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New Bible Classes

SEPTEMBER 25 THRU NOVEMBER 30

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

omans (Part 1) David Sproule (Audito		
From Prodigal to Priest	Dan McLeod (Adult 1)	
The Christian Family Dan Fuller (Adult 2)		
Young Adults: How We Got the Bible	Josh Blackmer (Adult 3)	
Sr. High: The Church of Christ	Kirk Crews	
Jr. High: Israel's Restoration Jacade Reynolds		

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

1 Samuel	Josh Blackmer (Auditorium)	
Leadership Development in the Church	Dan Jenkins (Adult 1)	
Ladies: The Fruit of the Spirit	Cara Blackmer (Adult 2)	
Worship: More Than a Feeling	Douglas Alvarenga (Adult 3)	
Sr. High: Happy Christian Living	Young Adult Guys	
Jr. High Girls: Everyday Princess	Young Adult Ladies	
Jr. High Guys: Leading in Worship	David Sproule	

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Purchased People Are Peculiar—Are You?

Let's face it—

Christians are

ers see you as

"peculiar"?



I remember when I was a child hearing Christians misuse the King James rendering of Peter's words in 1 Peter 2:9. "You are a peculiar people." Whenever there was a social misfit or a person "whose eyeballs don't line up with the holes in his head," someone would say, "Well the Bible says we are to be

peculiar, and he is the "peculiarest" person I have ever known. They failed to understand that in 1611, when the translation was made, the word "peculiar" was used to describe those who have been purchased. However, Christians actually are different.

Christians are different in how they treat other Christians. Early in the second century, a Roman official described Christians and ended his description by saying, "But oh how they love each oth-

er." We do. Each week when services end, I marvel at just how many stand for such a long time to visit with their brethren. The building is filled with love. So many times this has been expressed to me about the love you have for fellow Christians.

Christians are different in how they care for each other. We send cards to each other. We pray for each other, and this is seen so often in posts on Facebook when so many say to a hurting Christian, "I am praying for you." We encourage each other. We exhort each other. We lift up when there is adversity in our lives. We care for others because He cares.

Christians are different in the moral values which rule our lives. I recall a Christian whose boss told him to lie as to whether he was in the office. The Christian refused and said, "I will not tell a lie. You need to know that if I will lie for you, I will lie to you." Our world is filled with liars, but Christians are different. We cannot seem to forget those closing words of Revelation 21:8. Our values are so different!

Christians are different in our views about marriage. We enter marriage with a view of the lifetime commitment to our mates. Even in the struggles which come in marriage, we rarely even think different. Do othabout the "D word"-it is not in our vocabulary. We have not bought into the world's view of same-sex "marriage" because He who created marriage retains the right to define it!

> Christians are different in how we are entertained. We do not spend time like others who "rejoice in iniquity" (1 Cor. 13:6) nor do we find pleasure in seeing the world's ungodliness (Rom. 1:32). The choices we make about recreation are not the same choices our friends make.

> Let's face it—Christians are different. Because of this it might pay you to see if your salt and light are salt without savor or lights hidden from the world. If your friends do not see you as "peculiar," you might should make some changes.



Save Face: Close the Mouth

How often do our mouths get us in trouble? All too often, I'm afraid! These fires of deadly poison (Jas. 3:6, 8) have tremendous power (Prov. 18:21) and will have a tremendous impact on our eternal destinies (Matt. 12:36-37).

By David Sproule

In this technological age, our "words" are not limited to the utterances that come from our

vocal cords, but they include the communications that come from our finger tips (and thumbs) when in contact with a keyboard. In the world in which we live-with instantaneous news, guick-to-judge media, viral social media posts, and the wide-open door for everyone to spout an opinion about everythingtruly "sin lies at the door" (Gen. 4:7).

Fellow Christian, there is a verse that needs

to be engraved deeply and durably upon our hearts. It might help if this verse was attached to our keyboards or etched into the screen on our mobile devices. How often do we hear, see or read a piece of information and almost instantaneously find ourselves sharing a post, commenting or just taking to the social media world with our own rant and diatribe about the matter? We do this all too frequently and without ALL of the information! Our all-wise God said, "He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him" (Prov. 18:13).

Too many Christians are engaging in foolish and shameful messages. God says that it is folly for someone to speak about something when he does not have all of the information and has not heard or considered both (or all) sides of the matter. Brethren, the media will rarely ever tell you the whole matter-sometimes unintentionally, often intentionally. There is always an element to a story that we don't know. To spout off without full understanding is an expression of shame-

ful foolishness, both in the eyes of man and (more You shall inquire, especially) in the eyes of God.

> The Lord gave these very helpful instructions to Israel—If you hear someone saying something, "then you shall inquire, search out, and ask diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain," then appropriate action can be considered (Deut. 13:12-14). This is a good rule to adopt in our own lives today.

It is not always a news or social media report. Sometimes a disgruntled coworker, a hurting friend or even a fellow church member will tell us about something that happened. Even if it is an appropriate conversation (cf. 1 Pet. 4:15), we must, we must, we must be "slow to speak" (Jas. 1:19) and let Proverbs 18:13 ring in our ears and in our hearts.

Want to save your marriage? Want to save your job? Want to save a friendship? Want to save the church? Want to save your reputation? Learn to restrain your words!

search out, and ask diligently. And if it is indeed true...



"You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled"

"He is my

refuge and

my strength."

The concept of being a refugee would be hard for most of us to understand. Many of us have grown up in relative safety and security. The very idea that we would have to flee our homes, cities or country to protect our lives and those of our loved ones By Josh Blackmer is hard for us to even imagine. Yet, all over

the world that is a fact of life for millions. To leave their countries and to go to others that do not accept them or are hostile toward them is seen as trading one hardship for another.

David, the chosen of Israel, spent time as a refugee while fleeing from Saul. He spent a year and four months with the Philistines when he was running from Saul, "Then David said to himself, 'Now I will perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is

nothing better for me than to escape into the land of the Philistines. Saul then will despair of searching for me anymore in all the territory of Israel, and I will escape from his hand.' So David arose and crossed over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maoch, king of Gath" (1 Sam. 27:1-2). It is for this reason that the Psalms are riddled with the concept of God as a place of safety and refuge. It is in 2 Samuel we have these words, "And David spoke the words of this song to the LORD in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said, '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 and my refuge; my savior, you save me from violence'" (22:1-3). This is also recorded in Psalm 18. While David was a man of war, his heart longed for peace and to be in a place of security.

A favorite song of mine tells of the refuge we have in Christ. "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for

your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?" The last stanza ends with strong confidence in our Savior. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake." This song ends with the sentiment of a passage from He-

brews, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (13:5).

So for you who seek a refuge, you can find no better place than in the love of God and our Savior. "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39). Seek a relationship with God so that you may confidently say, "He is my refuge and my strength."

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Drowning out the cries

Near Auschwitz during World War II, railroad trains carrying Jews to their execution would pass through the towns, and the screams from the packed cattle cars pierced through the hearts of the residents in every place. When these trains came through town while churches were assembled, it is reported that the parishioners would sing louder and louder to drown out the bloodcurdling screams of the soon-tobe-executed.

Is it possible that churches and Christians are still doing that today? Every day there are train -loads of people (at least in number) who are

dying without Jesus. Every day there are trainloads of people who are ruining their lives because they don't have Jesus. Every day there are train-loads of eternal souls passing by you, screaming out for help, rushing headlong to their final doom. Do we hear? Do we care? Or do we try to distract our minds in another direction?

"Shall we sit idly as they rush onward? Haste let us hold up Christ the true light!" -DS

Maybe we pick on Peter and Thomas too much

The apostles Peter and Thomas are sometimes remembered for only one thing—Peter's denials and Thomas' doubting. Hence, we sometimes give each of them a hard time for breakdowns in their faith. However, if that is all we know about these men, we do not actually know these men!



When Jesus predicted Peter's three-fold denial, we sometimes focus on Peter's hasty reply, "I will not deny You!" (Matt. 26:34-35). But, how did he lead into that vow? Think soberly about these words—"Even if I have to die with You..." Would you, could you have said that? Just a

few months earlier, as Jesus intended to go and raise Lazarus in the perilous region where His life was being sought, Thomas declared (think soberly about these words), "Let us also go, that we may die with Him" (John 11:16). Would you, could you have said that?

We might give these men a hard time, but do we have that level of faith? Is following Jesus and being true to Him MORE important than our very lives? This demands a response. - DS

Keep in Your Prayers

Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	dealing with severe hip and leg pain
Pete Brown	difficulty recovering from knee surgery
Sharon Feeney	still awaiting lumbar spine surgery
Eddie Gooden	undergoing tests for health issues
Patricia Hackshaw	having a lot of health problems
Jason Halas	now at home, hit by a truck but doing well
Charles Hayes	still undergoing tests
Lynne Jorgensen	diagnosed with scleroderma, infection still in her leg
Robyn Landen	recovering from a stroke
Deidra Miley	awaiting kidney surgery
Jo Ann Rogers	home from hospital
Norm Smedley	home from hospital, infection in his leg

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

Patricia Buonadonna	Ed Buonadonna's mother, hospital, respiratory problems
Bonnye Cox	Connye Plouffe's sister, numerous health issues
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, recovering from heart surgery
Jean Honore	Justilien Honore's brother, hospital, heart problems
Richard Matter	Don Matter's son, recovering from quadruple bypass surg.
Ennis Mitchell	Kay Richardson's brother, ICU from fall, stage 4 cancer
Tashia Johnson	Jenisa Kenty's mother, at home, blood pressure issues
Gail Livergood	Steven Livergood's mother, recovering from cancer surg.
Eula Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's mother, ICU, respiratory problems
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, rehab for broken leg
Margie Tharpe	Rose Martens' sister, under Hospice Care



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.
- Family Group 2 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Quigley.

Sunday, October 2

• Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 9

- Teacher Training Class for Cradle Roll & Toddler Classes at 4:30 p.m. We need more teachers.
- Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Thursday, October 13

 Family Group 1 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bill & Inell Ingram.

Friday-Sunday, October 14-16

• **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend.** Cost is \$65 per person. Sign up on the bus on the bulletin board in the Lobby and fill out a registration form. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Tuesday, October 18

• Family Group 3 Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

Friday, October 21

• Family Group 4 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

Saturday, October 22

 Congregational Work Day to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:00 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.

Sunday, October 30

 Fifth Sunday Singing in the Lobby during evening assembly.

Young Adults

Friday, September 30

- Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.
- Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Julie Trujillo.

Saturday, October 1

• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Bring drinks to share. Food will be provided. See Shea Brown for details.

Monday, October 3

• Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jaquá Lewis. See Rachel Fuller for details.

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Sunday, September 25

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

Friday, September 30

- Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.
- Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Julie Trujillo.

Saturday, October 8

• Young Families' Devo & Game Night at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Rick & Melinda Price. All families with children in Grade 5 and under are invited. Please bring a dish to share.

Sunday, October 9

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

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - October, 2016

		October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Morning \	Norship Serv	rice				
Song Lead	der	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly	Ken Tipton
Opening F	Prayer	Kane Campbell	David Lord	Jimmie Banks	Orlando Lolo	Mike Ellis
Scripture I	Reading	Morris McDaniel	Chuck Clark	Dan McLeod	L.H. Richardson	Richard Lerro
Presiding	at Table	David Brown	Joe Maloney	Darin Summerlot	Jeff Leslie	Freddie Gadson
Serving at	Table:	Jordan Beasley	Doug Carrick	Mike Damron	Victor Colage	Josue Charles
		Lance Collier	Tim Cox	Marvin Dozier	Gorman Ericksen	Glen Dawson
		Wallace Jones	Josue Charles	Andres Fernandez	Paul Hensel	Ed Gager
		Brett Lau	Errol Gower-Winter	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Bobby Ingraham	Brent Leslie
		Justin Maloney	Jacade Reynolds	Ken Long	Jim Rogers	Lynn Parker
		Tommy Pauldo	Vincent Rogers	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Carmen Ruckmen	Jerry Pittman
		Scott Studer	Nahum Villard	Micah Trujillo	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Chris Thompson
		Kevin Weeks	Lawrence Williams	Marty Williams	Richard Watson	Austin Williams
Closing Pr	ayer	David Holaday	Stephen Beliech	Johnny Davis	Dan Fuller	Mike Archer
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	Vorship Serv		laws Ditter or	Kan Tinton	Den Mal and	Otenhen Beliech
Song Lead		Stephen Beliech Paul Metzkes	Jerry Pittman Eugene Williams	Ken Tipton Tim Fry	Dan McLeod Morris McDaniel	Stephen Beliech Gary Jenkins
Opening F				Harrison Carter	Shea Brown	Brad Shelt
Scripture I	•	Dirk Summerlot	Ken Tipton			Novel Brown
Presiding		Jim Davis	Deltom Lequernaque	Dick Kelley Josiah Blackmer	Chuck Clark	
Serving at	Table:	Gorman Erickson	Tim Mahlbacher		Harrison Crotts	Lance Collier
		Scott Lewis	Jim Rogers	Gary Seames	Mike Fox	Jon Jordan, Jr.
		Nick Pietro	Simon Tyson	Mike Trujillo	Leonard Williams	Bobbo Lupo
Closing Pr	rayer	Chris Thompson	Richard Watson	Cam Crotts	Tom Martens	Jerry Hopkins
Alternates	s:					
		Freddie Gadson	Bob Higbee	Jeff Goodale	Kirk Crews	Tim Cox
		Richard Lerro	Phil Porter	Nate Nelson	Taylor Reeves	Scott Studer
Technical	Assignment	e	•		•	
Morning:	Computer	Shea Brown	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	TBD
g.	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD
Ushers - I	Morning & Ev	vening Services (Sun				
		Oct. 2 & 5	Oct. 9 & 12	Oct. 16 & 19	Oct. 23 & 26	Oct. 30 & Nov. 2
Head Ush	er	Rick Hall			1	1
		Mike Erickson	Namdidie Ikon	Henry Bass	Daniel Swayne	Eddie Gooden
		Lynn Parker	Clayton Trujillo	Rick Price	Shaun Tyson	Brett Lau

• Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.

• Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.

Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

• Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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



Cecilia Tipton moved to Tallahassee.

Kim Cullom moved to Longwood, FL, but will be visiting here often to take care of business.

Thank You to

Bonnie Quigley's sister, **Babs Lee**, would like to thank everyone for their prayers, following her recent hip replacement surgery.



Sunday, September 18

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Lori Armstrong; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa Charles; Derman Edwards; Ms. Aisha Fernandez; Tom Garrison; Miss Jamie Granino; Jerone Lane; Miss Kelly Rabbitt; Mrs. Ann Marie Robinson; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons; and Miss Emma Teed.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Joseph Lupo, Sneedville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Wes Macon, Sumter, SC; Mrs. Cecilia Morse, Sneedville, TN; Ms. Dorothy Noeman, Kingston, Jamaica; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Sandy Sink, Davenport, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Sink, Bradenton, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Wilson, Ringgold, GA.



Clarence Tipton was baptized on Tuesday, September

20.



Sunday (Sept. 25th) David & Marie Thorpe (Ann.) Dan Fuller

<u>Monday (Sept. 26th)</u> Betty Davis Ophelia Holmes Gary Jenkins Monday (Sept. 26th) cont. Vincent Rogers

<u>Thursday (Sept. 29th)</u> Angelica Fernandez Paul Hensel

<u>Saturday (Oct. 1st)</u> Lawrence H. Richardson

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:45 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:45 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, September 25

Lead Singing	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	L.H. Richardson
Scripture Reading	Dan Fuller
Presiding at Table	Jeff Goodale
Serve at Table:	
Chuck Clark	Kenneth Long
Harrison Crotts	Rick Price
Errol Gower-Winter	Taylor Reeves
Namdidie Ikon	Mike Trujillo
Alternates:	
Novel Brown 1	īm Fry
Closing Prayer	Henry Williams

Sunday Evening, September 25

Sunday Evening, September 25			
Lead Singing Ken Tipton			
Opening Prayer Nate Nelson			
Scripture ReadingDavid Lord			
Presiding at TableIvan Villard			
Shea Brown			
Jeremy Maloney			
Marty Williams			
Closing Prayer Mike Archer			
Wednesday Evening, September 28			
Lead SingingBobbo Lupo			
InvitationIvan Villard			
Family PrayerL.H. Richardson			

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Sep. 18</u>	Aug. Avg.		
Sun. Bible Study	235	245		
Sun. A.M. Worship	o 309	364		
Sun. P.M. Worship	182	190		
Wed. Bible Study	219	197		
Contribution \$	14,649	\$15,317		
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660				
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +24,807				

Ushers for week of Sept. 25 Head Usher: TBD; Paul Hensel & Deltom Lequernaqué



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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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