor Colage's father, recovering from surgery
Jackie Hensel Paul & Kim Hensel's daughter, recovering from accident
Audrey Jackson Jonetta Green's sister-in-law, hospitalized in Pennsylvania
Brenda Lendsey Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
John Lewis Jaqua' Lewis' father, recovering from eye surgery
Peggy McKeal Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Rocky Meess Micky Affron's father, recovering from open heart 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-Saturday, July 19-25

- ♦ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Keep the campers and staff in your prayers this week.

Monday, July 20

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume in September.

Tuesday, July 21

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

Friday, July 24

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the Quantum Foundation Building (2701 N. Australian Avenue, WPB 33407). See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Sunday, August 2

- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday-Sunday, August 5-9

- ♦ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night (Wednesday-Saturday) at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Following the Followers of Jesus."* Speakers will be Ralph Walker (Tampa) and Mark Boyles (Kansas City). See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, August 9

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

Tuesday, August 11

- ♦ **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 Lana Smith.

Thursday, August 13

- ♦ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin & Stephanie Weeks.

Sunday, August 30

- ♦ **5th Sunday Singing** during evening assembly.



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Young Adults

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ♦ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Keep the campers and staff in your prayers this week.

Saturday, August 1

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

Monday, August 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Goodale.

Sunday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 22

- ♦ **Young Adult Service Project.** See Ivan Villard for details.



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Youth

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ♦ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 25-29

- ♦ **Upward Bound at CFBC.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, July 26

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

Saturday, August 1

- ♦ **Jr. High Back-to-School Shopping & Lunch** from 11:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring \$20 (for lunch & school supplies). See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, August 9

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

August 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ☆ Jr. High Back-to-School Shopping & Lunch ☆ Young Adult Devo
2 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit	3 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night a Rick & Betsy Donahue b Stephen Beliech b Allison Roman b Seth Watson	4	5 a Roy & Charlene Knowles b Betty McQuinn b Julie Trujillo	6 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting	7 a Jeff & Jennifer Goodale b Brad Shelt	8 a Silas & Debora Lynch b Mary Porter b Gary Seames
Haverhill Road Lectures (August 5 th -9 th)						
9 ☆ Youth & Family Singing	10 a Phil & Mary Porter a Chris & Brittany Thompson b Paulette Cole b Aren Elizee b Loretta Holaday b Dan McLeod b Paul Metzkes b Wesley Williams	11 ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting	12 b Ben Harriot b Loretta James b Margaret Wade	13 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting	14 a Mike & Donna Erickson b Aryanna Duhl b Jon Jordan	15 a Tim & Beth Fry b Buzz Nelson
16 ☆ Young Adult Meeting b Tom Martens	17 b Connie Tipton	18 b Benny Rodgers b Deboria Walker	19 a David & Mary A. Jackson	20	21 b Tiffany Cheshier b Josie Dawson b Bettye King	22 ☆ Young Adult Service Project b Nicole Freseman
23 ☆ Sr. High Devo ☆ Jr. High Family Devo a Orlando & Lilly Lolo a Chuck & Mary Reeves b Skye Brown b Inell Ingram	24 b Turkessa Fernander	25	26	27 a Paul & Kim Hensel b Nelson Watts b Whitney Williams	28 b Doris Friedly	29 b Jordan Beasley
30 ☆ 5th Sunday Singing b Mary Brown	31 a Dan & Luann McLeod a Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro b Cherylann Wineinger					

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



Sunday,
July 12

Thank You Note

Thank you to everyone for their prayers!! **Trevin** did great and is doing better every day. And we all know why!!

In Him,
Allison & Trevin Roman

LOCAL VISITORS: David, Yurose, & Josh Baudin; Mr. & Mrs. Antone Faria; Eddie Gooden; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Justin Kelly; Mrs. Ollie McCray; Mr. & Mrs. Stan MacPherson; James Proby; Christopher & Yolando Stewart; Ms. Joan Werner; Ralph Williams, Sr.; and Mrs. Graciela Zambrano.

.OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Scott Carpenter, Magnolia, TX; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Davison, MI; Annette Henry, Holly Springs, NC; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee; Imani Irby, Cincinnati, OH; David & Jennifer Jares, Taylor, & Kaitlyn, Port St. Lucie; Ms. Mona Jenkins, Birmingham, AL; Tim Jones, Eureka, MO; Mrs. Regina Lee & Meleah Terry, Moulton, AL; Heather, Katlyn & J.R. Mayne, Cut Off, LA; Mario Moss, Freeport, Bahamas; Shaun, Emily, Simon, & Sully Tyson, Port St. Lucie, FL; DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL; and Ms. Linda Wolfe & Ava Johnson, Fayetteville, NC.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

<u>Sunday (July 19th)</u> David & Traci Sproule (Ann.) Jeff Leslie	<u>Wednesday (July 22nd) cont.</u> Michael Trujillo
<u>Monday (July 20th)</u> Gorman Ericksen	<u>Thursday (July 23rd)</u> Sarah Collier Tina Wagner
<u>Tuesday (July 21st)</u> Sherrick & Mary Thomas (Ann.) Sandy Mann	<u>Friday (July 24th)</u> Dan Jenkins Rick Tibbetts
<u>Wednesday (July 22nd)</u> Oliver & Margie Hardin (Ann.)	<u>Saturday (July 25th)</u> Grant 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, July 19

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Taylor Reeves
Scripture Reading..... Gary Seames
Preside at Table Chris Thompson
Serve at Table:
Pete Brown Wallace Jones
Harrison Carter Austin Metzkes
Cam Crofts Brad Shelt
Michael Davidson Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Bill Ingram, Jr. L.H. Richardson
Closing PrayerOrlando Lolo

Sunday Evening, July 19

Lead SingingDan McLeod
Opening Prayer Grant Fuller
Scripture Reading..... Kane Campbell
Presiding at Table.....Shea Brown
Serve at Table:
John Kemp
Bobbo Lupo
Austin Williams
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Wednesday Evening, July 22

Lead Singing Harrison Carter
Invitation.....Lawrence Richardson
Family Prayer Chuck Clark

Our Record

Attendance	<u>July 12</u>	<u>Jun. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	183	210
Sun. A.M. Worship	330	343
Sun. P.M. Worship	192	195
Wed. Bible study	239	212
Contribution	\$12,873	\$13,854
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -8,460		

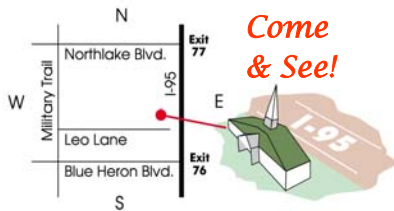
Ushers for the week of **July 19**: Head Usher: Tim Cox; Jim Davis & Carmen Ruckman



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Come & 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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TODAY
is the day
that the LORD
HAS MADE
I WILL REJOICE &
be glad in it

Psalm 118:24



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).