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Each Night at 7:00 p.m.

Classes for all ages!
(Babies, Children, Teens & Adults)

KNIGHT'S QUEST

The Armor of God

Lesson 1: The Belt of Truth & The Sword of the Spirit

Lesson 2: The Shield of Faith

Lesson 3: The Helmet of Salvation & The Breastplate of Righteousness

Lesson 4: The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace



By Dan Jenkins

Why Sheep Leave the Fold

God's people were destined for the Babylonian captivity, and the prophet Ezekiel continually reminded them of the consequences of all they were doing. In Ezekiel 34, he shows why some sheep leave the fold.

Many people think of the twenty-third psalm as the "Shepherd's psalm." There is another chapter we could rightly think of as the "shepherds' chapter." Ezekiel 34:1-6 addresses the responsibility of Israel's shepherds—if I were an elder I would read this chapter every month—but it helps us all see why some Christians (sheep) leave the church (fold).

Some sheep leave the fold because they are sick. The cause of the sickness is not given, but people leave the Lord because of personal problems which makes it so hard to grow spiritually. It can so easily happen to new Christians, but it also impacts those who have been in the church for years. That's the nature of sin. It brings sickness and ends with death.

Some leave the fold because they are broken. This is much like those who leave because of sickness, but the word "broken" may indicate a more sudden onset of the "sickness." Jesus described the seed on the stony ground as the person who "...hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet...when tribulation or persecution arises because of the

word, immediately he stumbles" (Matt. 13:20-21). Sin is powerful, and it can easily break the spirit of any of us.

Some leave the fold because they are driven away. Every sheep in His flock has a responsibility toward every other sheep. It is so tragic when older Christians' words and actions actually drive people away from the church. Ezekiel described them as those who "...have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns and scattered them abroad" (34:21). While thinking their actions are justified, many Christians come under the judgment of Christ who said, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea" (Mark 9:42).

If I were an elder I would read the "shepherds' chapter" every month

Some leave because they love goats. While this is not specifically mentioned by Ezekiel, this truth is shown simply by seeing the attraction sin has to those who have returned to the sinful world after their salvation (2 Pet. 2:20). Paul speaks of how evil companions (goats) corrupt the godly. Some are not willing to seek new friends in His fold.

Each of us has a God-given responsibility to the rest of us. Whenever you see a brother or sister beginning to stumble, you cannot sit idly by and watch it happen. We have the great Shepherd who leads us and watches over us, but we must each feel a personal obligation to all of those in His fold.



By David Sproule

Every Word in Acts 2:38 Is Significant

It is truly perplexing and inexplicable how so many well-meaning folks have been taught and convinced that immersion is not essential for one's salvation from sin. Of all the doctrines of the New Testament, that one is exceptionally clear, to the point that God considers it one of "the elementary principles of Christ" (Heb. 6:1-2). Let us consider just one verse (Acts 2:38), and let us look at how the "small" words of the verse teach a "major" Bible doctrine.

"Them." The verse begins, "Then Peter said to them." Only the KJV and NKJV have the word, "Then," which is significant, but look at the word, "them." To whom is Peter speaking? He is answering a group of sincere Jews who had been "cut to the heart" and had asked, "What shall we do?" (2:37). There is no greater question! Therefore, Peter's response was going to be THE answer to the most important of all questions!

"And." The word "repent" is understood (i.e., a change of mind that leads to a change of life). The word "baptized" is understood (i.e., immersion into water). The little word "and" is a copulative, coordinating conjunction, which joins two items of equal grammatical or syntactic importance. Therefore, repentance "and" baptism are inseparably connected in accomplishing their joint purpose!

"In the name of." This phrase was used by New Testament Christians and inspired men to emphasize that the authority of their words and actions was not their own. Peter and John were asked in Acts 4, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" (i.e., healing the lame man). Note carefully that the "name" by which they did this act was the "power" by which they did it. Peter replied, "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth...this man stands here" (Acts 4:7-10).

Therefore, the act of immersion (and whatever purpose is assigned to it) is by the authority of Jesus Christ and not by any man!

"For." The English word "for" is from the Greek preposition "eis," which is found over 1,700 times in the Greek New Testament. Every use of the word is always prospective, looking forward (and never looking backward in a causal sense to mean "because of"). Greek-English Lexicons clearly define the word in Acts 2:38 to mean, "to obtain, to denote purpose, indicating motion into a thing, in order to, so that sins might be forgiven." Jesus used the exact same expression in Matthew 26:28, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Therefore, the "purpose" of immersion is "in order to obtain" the remission of sins!

The inspired answer equally necessitates repentance and immersion by Christ's authority for the remission of sins!

The "small" words of the verse teach a "major" Bible doctrine.



By Josh Blackmer

Lessons from Galilee: “I will make you become fishers of men.”

It has been called by many names: Chinnereth (Num. 34:11), Lake of Gannesaret (Luke 5:1), Sea of Tiberias (John 6:1) and most commonly to us, the Sea of Galilee (Matt. 4:18). Measuring 13 miles north to south and 7.5 miles east to west, it is not sea size. With an area of 64 square miles, it is much smaller than the 730 square miles of Lake Okeechobee. What is so special about this lake? It was a central silent figure in the early ministry of Jesus. We will begin a series of lessons that highlight four major events that took place on this jewel in the desert.

Jesus left Nazareth and began His Galilean ministry. Matthew reminds us of the prophecy from Isaiah, “...Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them” (Matt. 4:13-16; Isa. 9:1-2). Jesus began living in Capernaum of Galilee. He taught and did many miracles in the area. Early in His time there, we have the second calling of four fishermen. John records that these men had been called in Bethany and were with Jesus even at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee (John 1:35-2:2). We do not know the circumstances as to why they went back to fishing. We know that they did the same thing after Jesus’ death (John 21:3). The events of this rabbinical style calling are recorded in Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20 and Luke 5:1-11.

Matthew and Mark give us a very abbreviated version of the event. The disciples were on the shore of the lake mending their nets. Jesus asked to use one of the boats to teach from. The crowd was pressing Him and the water provided natural amplification. After the lesson Jesus, instructs Simon to launch into the deep water and let down the net for a catch. Simon Peter let Jesus, not a fisherman, know that they have fished all night, the best fishing time, and caught nothing.

However, because of who Jesus is, Peter obeys. Peter makes one of the biggest catches in his life. The net begins to break and James and John were called over in their boat, and the catch was so large that both boats began to sink with the load of fish. They were overtaken with amazement and Peter threw himself at Jesus’s feet and essentially said what Isaiah had said, “Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!” (Isa 6:5; Luke 5:8). This is when Jesus calls them into the rabbinical styled relationship as their teacher, “I will make you to become fishers of men” (Luke 5:11).

All three accounts tell us that they leave everything (boat, nets, father and fish) and follow Jesus. Accepting this relationship was an honor and it meant that they would accept His teaching and interpretation of the law. When we chose to follow Jesus, we did the same thing. We left the old man of sin (Rom. 6:6) to follow His word (John 12:48). We must deny self, take the cross and follow Him (Matt. 16:24).

**Deny self,
take up the cross
and follow Him.**

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

A Christian’s response

How should a Christian respond when a gunman kills dozens of people in a gay nightclub? How should a Christian respond when a bomb is set off in an abortion clinic? How should a Christian respond when a Muslim mosque is set on fire? Should we have joy? Should we feel a sense of satisfaction? No! We should never “rejoice at wrongdoing” (1 Cor. 13:6)! At the same time, a Christian can never soften or compromise God’s standard (2 John 9-11).

So, how should a Christian respond? A Christian should be appalled at the violent, sinful act of murder. A Christian should be disturbed at the consequences of sin. A Christian should be saddened for the families who are hurting. A Christian should spend much time in prayer. A Christian should weigh all public posts in light of the doctrine and love of Christ. Most of all, a Christian should be horrified that many souls left this earth unprepared. A Christian should be even more determined to share the saving gospel with others. A Christian should be focused on Jesus and helping all people to have an opportunity to spend eternity with Him. – DS



Listening with a hypercritical ear

How do you listen? That is not asking “how well” do you listen. Nor is that asking anything about your hearing ability. Stop, consider, evaluate and be honest—how do you listen?

When someone else is speaking, are you open or closed to them? Are you humble or haughty? Are you patient or pushy? Are you easy or demanding? Are you concentrating on what they’re saying or concentrating on what you’re going to say? Do you give them the benefit of the doubt or do you doubt their every intention? Do you consider the entirety of the context or do you critically dissect every syllable? Are you just ready to pounce or are you eager to forgive? Do you want the best for them or do you secretly hope that they will mess up?

Three other questions: How does agape love listen? (Please read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and measure how you listen next to those words.) How does the Golden Rule listen (Luke 6:31)? Finally, how did (and would and does) Jesus listen? God help me to listen like Him! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Ally Alberga	awaiting results from MRI
Harold Armstrong	suffering with chronic congestive heart failure
Dee Catanzaro	recovering from breast cancer surgery
Lester Galloway	recovering from neck surgery
Dave Holaday	recovering from surgery
Kasandra Jones	recovering at home from hospitalization
Matthew Jones	Jupiter Medical Ctr (room 433), recovering from surgery
Robyn Landen	recovering from auto accident, in a lot of pain
Connye Plouffe	recovering from severe head injury
Leigh Puckett	blood clotting problems
Cathy Seay	recovering at home, surgery postponed

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Annie Faison	suffering with chronic pain
Janet Hickerson	chronic health problems
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Helen Gardner	Deidra Miley
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Loretta Holaday	Leigh Puckett
Shelton Howell	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Leigh Hill	Shirley Hopkins' cousin, suffering with cancer
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, in the hospital
Bill O'Brien	Marcia Kelley's cousin, open heart surgery on July 8
Vivian Rackstraw	Tasha Ellis' grandmother, breast cancer surgery on July 1
Mariam Wagenknecht	Dick Kelley's sister, under Hospice Care

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-Wednesday, June 19-22

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School hosted by Palm Beach Lakes** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Knight's Quest: The Armor of God."*

Monday, June 20

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

Tuesday, June 21

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

Friday, June 24

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

Sunday, June 26

- ♦ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake. See Joan Holloway for details.
- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Lisa Holaday & Nathan Lewis** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring gift cards.

Tuesday, June 28

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Novel & Mary Brown.

Saturday, July 2

- ♦ **Area-Wide Homecoming Singing** at 7:00 p.m. PBL members, bring finger foods and drinks.

Sunday, July 3

- ♦ **Homecoming Sunday at Palm Beach Lakes.**
 - 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
 - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 - 11:45 a.m. Potluck Luncheon
 - 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Worship
- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 7

- ♦ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

Sunday, July 10

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Sunday-Wednesday, June 19-22

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School hosted by Palm Beach Lakes** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Knight's Quest: The Armor of God."*

Saturday, July 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Paul & Lisa Metzkes.

Monday, July 11

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hollie Crofts. See Rachel Fuller for more details.

Tuesday, July 12

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

Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ♦ **Jenkins' Week at CFBC.** Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday-Wednesday, June 19-22

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School hosted by Palm Beach Lakes** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Knight's Quest: The Armor of God."*

Sunday, June 26

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

Sunday, July 10

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

Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ♦ **Jenkins' Week at CFBC.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 23-27

- ♦ **Upward Bound at CFBC** for ages 14-18. Register online.

July 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 ☆ Area-Wide Homecoming Singing a Richard & Debi Watson
3 ☆ Homecoming Sunday ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Cornelius Henderson	4 b Andrea Henderson b Charles Norton	5 b Rachel Byerly b Enrique Chow b Debora Lynch b Jim Rogers b Amy West	6 a David & Carol Hardman a Derrick & Stahia Banks b Jeff Goodale	7 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting a Jon & Jenny Jordan a Ted & Laura Schuemann	8 a Paul & Lisa Metzkes	9 ☆ Young Adult Devo
10 ☆ EDP Meeting ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Jimmy Burney b Mary Reeves b Sarah Smedley	11 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Cheryl Floyd	12 ☆ Meat Night for YA Men	13 b Novel Brown b Sam Simpkins	14 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting b Kasandra Jones b Christopher Thompson	15	16 b Bonnie Arthur b Astrid Beliech b Hattie Daniels b Jim Davis
17 a Michael & Julie Trujillo	18 a Chuck & Marisa Reeves b Carolina Beliech b Marian Holland	19 a David & Traci Sproule b Jeff Leslie	20 b Gorman Ericksen	21 a Sherrick & Mary Thomas b Sandy Mann	22 b Michael Trujillo	23 b Sarah Collier b Tina Wagner
Jenkins' Week at CFBC (17th-23rd)						
24 b Lowell Flowers b Dan Jenkins b Rick Tibbetts	25 b Grant Fuller	26 b Marsha Beasley b Jeff Feeney b Eva Fulton	27 b Willie Cox	28 a David & Skye Brown b Joy Cantrell	29 a Les & Betty McQuinn	30 b Victor Colage b Adam Seal
Upward Bound at CFBC (23rd-27th)						
31 ☆ Fifth Sunday Singing b Janet Hickerson						

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



Sunday,
June 12

Carolyn Lord was baptized Sunday evening, June 12, following evening services. She is the daughter of **David & Daisy Lord**.

Thank You Note

To my dear church family,

Thank you so much for your concern, cards, calls and prayers during my recent surgery. I could feel the love.

Dee Catanzaro

LOCAL VISITORS: Greg Bland; Ms. Rosa Charles; Mr. Aisha Fernandez; Paul & Angela Flowers; Jason Halas; Joan Nappi; Miss Aliah Pendley; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Mr. Angel Santiago; Michael Singer, Jr.; and Mrs. Kathy Wood.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Ruby Adams, Canton, OH; Ms. Helen Bashaw, Canal Winchester, OH; Ms. Lucy Bond, Pensacola FL; Mr. & Mrs. John Daniels, Folsom, CA; Don & Carol Dodd, Harvest, AL; Mr. Allan Fowell, New Plymouth, New Zealand; Ms. Karen French, Alamogordo, NM; Ms. Ann Graham, Keystone Heights, FL; and Ms. Wilma Thomas, Hollywood Hills, FL.



Sunday (June 19th)

Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot (Ann.)
Judy Carmack
Gwen Lyons

Monday (June 20th)

Cam & Hollie Crotts (Ann.)
Dan & Loni Fuller (Ann.)
Evetta Wilson

Tuesday (June 21st)

Ivan & Amber Villard (Ann.)
Eddie Goodson

Wednesday (June 22nd)

Kahla King

Thursday (June 23rd)

Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon (Ann.)
Les Sawyer

Friday (June 24th)

Morris McDaniel

Saturday (June 25th)

Tom & Rose Martens (Ann.)
Rodney Woods

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 19

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reading Lawrence Williams
Presiding at Table Kevin Weeks
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Dan McLeod
Tim Cox Tommy Pauldo
Jim Davis Gary Seames
Bobby Ingraham Mike Trujillo
Alternates:
Bill Ingram, Jr. Deltom Lequernaqué
Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Sunday Evening, June 19

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Brad Shelt
Scripture Reading Lynn Parker
Presiding at Table Kane Campbell
Cam Crotts
Harrison Crotts
Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Glen Dawson
Wednesday Evening, June 22
Lead Singing VBS
Invitation VBS
Family Prayer VBS

Our Record

Attendance	<u>June 12</u>	<u>May Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	280	252
Sun. A.M. Worship	426	375
Sun. P.M. Worship	180	177
Wed. Bible Study	214	187
Contribution	\$12,308	\$15,227
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +22,261		

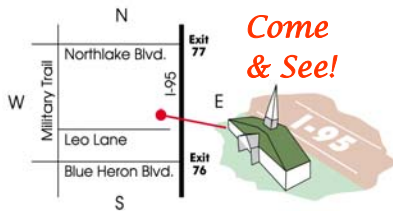
Ushers for week of **June 19** Head Usher: Novel Brown; Rick Price & Jacade Reynolds



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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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A Note Off the Kitchen Wall

By Grant Fuller (Summer Intern)

In the Fuller house, on the doorframe of the kitchen leading into the living room, there is a note that is taped up onto the wall. I actually walked past this note a few times before I read it and realized that a profound truth was written on it. It reads, "Don't let Satan steal your joy." It's a simple message, but one that we do not often think about. But, how often do we shout, "I am tempted by God!" (Jas. 1:13), when our path takes us into a thicket of trouble?

We often don't see the misfortunes in our lives for what they are, especially when we have our hopes up for something, and then it goes south really fast. We see it as an unfortunate happenstance, like there's nobody who caused it to happen. It just happened. But, the note on the kitchen wall got me to open my eyes. We might get our hopes up, and we might find great joy in something. It might even be something we are doing for God's Kingdom. But, when things start to go south, it's not like it's nobody's business. When that happens, there is someone trying to steal our joy, and we know exactly who he is!

Satan is a roaring lion who is prowling around and seeking out people to devour (1 Pet. 5:8). Understand that the stealing of joy from our lives is one of the tricks up his sleeve, so don't be surprised when he pulls it on you. Place your joy not in possessions or activities or even people but in God only.



Saturday, July 2

7:00 p.m. Area-Wide & Homecoming Singing

Sunday, July 3

**9:00 a.m. Morning Bible Study:
"God's Work Through PBL"**

**10:00 a.m. Morning Worship:
"We're Part of the Family"**

11:45 a.m. Potluck Luncheon

**1:00 p.m. Afternoon Worship:
"When We All Get to Heaven"**