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FIFTH SUNDAY NIGHT



SUNDAY, OCT. 29

Bring your best Homemade Chicken Pot Pie!
Or bring other finger foods, drinks and desserts!

22nd Annual South Florida Lectureship

Revive Us Again

Nov. 9-12, 2017





By Dan Jenkins

Truths Found at His Cross

The theme for this year has been “At His Cross.” The emphasis for this month is that each of us finds truth at His cross. As you stand at the foot of His cross, what great truths come into your heart? Sometimes our greatest understanding of truth comes in the midst of great trauma.

At His cross, I learn the truth about myself. There were so many who were impacted by His death and each had his own reason for being there. I wonder if I would have stood beside those who mocked Him? Would I be among those who walked by and kept going with little interest in what was happening? Would I have stood beside His mother and sought to comfort her, or would I have not been there at all like those disciples who fled from the garden? The answer to these questions might be discovered by seeing what emotions I have during the meditation I do when I commune with Him around the His table.

At His cross, I learn the sinfulness of mankind. Think of all the evil that filled the hearts of those evil men whose agenda brought about His death. Three times Pilate asked these men, “What evil has He done?” (Luke 23:22). There is no answer to this question, for He never did even one thing wrong. The Jews could not find any evidence as to why He

should die until two false witnesses lied about what He had said about the temple. Why was the mob so enraged? Why were the words spoken to Him and about Him so filled with such blasphemy? Evil is a reality in our world and it has never been seen more clearly than at the foot of the cross.

At His cross, I learn the truth about my inability to save myself. My own “goodness” could not take away the guilt of only one sin. The only hope I have of heaven is that hanging on that cross was the One whose sinless life could redeem me. My sinfulness means I owed a debt, and on that cross was One who paid my debt. There was nothing I could do to remove sin and God sent His son to pay my debt. I feel my sinfulness and helplessness at the cross.

At His cross, I learn about God’s providential love which surrounds me now. Jesus died for me, a mortal worthy of the torment of hell because of my rebellion. Now if God did that much for me when I was His enemy, how much more will He do for me now that I am His child? Mediate on these words, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us...For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Rom. 5:8-10). He loved me then and He loves me much more now!

Sometimes our greatest understanding comes in the midst of great trauma



By David Sproule

The Day That Jesus Came to Worship

Jesus was tremendously excited to be going to worship that Sunday morning. He had really been looking forward to it. He couldn’t wait to see the people and worship with them.

He arrived in time to go to Bible Class before worship that morning. He walked in the front door and a greeter shook His hand, but then it seemed the other folks were a little too busy to notice Him or stop to speak to Him. He made His way into the auditorium and took a seat, wondering if anyone would come over and meet Him, but that didn’t happen. He really enjoyed the Bible study with the few people who showed up, and He appreciated the effort that the teacher had put in to preparing a Bible-focused lesson for everyone, but He was disappointed more folks were not there for it.

Jesus sat quietly and alone after class was over, as more people arrived and started to fill in the seats around Him. He wondered where they had been during Bible Class. A couple folks said “hello” but kept moving to their spots. Most everyone seemed happy to see each other and they were talking to each other about all sorts of things. In fact, they were so busy talking that many of them kept right on with their conversations for a few minutes after the man at the front was trying

to get worship started. Jesus couldn’t really hear what the man was saying because of the other folks around Him, but they eventually (mostly) settled down after a while.

Worship started and Jesus was in His element! He had been anticipating this for days! He heard babies crying and loved it! He saw children sitting with their parents and learning the joy of worshiping God, and He was overcome with emotion! He saw people of all ages and ethnicities joining together in song, and He wanted to shout for joy!

But then He started to get distracted from His worship. One person came in late and started looking for a seat. Then another person. And another. And another. He wondered if these people were always late to worshiping God and why it wasn’t a priority to them to be there on time. He supposed they were on time for other appointments.

Jesus heard a lot of commotion coming from the lobby area, and so He turned around and saw many folks just sitting out there on the benches (instead of in the auditorium worshipping) and many standing around talking. He even noticed parents had taken their children out of the worship to play in the lobby. His heart was saddened and now distracted.

He turned His attention back to the folks who were in the auditorium, and now many of them seemed preoccupied with looking down at their mobile devices. He was encouraged

Jesus coming to worship with the church is not a hypothetical illustration

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By Josh Blackmer

Lessons From the Table (Part 2)

We have recorded in the Gospels the teachings of Jesus. These took place in the hills, from a boat, on the road, in the temple and from the table. Let us look at some of the lessons Jesus gave us from the table.

Jesus did not discriminate with whom He ate. Shortly after calling Matthew, the tax collector, Jesus sat and ate with him and His disciples. The question arose about why He ate with tax collectors and sinners. Jesus answered, "I desire compassion and not sacrifice for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matt. 9:13). At the table with Jesus we can learn compassion.

Jesus reclined at the table with Simon, a Pharisee. A woman of the city entered the house and began washing Jesus' feet with her tears and hair, and anointed his feet with perfume. Simon thought to himself that this woman was very sinful. Jesus said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven

little, loves little" (Luke 7:44-47). At the table with Jesus, we see repentance with great love and the value of forgiveness.

Jesus sat at the table in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper. During that meal a woman came in and anointed Jesus' head with oil. Some objection is raised as to the waist of such a costly commodity. Jesus responded, "Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me. Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her" (Matt. 26:10,13). So it is to this day that we learn the value of a good deed, at the table with Jesus.

There are many lessons that Jesus taught around the table. We learn the value of humility, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). We learn self sacrifice, "While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body'" (Matt. 26:26). We also learn true service, "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). We wish at times to have been with Him around the table. What would we have learned? More importantly than that we should desire to be with Him around His banqueting table and live in such a way to glorify Him.

Are you ready to be called to His banqueting table?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

How "fixed" is your hope?

As Christians, one of the greatest blessings (or maybe THE greatest blessing) we have is hope. Can you think of anything better? In First Peter 1:13, the great apostle urges us to "fix" (NASB) our hope completely upon the gracious gift that Jesus will bring to us at His return. What a day that will be! Can you picture it? How do we properly prepare for it?

First, in this verse, Peter says we must control our thoughts—"gird up the loins of your mind." Like the Orientals would gather up loose garments before running, we need to gather up all improper activities of the mind, restrain them and keep them from hindering our run toward heaven. Second, Peter says we must control our tempers, by soberly regulating our feelings, our attitudes and our desires. Wow! Two tough things to control sometimes! But, it will be so worth it, when you "fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Fixing your hope will help to fix your thoughts and your temper! – DS



God is so good to me!

The special providence of God is one of the richest blessings that children of God enjoy. In the Old Testament, Joseph was thrown into a pit, sold into slavery and ended up in an Egyptian prison. Many would ask, "Where's God? Why has God allowed all of this to happen?"

About 40 years after his brothers started him down this path of misfortune, Joseph looked back and saw the Lord at work for the "good" of His people. He told his brothers, "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good" (Gen. 50:20). Do you trust God to know what is "good" for you? Do you believe He knows what is "good" for you even better than you do?

The Bible says that we can "know" today that our gracious Father still "works" for the "good" of His children in "all things" (Rom. 8:28). Let us determine today that we are going to trust God more than we ever have before, and that we are going to trust that His definition of "good" is better than ours (cf. 1 Sam. 3:18)! God's special providence—what a rich blessing! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	at home and slowly regaining strength
Adrienne Banks	recovering at home and improving
Joe Holland	at home and slowly improving
Tom Martens	undergoing therapy at home
Harriet Morris	St. Mary's Medical Center after a fall
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405)
Charles Norton	St. Mary's Medical Center (room 3317)
Godfrey Pratt	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 414B)
Cathy Seay	Gardens Medical Center, recovering from toe surgery



Michael Erickson, upon the passing of his father, **Karl Erickson**, last week. The funeral was in Minnesota.

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	Godfrey Pratt
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Janet Hickerson	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Pat Pittman	Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip
Donna Preston	Carolyn Preston's sister, internal bleeding
Andrea Tyson	Shaun Tyson's mother, recovering from surgery
Jane Woodruff	Jackie Stout's sister, stage 4 pancreatic cancer
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, now at home, slowly improving

Remember
Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 22

- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, October 23

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

Tuesday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 29

- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 29 (cont.)

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Cook Off** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring your best homemade chicken pot pie, or bring some other finger foods, drinks and desserts.

Sunday, November 5

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

Sunday, November 5 (cont.)

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship. See Joan Holloway for more details.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Baby Shower for David & Casey Bound** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon & Target. *It's a boy!*
- ◆ **No “Fortifying Your Faith” Class.**

Wednesday, November 8

- ◆ **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 9-12

- ◆ **22nd Annual South Florida Lectureship. “Revive Us Again.”** See the Welcome Desk for a full schedule.

Thursday, Nov. 9	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 10	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, Nov. 12	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:25 a.m. Bible Class

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday, October 27

- ◆ **Young Adult Costume Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ivan & Amber Villard. Bring appetizers and desserts to fit the occasion, and dress up!

Friday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Ivan & Amber Villard.

Monday, November 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller.

Saturday, November 18

- ◆ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing hosted by the Young Adults** on the church property. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, October 22

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

Saturday, October 28

- ◆ **Sr. High Fall Fest.** See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, November 3

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

Sunday, November 12

- ◆ **Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for the day and meet in the Family Room after morning worship. Will return around 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.



November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 b Trish Clark b Isolyn Sinclair	3 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout	4 ☆ Young Adult Devo ☆ Fall Fundrais- ing BBQ at CFBC b Chad Brown b Richard Lerro b Phil Porter
					Father/Daughter Retreat at CFBC (3 rd -5 th)	
5 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Ends ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit ☆ Baby Shower for David & Casey Bound b Brent Leslie	6 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Flo Aristy b Trudie Holland	7 a Jim & Jo Ann Rogers b Peggy DeLaney	8 ☆ No Midweek Services	9 b Tom Dolan	10 b Shaun Tyson	11
				22nd Annual South Florida Lectureship (9 th -12 th)		
12 ☆ Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Dee Catanzaro	13 a Lance & Brenda Collier	14 b Harrison Crotts b Carolyn Preston	15 b Lovella Rogers	16 b Katie Goodale	17 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting b Esther Saintil b Kelly Sproule	18 ☆ Congregational Bonfire & Singing hosted by YA ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon a Silas & Sallie Moses b Diane Leslie b Natalie Reeves b Norman Smedley
19 a Buzz & Kathy Nelson b David Thorpe	20 b Freddie Gadson b Matthew Jones b Leonard Williams	21 b Karen Bibbee	22 ☆ Congregational Singing b Elizabeth Carter b Rose Jean- Baptiste	23 ☆ Thanksgiving Day a Dick & Marcia Kelley	24	25 a Kevin & Leesa Schenk b Sue Hoelzer b Kayanna Richardson
26 ☆ Sr. High Devo b Julio Aristy, III b Orlando Lolo	27 a Brent & Andrea Leslie b Gary Friedly	28 b Mike Damron b Aaron Ross	29 b Karen MacDonald b Regina Paul	30 b Andres Fernandez		

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



Sunday
October 15

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you for keeping my mom, me, and my family in your prayers during her hospitalization. We are finally home, and she is recovering slowly. God has been good to us.

Love,
Trina Wright

LOCAL VISITORS: Temilola & Oyinlola Akinrin; Ms. Chrissy DeStefare; Ryslonde Eugene; Keith & Kimberly Hutchison; Ms. Shirley A. Lynch; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; and Ms. Mabelle Williams & Macques.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Harold & Hope Gilmore, Decatur, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Glass, Glasgow, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Kae Green, Elkton, FL; Scott Kelley, Jacob & Cole, West Broward, FL; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. Steve Shafor, Dorr, MI; and Mrs. Julie Watson & Jonah, Winter Garden, FL.



Sunday (October 22nd)

Richard & Judy Lerro (Ann.)
Owen & Deidra Miley (Ann.)
Tim Mahlbacher

Thursday (October 26th)

Kane & Fran Campbell (Ann.)
Samantha Eutsey
Ekaette Ikon
Sadie Tenant

Monday (October 23rd)

Millie Ames
Josephine Bass

Friday (October 27th)

Traci Sproule

Tuesday (October 24th)

Lydia Quinn

Saturday October 28th)

Dianne Frye



**Saturday night,
November 4**

(or if you don't normally come to Bible class, just ignore this reminder)

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, October 22

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading..... Andres Fernandez
Presiding at Table Scott Studer
Serve at Table:
Doug Carrick Brent Leslie
Mike Damron Kenneth Long
Marvin Dozier Daniel Swayne
Bobby Ingraham Micah Trujillo
Alternates:
Lynn Parker Jerry Pittman
Closing Prayer Tim Fry

Sunday Evening, October 22

Lead Singing John Loftis
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading..... Eugene Williams
Presiding at Table..... Kane Campbell
 Josiah Blackmer
 Tim Mahlbacher
 Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Kevin Weeks
Wednesday Evening, October 25
Lead Singing John Loftis
Invitation..... Michael Trujillo
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 15	Sept Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	206	237
Sun. A.M. Worship	345	332
Sun. P.M. Worship	159	146
Wed. Bible Study	159	161
Contribution	\$15,609	\$14,838

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -27,872

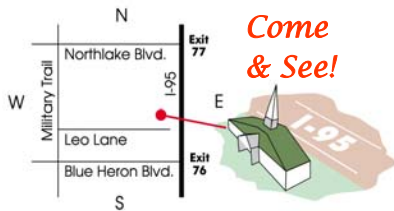
Ushers for week of **Oct. 22**: Head Usher: David Thorpe; Dick Kelley & Clayton Trujillo



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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: **Lynn & Cynthia Parker**

“The Day That Jesus Came to Worship” (cont. from page 2)

that a couple of them were faithfully using it as their Bible, but several folks were playing games, surfing the web, scrolling social media, reading Facebook, etc. They seemed more intent on that than on worshipping. He noticed others during the sermon were sitting idly by without a Bible or anything in front of them, and just seemed like they were waiting for it to pass.

After worship, Jesus had so many things running through His head. He didn't even realize until after He had already left that only one person said anything to Him on His way out. He wasn't sure if those folks were truly glad to see Him or not, and He wondered what motivated some of them to be there at all. He had a lot to think about.

The Bible says that Jesus is there in the assembly every week, where He is singing praise (Heb. 2:12) and observing the communion (Matt. 26:29) (and, no doubt, engaging in every other avenue of worship), “there in the midst of them” (Matt. 18:20). To speak of Jesus coming to worship with the church one Sunday is not a hypothetical illustration, for His presence is a promised reality in every assembly.

The question is, what does Jesus see in you when the church assembles? Are you there? Are you on time? Are you in the assembly or just “in the building somewhere”? Are you eagerly engaged in the worship, or are you distracted and distracting? What message does your assembly behavior send to the visitors? To the members? To Jesus? Think about it.

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).