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Welcome New Members



Tyson, Shaun & Emily
(Simon & *Sully)

Group 1

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**Ready
At His Coming**

**20th Annual
South Florida Lectureship Nov. 5-8, 2015**

Thursday, Nov. 5
7:00—8:15 p.m.

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Saturday, Nov. 7
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10:25 a.m. Bible Class

**Plan to Attend
Every Session**

Full Schedule on Website



By Dan Jenkins

His Light and Easy Yoke

His invitation to come to Him had to be some of the most refreshing words ever spoken. “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you...for My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matt. 11:28-30). The world in which those words were spoken had little rest. There was the burden of Roman oppression, the burden of sin and the burden of the false teaching given by the religions leaders of the Jews (Acts 15:10). He promised rest to those who came.

First-century yokes involved oxen being driven and abused in their labor. In our land, it sometimes involved slaves being yoked to replace those oxen as fields were plowed. His invitation was for men to come to Him and remove burdensome yokes. His yoke is one that is easy, and His burden is light!

He Invites Laborers into His Vineyard

Jesus described the church as being like the owner of the vineyard who went out at all hours to seek individuals to come to work in the vineyard, promising them a just reward for their efforts (Matt. 20:1-16). The invitation was extended to those who wanted to work. Sometimes, we wrongly view His “vineyard” involving nothing more than assembling whenever it fits our schedule to sit in the vineyard and sing and pray. His

Slaves were yoked together to replace oxen when plowing was done

question to those at the eleventh hour demands serious thought. “Why have you been standing here idle all day” (v. 6). The owner of our “vineyard” expects us to come to Him to take on a yoke to work for Him. Think about this question as it applies to us, “Why are you not laboring in the vineyard?”

He Refuses Those Who Refuse to Work

Hebrews chapter four describes the fate of those whose lack of faith kept them from working for the Lord and doing His will. It describes those who left Egypt, came to the edge of the Promised Land and then quit. The Holy Spirit then turns His attention to Christians and urges us, “Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief” (v. 11). God has a Promised Land for us which we will someday enter, but until that time, He expects us to labor.

He Gives Rest to Those Who Labor

The closing book of the Bible proclaims, “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them’” (Rev. 14:13). The Lord’s view of those who come to Him is one of men coming to Him, laying down the heavy burdens of this world and taking on His easy yoke. He sees us working in His vineyard and after our death to then rest. What is your view of your place in that vineyard?



By David Sproule

Would This Have Been Your “Therefore”?

The word “therefore” is a key word to recognize and understand in Bible study. It is an adverb that means “for that reason; in consequence of that; as a result.” The word draws a conclusion and presents the result of the stated reasoning or events. Its use in Acts 8:4 seems interesting.

Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was stoned to death in the city of Jerusalem in Acts 7. Under the direction of Saul of Tarsus, “a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem” (8:1). Saul “made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison” (8:3). Can you imagine! Can you imagine being a Christian and enduring such hostility? But, that was not the extent of it.

Luke tells us that the Christians “were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles” (8:1). Children of God were dragged from their homes, even expelled from their homes and then cast out of their city. Again, can you imagine suffering that? Can you imagine your entire livelihood being uprooted and pulled apart because you believed in Jesus Christ and proclaimed His good news? How would you respond if you lost your home, your job, your income, your school, your friends, your neighbors, your very

If a statement of results was made about you suffering persecution...

hometown—all because you’re a Christian?

What would one naturally conclude would be the result of this persecution? Would it make sense for the Bible to say, “Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere”? Yes. They were persecuted. They were scattered. They went everywhere. That would make sense.

But, the Bible tells us that this was more than just a forced relocation. With the word “therefore,” the Bible helps us to see that their actions and their purpose were not thwarted. “Therefore...[they] went everywhere preaching the word.” What an interesting way to say it! They were persecuted for their faith, therefore, they went everywhere preaching that faith! Oh, how deep was their faith!

If a statement of results was made about you suffering persecution, what would be your “therefore”? “David was dragged from his home, committed to prison and then driven from town for proclaiming the name of Christ. Therefore, David went out and ...” Would your “therefore” lead to more of the same (i.e., standing for Christ) or less? How deep is your faith?

Troublesome times for Christians are upon us and will presumably be on the rise. God is looking for our “therefore” to be followed by, “They went everywhere preaching the word!” It alone will save the world! It alone will save us!



By Josh Blackmer

Heaven or Hell

Juliana is 5 years old, lives in Oregon, and she has an incurable neurodegenerative disorder called Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease or CMT. It is one of the most common inherited neurological disorders affecting about 1 in 2,500 people in the United States. The disorder impacts the peripheral nerves which are outside the brain and spinal cord and supply the muscles and sensory organs in the limbs. Her case of CMT debilitated her arms and legs, and now it's targeting the nerves that control her breathing muscles. There is no cure, just difficult hospital visits as doctors struggle to keep her alive. This story gained national attention when it came to light that the parents of Juliana had offered her a choice, heaven or hospital. They told her that the next time she got sick she could stay home and go to heaven. In heaven, she would be able to run and play with other kids, and she can wait there for mommy, daddy and brother to join her. That sounded good to Juliana as she despised the hospital visits and the treatments. The doctors have said that she will probably die of pneumonia if she gets sick again. As of the last report, Juliana, age 5, has chosen heaven.

This is a story that tugs at the heart and calls the reasoning of the parents into question. How can they allow a 5-year-old child to make end-of-life decisions? Psychologists say

that children don't grasp the concept of death until 9 or 10. My heart hurts for that family, and I pray for Juliana.

While that is a sad situation, it is sadder still when parents allow children to choose between heaven and hell. Should we allow our children to choose if they go to church or choose if they participate in the youth group or any other church activity? Here are some sobering passages. "And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:5-6). "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

There will come a time when they are adults and they will choose.

We have the responsibility to raise up our children to follow God. Children must be trained to have a propensity for spirituality. The proverb says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). There will come a time when they are adults, and they will choose between heaven and hell. We must do all that we can to prepare them for that day. This proverb does not say, "train up a child in the way he/she should go, and they will always be faithful." It does teach that a trained child can be faithful "even when he is old."

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Love for truth

What comes to mind when you hear about someone having a "love for truth"? Does that sound odd? We know what it means when someone has a love for their spouse, a love for their children, a love for certain sports teams, a love for certain food, etc. But, how can one have that same kind of "love" for truth--an inanimate object?

One has a love for truth when he wants to hear it, he longs to learn it, he is zealous to obey it, he is eager to share it, he is quick to defend it, he accepts it fully for what it says, he is not ashamed of what it teaches, he is not embarrassed by what it requires of him, he trusts the Source to mean what He says and say what He means.

Do you love the truth of God? Do you love the truth of the cross? Do you love the truth regarding the church? Do you love the truth regarding personal holiness? Do you love the truth regarding Christian living? Do you love the truth more than you love any earthly thing? -- DS



When nothing is going right

Did you ever have one of those days when nothing seemed to be going right? From the very moment the day began, there seemed to be a cloud of failure and negativity that hovered over every event of the day? What should you do on those days when all you want to do is crawl back into bed and sleep it all away?

Take a few moments and make a list: on one side, go ahead and list every bad thing that has happened so far today; on the other side, list every blessing, no matter how insignificant or how obvious, that has graced your day. Counting your blessings will help put things (even bad things) into perspective. Then, spend a few minutes in prayer, thanking God for your blessings and then begging God to help you with your struggles. Cast your cares on Him. Plead with Him. Pour out your heart to Him. Then, continue that prayer throughout the day.

The bad things will not go away, but leaning on God will help keep you properly balanced. -- DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Harold Armstrong	VA Hospital (room 6B-326), awaiting test results
Josie Dawson	recovering at home from hospitalization, diverticulitis
Janet Hickerson	Gardens Court Rehab (room 225), shoulder surgery
Loretta Holaday	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Taylor Jaress	dealing with low platelet count
Ruth Lipford	Chatsworth Rehab (room D-12), rehab after hip surgery
Silas Moses	Community Living at VA Hospital (room 1L-127)
Jackie Stout	recovering from knee 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
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments



Sarah Smedley upon the passing of her father, **Gordon Terwillegar**, last week.

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Willie Alvarenga	Douglas Alvarenga's brother, recovering from cancer surg.
Jefferey Byrd	Cheryl Floyd's brother, Renaissance Rehab, surgery
Judy Chilcutt	Stephen Beliech's sister, recovering from back surgery
Walter Collins	Adelene Honore's brother-in-law, heart problems
Jennifer Jackson	Joe & Janice Maloney's daughter, recovering from surgery
Virgil True	Hopkins' son-in-law, blood clots in both lungs
Terry West	Amy West's father, recovering from 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, November 1

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- ◆ **New Member Orientation Class (Part 1)** at 9:00 a.m. in Adult 3. All new members to PBL in the last 12 months are encouraged to attend. See Tim Fry for details.
- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at the home of Joan Holloway. RSVP to Joan to put your name on the gate list.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, November 2

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

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

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

Thursday-Sunday, November 5-8

- ◆ **20th Annual South Florida Lectureship "Ready At His Coming."** See the Welcome Desk for a full schedule.

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

Sunday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 11

- ◆ **Bible Class** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Thursday, November 12

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown.
- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.



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Young Adults

Sunday, November 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Morning Worship at Belle Glade.** Shea Brown will be speaking during class and worship. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.
- ◆ **2016 Camping Trip Sign-up Deadline.** The 2016 Camping Trip will be February 26-28. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby if you would like to go.

Monday, November 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hollie Crofts. Bring finger foods, salad, desserts or drinks.

Tuesday, November 10

- ◆ **Meat Night for YA Men** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cam Crofts. Bring \$30 to cover meat and other expenses.

Saturday, November 14

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.



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Youth

Sunday, November 8

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

Sunday, November 15

- ◆ **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.

Sunday, November 22

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

Saturday, December 5

- ◆ **Young Families' Holiday Party** at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. See Melinda Price for details.
- ◆ **Jr. High Holiday Party hosted by 55+ Members** at 11:00 a.m. under the PBL drive-thru.

Sunday, December 13

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

Equipping & Edifying Families



Five Reasons Time Is the Best Gift You Can Give Your Kids

Richard Gross of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab reports that the enormous tsunami-spawning earthquake off Japan a few years ago not only shifted the planet's axis by several inches, it also sped up the Earth's rotation, shortening each day by 1.8 microseconds.

1.8 microseconds may not sound like much, but even a small fraction of time lost is a move in the wrong direction. Most of us run consistently behind in terms of our time investment at home, and it's time we're not going to get back. Ever.

The classic song, "Cat's in the Cradle," chronicles the legacy of a man who fails consistently when it comes to sharing time with his son. In the agonizing conclusion, repeated for effect, the songwriter admits the ultimate tragedy: "And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me, He'd grown up just like me. My boy was just like me...."

However, we can do something about this, if we understand how important time is to our children. Here are Five Reasons Time is the Best Gift You Can Give Your Kids.

1. Time is not a renewable resource.

There's no credit system for time. Once it's gone, it's never coming back. It can't be stockpiled, saved for later, or stretched out. Time, as the old proverb goes, "waits for no man."

2. Time moves faster with age (seriously!).

Believe us, there's math to prove this! When a child is two-years-old, one year is 50% of a lifetime. By the time they're ten, a year is only 10%. Time really does seem to speed up, doesn't it? That's one reason "time now" is more than "time later." Fact is, our kids need our concentrated interest now. They'll need us next week and next year, too, but NOW is always – mathematically and emotionally – the best choice.

3. Time is the great economic equalizer.

Bill Gates may be worth several billion dollars. You may have a net worth of "I'd rather not say." But an hour is 60-minutes for both of you, regardless. It doesn't matter what resources are at your disposal, when it comes to time you're as rich as the next guy. And the kids don't care what's in your savings account. An hour with dad is priceless, period.

4. Time is the best and most stable investment.

We know an dad who prepaid his kids' college tuition, but the kid dropped out of high school. Another friend paid cash for an income property that lost 60% of its value and then never rented. A third put \$3,000 into a set of golf clubs. He didn't shave a single shot on his handicap. Time invested in your children, however, offers a predictable and consistent return. No regrets, ever. Plus a lot more love – and love is something that can be banked for the future.

5. Time tells the truth about our priorities.

Time tells the truth about what we value. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:24). Children are deeply insightful when it comes to what their parents' treasure, what we value. If we don't give time to our kids, then it's crystal clear to them that they are not a priority to us.

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



Sunday,
October 25

I received the gift basket from the church, and I wanted to thank you guys. It meant so much to me that I have a huge family down in Florida thinking about me. Thank you so much for all that you do. Austin Metzkes

LOCAL VISITORS: Darrell Bowers; Mr. Jean Charles; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Milton Jones; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Jacade & Susan Reynolds; and Christopher & Yolanda Stewart.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Karen Bibbee, Delray Beach, FL; Sabrina Clayton, Port St. Lucie; Susan M. Crosswhite, Delray Beach; Carolyn W. Duncan, Elizabethton, TN; Jon Erickson; Mr. & Mrs. Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter, Boynton Beach; Mrs. Patricia Kato, Chattanooga, TN; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann, Delray Beach; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Mrs. Linda Wolfe & Ava Johnson, Fayetteville, NC.



Monday (November 2nd)

Trish Clark
Isolyn Sinclair

Thursday (November 5th)

Brent Leslie

Wednesday (November 4th)

Chad Brown
Richard Lerro
Phil Porter

Friday (November 6th)

Flo Aristy
Trudie Holland

Saturday (November 7th)

Jim & JoAnn Rogers (Ann.)
Peggy Delaney



We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday, November 4. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday, November 5 for opening night of our Lectureship.

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 1

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer David Brown
Scripture Reading Jimmie Banks
Presiding at Table Orlando Lolo
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Rick Price
Pete Brown Vincent Rogers
Mike Damron David Thorpe
Glen Dawson Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Morris McDaniel Jim Rogers
Closing Prayer Bob Higbee

Sunday Evening, November 1

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Kane Campbell
Scripture Reading Brad Shelt
Presiding at Table Jim Davis
Serve at Table:
Gorman Ericksen
Tommy Pauldo
Micah Trujillo
Closing Prayer Mike Archer
Thursday Evening, November 5
Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Invitation Dan Jenkins
Family Prayer David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Oct. 25</u>	<u>Sept. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	220	233
Sun. A.M. Worship	344	360
Sun. P.M. Worship	205	190
Wed. Bible study	185	199
Contribution	\$14,515	\$13,746
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -15,454		

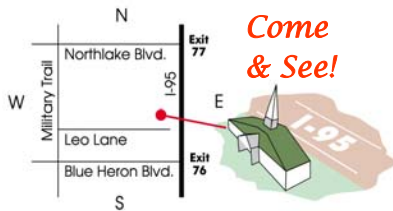
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Service Schedule

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 & TEENS:

- A Day of Anticipation
- A Day of Glory
- A Day of Separation
- A Day of Togetherness

- Sounding Forth the Word
- Building Respect for the Word
- Standing Fast in the Word
- Living Faithfully to the Word

- Heeding the Call to Holiness, Purity & Honor
- Putting on the Armor of Faith, Love & Hope
- Walking the Walk in Light, Truth & Endurance
- Living the Life of Joy, Prayer & Thanksgiving

- Strengthening My Brethren in the Faith
- Admonishing My Brethren Who Are Astray
- Encouraging My Brethren Who Are Downhearted
- Loving My Brethren Unconditionally