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New Bible Classes

MAY 7 THRU JULY 12

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

<i>Acts 2: The Hub of the Bible</i>	David Sproule (Auditorium)
<i>Archaeology & the Bible</i>	Josh Blackmer (Adult 1)
<i>Young Adults: Renewing Your Spiritual Life: Deuteronomy</i>	Rick Hall (Adult 3)
<i>Sr. High: Old Testament: History</i>	Bobbo Lupo
<i>Jr. High: Acts 13-28: Paul's Journeys</i>	David Lord

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

<i>2 Kings</i>	Josh Blackmer (Auditorium)
<i>Between the Testaments</i>	Bill Ingram, Jr. (Adult 1)
<i>Ladies: Reaching Your Spiritual Potential</i>	Inell Ingram & Judie Jenkins (Adult 2)
<i>The Doctrine of the Godhead</i>	Douglas Alvarenga (Adult 3)
<i>Sr. High: Scheme of Redemption</i>	Dan Jenkins
<i>Jr. High: Survey of the Old Testament</i>	Cam Crotts

Let us "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18)!



By Dan Jenkins

“Little Things” Are Humongous

The Bible is filled with emphasis on the little things we can so easily overlook. In recent weeks, we have mentioned Gideon’s small army, the little oil the widow of Zarephath shared with Elijah, Moses’ rod, the widow’s mites and the little “pegs” God used for His purposes. God does not need the grandeur of mortals to show His glory. He can use little things.

Little ants and laziness. America has largely become a nation of people who have become dependent on others instead of knowing the blessing of working hard and reaping the fruit of our labor. Yet, the Bible plainly says, “If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat” (2 Thess. 3:10). America’s attitude of laziness was also part of the ancient world. Solomon said, “Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which having no captain, overseer or ruler provides her supplies in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest” (Prov. 6:6-8). Wisdom comes from little things.

Little children and humility. The disciples of Jesus often struggled as to who would be the greatest in the kingdom. In one simple act, our Lord showed them the true path to greatness. “Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, ‘Assuredly I say to you, unless you be converted and become as little children, you will by no

means enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:2-3). Lazy people need to look at small ants and arrogant people need to look at small children.

Little garments and love. Hannah promised God that that she would give her firstborn child to Him (1 Sam. 1). After he was weaned, she brought Samuel and gave him to Eli, and only saw that child once each year. Hannah would “...make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year” (1 Sam. 2:18). What a treasure those little robes must have been. Every stitch made by his mother’s hand was a stitch of love. There are so many little things we can do for others to show them this same kind of love.

Little sips of water and His eyes. When we are reminded that God sees everything, some immediately think of His remembrance of idle words, hidden sins and angry words spoken to family members in our homes and in our cars. However, we must never overlook that He sees every cup of cold water given to others (Matt. 10:42). Remember the judgment scene in Matthew 25? He sees food prepared and taken to the least disciple; He sees visits we make to the sick, especially the least among us; and He sees our hospitality to the least among us. It is these little things we might overlook which determine whether we are on the right or left hand.

God, help us to see Your lessons in “little things.”

God, help us to see Your vital lessons in the little things in our lives



By David Sproule

“Does Your Church?” (Part 7)—The Plan of Salvation

Suppose for a moment that you took a blank sheet of paper and wrote this question on it, “What must a sinner do to be saved?” Then, suppose that you took that piece of paper to the ten closest “churches” to your home and asked for their response. After recording their responses on that sheet

of paper and reviewing them, would it surprise you to find that those “churches” did not all answer in the same way, but you received varying, even conflicting, responses to the one question (possibly even ten different answers)? Such is the reality of the world of religious division in which we live. So what should you do?

Do you believe that God has given differing (and even conflicting) answers to the question of how a sinner is to be saved, or is it man who has confused this matter? That’s not a hard question to answer. We know that God has one gospel (Gal. 1:6-9) and one way to be saved (Acts 4:12). It is only through Christ and His (not man’s) prescribed plan of salvation that man can be freed from sin.

Man is saved by the grace of God, but not by grace alone. Forgiveness of sins would be impossible if it were not for the grace of God! “By grace you have been saved” (Eph. 2:5). “The grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant” when “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:14-

15), “by the sacrifice of Himself” (Heb. 9:26). God is the one who does the saving, and through His grace He has done “His part,” but salvation also requires man to do “his part.”

Man is saved by faith, but not by faith alone. The foundation of God’s part in man’s salvation is His grace. The foundation of man’s part in his salvation is his faith, specifically believing with all of his heart that “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God” (John 20:30-31). For Jesus warned, “...if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins” (John 8:24). Believing that Jesus was “raised from the dead” is essential (i.e., is the foundation) to being “saved” (Rom. 10:9), but salvation is “not by faith only” (Jas. 2:24).

Man is saved by works (of faith), but not by works alone. Scripture unequivocally affirms that “faith” which “does not have works” is “dead” and cannot “save,” for “a man is justified by works” (Jas. 2:14-26). True faith, Jesus declared, is “the work of God” (John 6:28-29), for genuine faith leads one to repent of his sins (Acts 2:37-38), confess his faith in Jesus (Rom. 10:9-10) and be immersed into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27), in order to have every sin washed away by the gracious blood of Jesus (Acts 22:16; Rev. 1:5). Only then is man saved by “the working of God” (Col. 2:11-12).

The church of Christ teaches and practices the plan of salvation detailed in the New Testament. Does your church?

Only by Christ’s prescribed plan of salvation can man be freed from sin.



By Josh Blackmer

Consumer Christianity

“The customer is always right” is a business motto we have all heard. We, as consumers, have become more powerful with the popularity of social media. Back in the 1900’s, a business did not have to worry about a disgruntled customer. Who were they going to tell? Now, Fortune 500 companies have been forced to make big changes in their business models because of what customers posted with their phones. Hello, United Airlines! These companies have also been able to use the media outlets to market and fine-tune their products to the consumers in almost “real-time.” The power of the consumer has grown to drive change in a more profound way.

How has consumerism affected religion? In one way, families are “shopping” for churches to attend. They want the one that fits their family needs. Theology and how a particular group teaches or if they teach truth has become of secondary or tertiary importance to the perceived needs of the family unit. We are no longer looking for truth. We are looking for what we can get out of it. Churches are picking up on this and are marketing their religious groups to those who are shopping. The pulpit gets softer, the music gets louder and lines in the sand get replaced with broad ideas of acceptance in the name of God’s grace. The consumer is always right, and God, well, He understands.

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When it is brought down to its most basic element, consumer Christianity isn’t anything new. It’s just packaged differently. The Bible talks about it this way. “Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting” (Rom. 16:17-18). “Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things” (Phil. 3:17-19).

Those who follow their appetite rather than the pattern are consumers. If I make worship about what I get out of it instead of what I am offering to God, I am a consumer. If I make my service to Him about who sees me doing it on social media instead of genuine service, I am a consumer. If the church must serve me and my needs instead of me looking out for my neighbor, I am a consumer. The cry of the consumer in judgment will be, “Didn’t we #feedthepoor and didn’t we #praiseJesus!” He will say, “I never knew you.”

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“I want you to know—I’m doing you a favor!”

Has someone ever asked you to do something that you really didn’t want to do, or they asked you to help when it really wasn’t convenient? When you went ahead and helped anyway, did you let them know (even if just in a subtle way) that you were doing them a favor and messing up your schedule to assist them, so that they would know how inconvenienced you were?

Do you suppose that is the reaction that Jesus would have had or that He expects us to have? In Matthew 5:41, Jesus instructed His disciples, “And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.” Should we “complain” about it? “Do all things without complaining” (Phil. 2:14). Should we seek to draw attention to our good deed? “When you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you” (Matt. 6:2). Why does everything have to be about us?

Our endeavors in this life (even when inconvenienced) are not about us, but about others (Gal. 6:10) and about Christ (Col. 3:23). Can others see Jesus and His humility in you? – DS



One job but failed

Perhaps you have seen the memes that poke fun, “*They had one job...but failed.*” There’s the picture of a coffee cup with the handle on the inside of the cup. There’s the Fire Zone painted on the blacktop in front of a supermarket that is spelled “FRIE.” There’s the “Back to School” display at a big-box store with racks full of chef’s knives. *They had one job. And failed.*

While these memes amuse and make you laugh, it also ought to make us wonder—is there any one job that I have in which I have failed? Parents, you have one job: “Bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). How are you doing with that job? Your kids might be growing into gifted athletes, great scholars and social magnets, but are they “grow[ing] up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ” (Eph. 4:15)?

Parents, you have one job, and it’s not a laughing matter. If the Lord is not building your house, your labor is in vain (Psa. 127:1)! Don’t fail! Ask the Lord to build your home! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Cynthia Ingraham	dealing with knee pain
Dan Johnson	recovering at home from knee replacement
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from another fall, six staples in her head
Deltom Lequernaqué	undergoing medical tests
Ruth Milton	in a lot of pain and not doing well
Harriet Morris	Victoria Gardens Nursing Home
Charles Norton	recovering at home, still very weak
Janice Osborne	awaiting results from medical tests
Leigh Puckett	dealing with very low INR levels
Mary Reeves	suffering with severe back pain



Cornelius Henderson upon the passing of his brother, **Calvin Henderson, Sr.**, last Saturday after a long illness.

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Shelton Howell
Sandra Daniels	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Annie Faison	Deidra Miley
Helen Gardner	Ruth Milton
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Janet Hickerson	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Carol Adkinson	Patricia Harrington's sister, recovering from broken hip
Dione Bates	Carole Graff's daughter, two hearts stents inserted
Bonnye Cox	Connye Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease
Shirley Franklin	Kay Richardson's sister, cancer and other health issues
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, recovering from shoulder surg.
Betty McDaniel	Morris McDaniel's mother, ICU in Fort Pierce
Pat Pittman	Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip

Remember
Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
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, May 7

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Memorial Service for Brandon & Brian Allen** at 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ **No "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.** Will resume next week.

Monday, May 8

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

Tuesday, May 9

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

Thursday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 14

- ◆ **"Fortifying Your Faith" Class** at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Tuesday, May 16

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara King.

Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ◆ **PBL Movie Night** at 6:45 p.m. in the Family Room. Showing "Is Genesis History?" Bring your own snacks and drinks.
- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Suncoast** beginning at 8:00 a.m. Aretha Cleveland will be speaking on "Talking Faith, Walking Fear." See the bulletin board for more details.
- ◆ **Fish Fry Fundraiser at CFBC.** Games begins at 3:00 p.m. Food served from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Adults: \$10; Children 5 & Under: \$5. RSVP online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Friday, May 12

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Guys' Movie Night** at Downtown at the Gardens. See Shea Brown for more details.

Friday, May 19

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, May 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Kayaking.** Location TBD. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, May 23

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

Saturday, May 27

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Friday, May 12

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Guys' Movie Night** at Downtown at the Gardens. See Shea Brown for more details.

Saturday, May 13

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Picnic** at 10:30 a.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons. Bring food and games. See Ivan, Amber or Sarah for more details.

Sunday, May 14

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

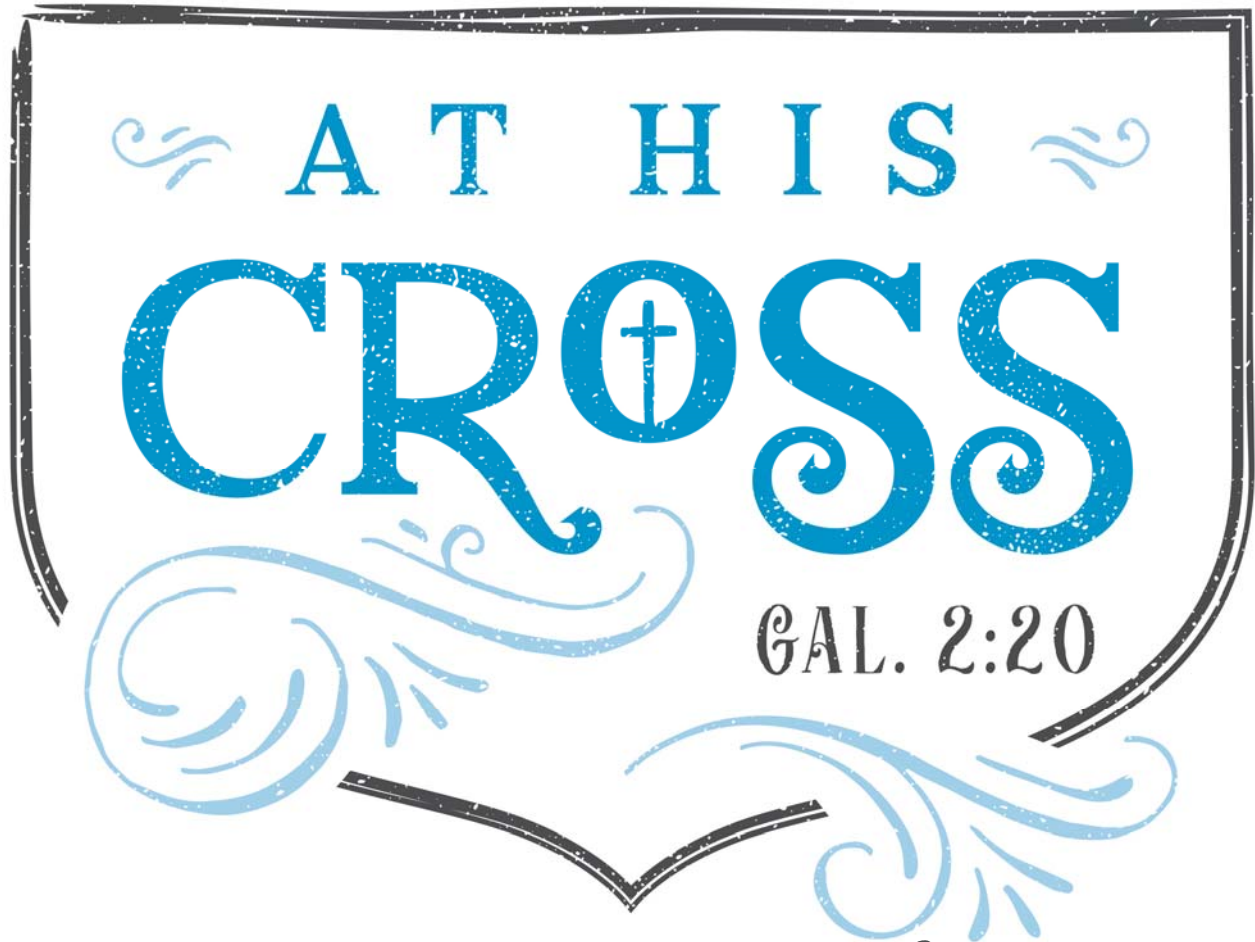
Friday, May 19

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Sunday, May 28

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

MAY:



I Find Family

*“We’re part of the family that’s been born again;
Part of the family whose love knows no end;
For Jesus has saved us, and made us His own,
Now we’re part of the family that’s on its way home.
And sometimes we laugh together, sometimes we cry;
Sometimes we share together, heartaches and sighs;
Sometimes we dream together of how it will be
When we all get to Heaven, God’s family.” (Lanny Wolfe, 1974)*

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



Directory Changes

Heath Johnson placed membership Sunday, April 30.



Sunday
April 30

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Judy Beard; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Cindy Beard; Mr. Greg Bland; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Ms. Chrissy DeStefano; Antwan Gamble; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Evangela Harper; Mr. & Mrs. Justin Kelly; Ms. Sue Maisano; Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mrs. Corinn Miller, Linley & Ellie; Ms. Lizzy Rozier; Reginald Washington; Terry West; and Ms. Machel Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Taylor & Katie Burch, Bowling Green, KY; Ms. Judy Chancey, Belle Glade, FL; Mr. Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Gordon & Corinne Porter, Crestview, FL; and Mrs. Roberta C. Thees, Stuart, FL.

Thank You Note

Dear Palm Beach Lakes,

Thank you so much for your cards of encouragement, phone calls and your prayers.

Sincerely, Chuck Norton



Monday (May 8th)

Jacqui Jenkins
Alice Nelson
Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Jackie Stout

Friday (May 12th)

Brianna Solis
Cathy Seay

Saturday (May 13th)

June Pack
Susan Reynolds

Tuesday (May 9th)

Carole Graff
Leigh Puckett

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, May 7

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening PrayerBob Higbee
Scripture Reading..... Chris Thompson
Presiding at Table Gary Jenkins
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Chuck Clark Jacade Reynolds
Charles Hayes Nahum Villard
Scott Lewis Marty Williams
Alternates
David Lord Phil Porter
Closing Prayer Morris McDaniel

Sunday Evening, May 7

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening PrayerDirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading..... Rick Hall
Presiding at Table.....Dan Fuller
Jeremy Maloney
Daniel Swayne
Mike Trujillo
Closing PrayerJimmie Banks

Wednesday Evening, May 10

Lead Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation..... Brent Leslie
Family Prayer Gary Jenkins

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Apr. 30</u>	<u>Mar. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	254	248
Sun. A.M. Worship	383	373
Sun. P.M. Worship	202	198
Wed. Bible Study	184	204
Contribution	\$15,381	\$16,290

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +2,955

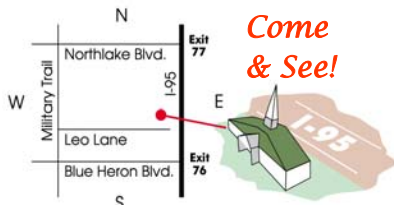
Ushers for the week of **May 7**: Head Usher: Lance Collier; D. Lequernaqué & Brent Leslie



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*Speaking
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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.



Front Cover: PBL's Knights in "Shining Armor": Sir Lynn Parker, Sir Novel Brown,
Sir Edward Gager, Sir Dan Fuller, Sir Paul Metzkes, Sir Lance Collier

Psalms 121:1-2

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the LORD,
which made heaven and earth.*

