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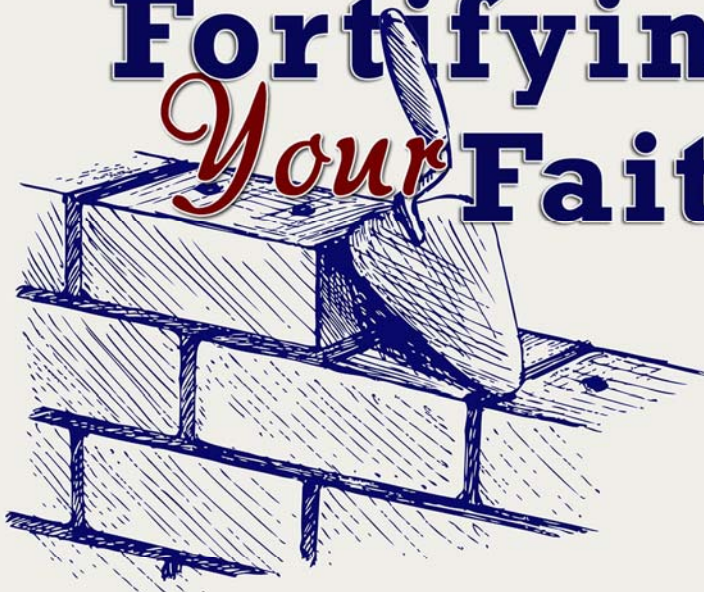
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Fortifying
Your **Faith**



**A One-Year Study of
Foundational, Biblical Truths**

*Increasing knowledge
Strengthening faith
Preparing to defend
Equipping to serve*

**No Class on Dec. 10
Final Class on Dec. 17**



By Dan Jenkins

Jesus Learned to Obey. Have Your Children?

One of the great joys of Bible study is finding words and phrases which have great truths but which can so easily be overlooked. Read the following verse, and see if you may have overlooked one of the “hidden” truths. “Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him” (Heb. 5:8-9). He learned obedience! Obedience is not something which happens accidentally, it must be learned.

There is no doubt that Jesus came into the world to do the will of God (Heb. 10:7). Because our High Priest was tempted in every way in which we are, He had to learn that which we learn—He had to learn to obey.

When He taught His disciples how to pray, He included the petition, “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” He explained to His followers why He behaved the way He did by saying, “I always do those things which please Him” (John 8:29). Facing the horrendous agony of Gethsemane and Golgotha, He prayed, “Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours be done” (Luke 22:42). His great commission showed the importance of His followers learning to obey. “Make disciples...teaching them to observe all things” (Matt. 28:19-20).

One mistake I see so many young parents make is failing to teach them obedience. That obedience is important is seen in the prominence given to it in the Ten Commandments. “Honor your father and your mother as the Lord has commanded you....that it may be well with you” (Deut. 5:16). This command is placed above those about murder and adultery. Yet, far too many young parents do not see this. Honoring and obeying parents will not happen naturally, it must be learned.

Young parents are failing to teach obedience. Even Jesus had to learn to obey!

The modern philosophy about dealing with children is distraction. When a child is told to do something, and he shows displeasure, parents are being taught to distract them or bribe them in some fashion. What happens at that time is the children may be distracted and conflict is avoided, but that child did not learn obedience.

This lesson about obedience is learned best when the child is very young. In the first year of a child’s life, he can learn the meaning of the word “No.” He must learn this, for the world does not revolve around the child; he will not always get his way. That lesson must be learned early and repeatedly emphasized as the child grows. He will learn parents’ rules (and God’s) must be obeyed. Wait until he is a teen to teach this, and he will likely be unmanageable.

Jesus learned obedience. Parents, set guidelines and use the conflict to teach them what Jesus had to learn!



By David Sproule

“Dear Friend, I Found the Bible”

Friend, I want you to know that I found a book that is truly from God, and I cannot even begin to express how much this has changed my life. I am excited to share what I have found with you!

The Bible is a uniquely special book. I realize that not everyone believes it is from God, but I want you to know that the evidence I have found for the divine origin of this book is incontrovertible when examined thoroughly and collectively. Take a moment and consider just a few things I found.

First, I found that the Bible maintains complete unity from beginning to end. About 40 men from very diverse backgrounds and over a period of 1,600 years penned a book that remains united in the central theme and purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ to save mankind. And they accomplish this task without contradicting themselves a single time. It’s hard to explain that from a human standpoint, but easy if it is God!

Second, I found that the Bible is completely accurate in its every detail. The Bible is full of historical and geographical data that has been found, upon repeated examination by historians and archaeologists, to be factually accurate, even when put to harsh, biased tests. No man could have got every single detail precisely right in a book this size, but God could!

The divine origin of this book is incontrovertible when examined thoroughly

Third, I found that the Bible contains hundreds of predictive prophecies that were fulfilled with exact precision. The prophecies contained in the Bible were made hundreds of years in advance of their fulfillment and included details about specific people, places and events that were impossible for the writers (or any others) to have known about, let alone to have effected in any way the complete and precise fulfillment. There is no human explanation for this, but God can explain it.

Fourth, I found that the Bible includes staggering scientific foreknowledge. The writing of the Bible was completed more than 1,900 years ago, and yet there are scientific details in the book (including knowledge in the fields of astronomy, biology, medicine, oceanography, physics, etc.) that were not actually discovered by men until the last few centuries. How could men record these scientific facts hundreds of years (and even thousands, in some cases) before other men ever discovered them? The only reasonable answer is that man did not originate the words in the Bible, but God did!

The Bible is an amazing book! It claims to be “inspired by God” (2 Tim. 3:16) and that no human could or did produce it on their own (1 Cor. 2:10-13; 2 Pet. 1:20-21). It not only claims it; it proves it! The overwhelming evidence contained therein leads to only one rational conclusion—the Bible really did not come from man but from God! You are important to me, and I wanted to share this with you. *(continued next week)*



By Josh Blackmer

The Gift of Faith

Paul mentions Timothy as co-sender of six of his letters. He also spoke highly of Timothy in his letter to the Philippians. He called Timothy “my true son in the faith.” In Paul’s final letter to Timothy, written near the end of his life, he speaks without reserve, calling Timothy “my beloved child,” for Timothy was truly part of Paul’s lineage, wealth and crown.

We know Timothy’s real father was a Greek, and his mother a Jewish Christian. But Paul, who seems never to have married, found in Timothy a “descendant,” someone who would carry on the “family name,” someone so identical in faith that the force of his work for Christ would always complement that of his mentor, teacher and surrogate father, Paul.

Paul said, “Timothy, I know your grandmother, and her faith is authentic. It is the same faith I have observed in your mother, and after having watched you all this time, I am convinced of your faith also.” To describe that faith, Paul used a word which literally means “without hypocrisy.” Lois and Eunice showed Timothy by word and example what it means to live an authentic faith; a faith from which hypocrisy is totally absent; the real thing, genuine, sincere (1 Tim. 1:5). What greater gift could be given by any mother, grandmother or

parent?

Timothy’s every day was molded by his grandmother and mother. Paul reminds Timothy that he has within him a gift, a spirit of power, love and self-control. Where do children learn of the Spirit’s power, or the power of love, or the power of self-control if not from their mothers? Think for a moment what we learned from our own mothers. Was it not they who taught what it means to be a loving person, or what it means to be loved?

What are we doing to make sure our children have a knowledge of the truth?

How did Eunice and Lois prepare Timothy to exercise self-control? Paul reminds Timothy that they did it by making known to him the holy scriptures from the time of his infancy (2 Tim. 3:15). How powerful is the teaching of Scripture in the lives of our children and grandchildren? Note again what Paul said to Timothy, “Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it...” (We tend to believe the values our parents give us, don’t we? “...and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 3:12-15). What are we doing to make sure our children have a knowledge of the truth and the gift of faith?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Thankful for young parents in the church

I’m thankful for babies crying in worship on Sunday mornings, because that means their parents brought them to church that morning. I’m thankful for babies crying in worship on Sunday evenings, because that means their parents brought them to church that evening.

I’m thankful for parents who bring their kids to Bible class on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights (starting especially in the Cradle Roll class). I’m thankful for young parents who are still actively involved in the work and activities of the church, and actually see their children as a motivation to be more involved and not a reason (i.e., excuse) to be less involved.

Did you know that babies and young children will adapt to their environment? My “personal unscientific research” shows that kids will adapt to their parents’ lifestyle. If you go to church three times a week and are active in the church, the youngest of kids will grow into that practice themselves. I’m thankful for young parents in the church who are setting the example! – DS

“The Lord helps His troubled people”

The title of this article is the heading for Psalm 3 in the New King James Version. Does that title (“The Lord helps His troubled people”) captivate you? Living in our current social climate, do you have any interest in the Lord’s help? Read these words, as if they are your own.



“Lord, how **they have increased** who trouble me! **Many** are they who **rise up against me**. **Many** are they who say of me, ‘There is **no help for him** in God.’ **BUT** You, O Lord, are a **shield for me**, My glory and the One who **lifts up my head**. I cried to the Lord with my voice, And **He heard me** from His holy hill. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord **sustained me**. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around.”

It is easy to focus on those who wish ill-will against us. David did it in the first two verses of this psalm. **BUT** then he turned his attention toward God! Brother and sister, let’s spend more time focused on our Lord who helps us, and less time on those who are against us! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	Manor Care (room 127B), undergoing rehab
Mary Brown	recovering at home, slowly improving
Pat Brown	lymphedema in arm and hand
Jimmy Burney	diagnosed with lung cancer
Linda Coe	infection in her leg
Zula Garrett	recovering at home, improving
Lynne Jorgensen	dealing with knee pain after recent hip replacement
Rosemarie Joseph	recovering from heart catheterization
Tom Martens	undergoing therapy at home
Don Matter	Wellington Regional, pacemaker complications
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 304)
Bonnie Quigley	recovering at home from hospitalization
Angie Seames	recovering from neck surgery
Giselle Smith	recovering from eye surgery

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ke'niya Ealey	Adrienne Banks' granddaughter, NICU in Holtz Hosp.
Evelyn Ellis	Mike Ellis' mother, La Posada, recovering from surgery
Jennifer King	Rashanna Green's mother, ICU at St. Mary's
Carolyn Miller	Marcia Clough-Moss' mother-in-law, not well after surg.
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, having eye surgery again
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, now at home, still very weak

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, December 10

- ◆ **No "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.**
- ◆ **House to House/Heart to Heart Congregational Labeling Night** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, December 11

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume in January.

Tuesday, December 12

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume in January.

Saturday, December 16

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring a \$10 gift for the holiday gift exchange. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, December 17

- ◆ **2-Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, December 17 (cont.)

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

Sunday, December 24

- ◆ **"Evening" Worship** will be at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for children in "Stepping into the Bible."
- ◆ **Plans for 2018 Presented** during morning worship.
- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** after evening worship.

Sunday, January 7

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 14

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** Please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

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

Saturday, January 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD

Tuesday, January 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. See Rachel Fuller for details.

Friday, January 12

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

Friday, January 19

- ◆ **Young Adult Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, February 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Tuesday, February 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. See Rachel Fuller for details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, December 10

- ◆ **Sr. High Visitation** following morning worship until 5:00 p.m. to deliver cookies and hang out.

Saturday, December 16

- ◆ **Young Families' Holiday Party** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod. RSVP to Josh Blackmer and sign up on the bulletin board to bring a food item. All families with children in Grade 5 and under are welcome.
- ◆ **Sr. High Holiday Party** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. Bring a \$5 white elephant gift to exchange. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, December 17

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

Sunday, December 31

- ◆ **Sr. High Lock-In.** Bring things to keep yourself awake. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 a Julio & Flo Aristy b Sarah Rodgers	2 a Gary & Jacqui Jenkins b Michael Archer b Ellen Gager	3 b Jacqueline Creary b Jessie Gower-Winter	4 a Joseph & Anthioda Charles b Gabrielle Newby	5	6 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Shaun & Emily Tyson b Bobby Ingraham b Joe Maloney
7 ☆ New Bible Classes Begin ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit a Willie & Giselle Smith b Lucy Bond b Sandy Colage	8	9 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night a Matthew & Kasandra Jones b Brenda Collier	10 b Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona	11 a Harrison & Danielle Carter b Aisha Fernandez	12 ☆ Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout b Barbara King	13
14 ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated ☆ Sr. High Beach Devo & Ice Cream b Mary Coombs b Robin Davis b Cindy Nelson	15	16	17 b Cynthia Parker	18 b Terry Denton	19 ☆ Young Adult Hangout a Cornelius & Andrea Henderson	20 b Julie Charles b Godfrey Pratt b Norma Pratt b Kari Reeves
21 b Doug Carrick b Edward Gager b Bailey McDaniel	22 b Cora Lee Dennis b Andrea Leslie	23 b Luther Robinson	24 b Keila McLeod	25	26 b Jimmie Banks b Winifred Patterson	27 b Christene Bean b Ed Buonadonna
28 ☆ Mission Sunday ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Combined Devo b Joyce Parker b Lana Smith	29 a Lawrence & Kay Richardson b Annie Faison	30 a Lynn & Cynthia Parker b Joyce Barnhouse b Dick Haines b Carol Hardman	31 b Charles Hayes b Mary A. Jackson			

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



**Wedding
Announcement**

Congratulations to **Turkessa Fernander** and **Michael Staley** who were married October 16.

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Kristen Nicole Fuller and **Elijah Brant Dye** request the honor of your presence at their wedding on December 30, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. at Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ. Reception to follow.



Sunday
December 3

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Jennifer Anderson; Ms. Gail Archer; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Lauren Grimaldi & Johnny; Mr. & Mrs. Rich & Nancy Light; Mrs. Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Norma Mariano; Mr. Alberto Martinez; Ms. Pat Patterson; Miss Janise Paul; Mrs. Alexis Rosemene; Mr. Anthony Spinoga; Michael Staley; Shartia Thomas; Mr. David Whipple; and Mr. Gary S. Woods.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mrs. Sabrina Clayton, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Brittany Davenport, St. Petersburg, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mrs. Jan Manuel, Odessa, FL; Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mr. Fay Scott, Stuart, FL.



Sunday (December 10th)

Judy Beard
Carolina Medina

Wednesday (December 13th)

Kevin & Stephanie Weeks (Ann)
Jim Beard

Monday (December 11th)

Tasha Ellis

Thursday (December 14th)

Tim Fry
Patricia Hackshaw

Tuesday (December 12th)

DeAndre & Lovetta Harmon (Ann.)
Charlene Knowles
Jo Ann Rogers
Tyrone Toson

Daisy Lord

Juliette Mauvais

Saturday (December 16th)

Julie Fontaine

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, December 10

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading..... Marty Williams
Presiding at Table Delton Lequernaque
Serve at Table:
 Andy Anderson Gorman Ericksen
 Greg Bland Morris McDaniel
 Cam Crotts Jim Rogers
 Mike Damron Nahum Villard
Alternates:
 Kane Campbell Richard Watson
Closing Prayer Taylor Reeves

Sunday Evening, December 10

Lead Singing John Loftis
Opening Prayer Tim Fry
Scripture Reading..... Carmen Ruckman
Presiding at Table..... Stephen Beliech
 Chuck Clark
 Nick Pietro
 Ken Tipton
Closing Prayer David Thorpe
Wednesday Evening, December 13
Lead Singing Max Fonrose
Invitation..... Simon Tyson
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Dec. 03</u>	<u>Nov. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	221	268
Sun. A.M. Worship	347	376
Sun. P.M. Worship	159	163
Wed. Bible Study	157	162
Contribution	\$14,283	\$13,564

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -38,646

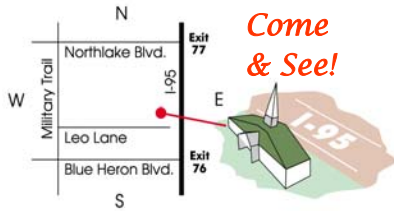
Ushers for week of **Dec. 10:** Head Usher: F. Gadson-N. Brown; Eddie Gooden & Paul Metzkes



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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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we rejoice in the
 HOPE of the
 glory
 | romans 5:2b |
 of God!