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Johnny Davis	307-4232
Dan Fuller	478-3755
Joe Holland	626-2809
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*Phil Porter	575-4782
Richard Watson	307-2608
*Chairman for the Month of April	

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Dan Jenkins	. 744-4559
David Sproule	.301-2230
Josh Blackmer	. 319-1418



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Mike Archer 422-2995
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Kirk Crews
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Gary Jenkins 889-3585
Dick Kelley968-1799
Jeff Leslie744-3444
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Buzz Nelson627-4890
Nate Nelson801-9456
Jerry Pittman793-2725
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Kevin Weeks

# New Bible Classes

APRIL 7 THRU JUNE 12

# SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Philippians	David Sproule (Auditorium)	
13 Men Who Changed the World	Dan Jenkins (Adult 1)	
Young Adults: New Testament Lessons from Old Testament Characters	Kirk Crews (Adult 3)	
Sr. High: The Prison Epistles of Paul	Jeff Goodale	
Jr. High: Israel Returns from Captivity	Victor Colage	

# WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

Ecclesiastes Josh Blackmer (Audito		
N.T. Truths in O.T. Shadows	Dan Jenkins (Adult 1)	
Ladies: Faithful Women	Judie Jenkins (Adult 2)	
Helping Wayward Sheep Come Home	PBL Elders (Adult 3)	
Sr. High: Dating & Sexuality	David Sproule	
Jr. High: The Church	TBD	

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

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# Young People, Difficult Days Are Coming

Solomon, the wisest man of the Old Testament, had so much to say to young people about their lives. A quick search of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes shows that he mentions child, children, son, sons, young and youth over 85 times in these books.

By Dan Jenkins

Evidently one of the purposes Solomon wrote these books was to give instruction to his children.

He uses the expression "my son" 23 times. He wanted his son to live a life filled with wisdom. Take time to think about his closing words to young people found in Ecclesiastes chapter twelve.

"Remember now your Creator..." These words presuppose that young people would be taught about God when very young. You cannot remember what you have never learned. God's plan is for children to learn about Him from infancy (2 Tim. 3:15).

"Remember **now** your Creator..." There is an urgency in these words. It is foolish to wait to do right. Hearts are open and tender in our early years, so do it now! It's always right to do right, right now! Failure to do this is so foolish.

"Remember now your Creator..." It is true that He is the Creator of the entire universe, but this concept can be so impersonal and vague. It is imperative that young people realize He made them, individually and personally.

"Remember now your Creator ... " He is the Almighty God, the origin of any reality you know. Paul described this in these words, "For in Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). God has shown this so clearly that there is not a single person who cannot know of His majesty and power (Rom. 1:19-20).

"Remember...before the difficult days come..." One cannot be wise and not make preparation for what lies ahead.

> You cannot wait until those days arrive and then deal with them. It is in our youth that we must prepare.

"Remember...before the difficult days come ..." There is a strong tendency for young people to live only in the present and fail to look to the future. to make before it Solomon speaks of the years when trials will come, and you may be unable to cope with them. Life is not always lived on the mountains of carefree happiness.

On the other side of those mountains are valleys of trials.

"Remember...before the difficult days come and ... when you say, "I have no pleasure in them." Very few young people realize that it is in our youth that we set the course for the rest of our lives. There is one decision that we must teach our young people to make. That decision is "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come and years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them."" God help us to seriously think about this!



## **Seven Things That God Hates**

When you learn that someone you dearly love has a strong detestation for something, does that get your attention and cause you to want to be extra mindful and careful in that regard? Of course it does! In fact, in all likelihood, we will even change our own personal attraction or pleasure toward

By David Sproule

that detested thing. What if the one we so love in this manner is God? How would you respond to things or practices that God detests?

Sprinkled throughout the Bible is mention of things and actions that God hates. When we read those verses, those ought to grab our attention. In fact, in Proverbs 6:16-19, we find a short (yet partial) list of "things the Lord hates." In fact, Solomon describes these as "seven [things that] are an abomina-

tion to Him." God identifies some practices that are abhorrent to Him and opposed to His very nature. We should sit up, pay attention and do all in our power to avoid.

God hates a proud look. Truly, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (1 Pet. 5:5), as He pleads with us to do "nothing...through selfish ambition or conceit" (Phil. 2:3-4). Arrogance has no place in following God!

God hates a lying tongue. God calls for us to "put away lying" (Eph. 4:25) and "all deceit" (1 Pet. 2:1) and to

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"speak truth" (Eph. 4:25) in all things. Lying is a part of that "old man" that we have put off "with his deeds" (Col. 3:9).

God hates hands that shed innocent blood. While the application is broader than this, does it not especially apply to the practice of killing unborn (innocent) babies! In fact, "whoever hates his brother is a murderer" (1 John 3:15).

> God hates a heart that devises wicked plans. "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts" and actions (Matt. 15:19). Thus, we must "keep [our] heart with all diligence" (Prov. 4:23) and focus on that which is good!

God hates feet that are swift in running to evil. You go wherever your feet are pointed. Our God pleads with us to "abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22). Run away from it, not toward it!

God hates a false witness who speaks lies. Whether in a court of law or not, we must never lie to or about another (Ex. 20:16; Prov. 12:22; 13:5; 19:9; Rev. 21:8), for such behavior is of the devil (John 8:44). Rather, the Lord looks for one "who swears to his own hurt" (Psa. 15:4).

God hates one who sows discord among brethren. God calls us "to speak evil of no one" (Tit. 3:2), but to "seek peace and pursue it" (1 Pet. 3:11). The Lord longs for unity among His people; we must not generate strife and conflict.

Do you love God? Do you hate what He hates?

There is one decision we must teach our youth is too late.



# **Josiah Is Really Real!**

We knew the whole time. However, archeologists recently found evidence that supports the Bible, again. Excavations are taking place in the old city of David. During one such excavation, a bulla or clay seal was found bearing the name of Nathan-Melech. This 2,600-year-old artifact reads,

By Josh Blackmer

"(belonging) to Nathan-Melech, Servant of the King." Archeologists state that due to the rarity of the name, the message on the seal and where it was found, there is little doubt who this belonged to. Nathan-Melech was mentioned in connection with King Josiah's reforms. "He did away with the horses which the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entrance of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech the official, which was in the precincts; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire" (2 Kgs.

23:11). This is a significant find because, until now, there has been no archaeological evidence for this king. Finds like these continue to prove what we have seen by faith for hundreds of years.

How should we respond to this kind of information? We read a collection of books and letters that tell about events that took place thousands of years ago. We call it the Holy Bible. It is natural that there might be some questions. Yet, over and over discoveries come out of the buried past that confirm its historical accuracy. This book was written by about 40 men over a period of 1,500 years, and it is still a reliable and accurate source of information about the past. We should be joyous that the word of God that has governed our lives continues to answer the skeptics' doubts. We should be thankful toward our God who is still proving Himself to be faithful in all things. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23).

> If the world is now acknowledging that Josiah was really real, then there are some other things one might want to consider. If Josiah was real, then his reforms were real. He did purify the temple and the nation of the foreign gods (2 Kgs. 23:1-20). If his reforms were real, then they did find the word of God in the temple that sent him down the path of reform (2 Kgs. 22:8). If the law was found, then they

did read it and inquire of the Lord what should be done (2 Kgs. 22:13). If inquiry was made, then a response was truly given (2 Kgs. 22:15-20). God told the people that destruction was coming, and nothing was going to stop it. For Josiah, things were going to be different. "Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before the LORD... and you have torn your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you,' declares the LORD" (2 Kgs. 22:19). If the word of God continues to be proven true, how long will we wait before we respond like Josiah? Be humbled and repentant before the God of all creation.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

#### Jesus did not live above the law!

When Jesus was on this earth, He was God (Matt. 1:23) and He had the power of God (Acts 10:38). Think about that. Then consider how amazing it is that even He submitted Himself to the law under which He lived. In Matthew 8, Jesus did what no one else on earth could ever do—He healed a man instantane-ously of leprosy (8:1-3). Then He told him, "Go your way,

show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them" (8:4). We get so enthralled by the miracle that we don't notice (or even understand, perhaps) the instruction that Jesus gave the man. While the power of God could 100% heal a man from leprosy without anyone else in-

volved, the law of God stated that the priest must diagnose and pronounce clean, and that an offering must be made (Lev. 13-14).

Jesus would not allow who He was or the power He had to somehow excuse Him from obeying the law of God or from encouraging others to obey it completely. How about you? Do you ever live as if above God's law or encourage others to disregard it? Think about it. -DS

#### Walking in Sonlight

In 1899, Henry J. Zelley wrote a hymn about "walking in sunlight," which he affectionately calls "Heavenly sunlight." The song metaphorically uses "sunlight" to depict the glorious life of a faithful Christian who is walking with Christ. Truly, it is glorious because it is "Son-light."



Will you respond

to God's word

like him?

When we walk with Jesus in the "Sonlight," we have the never-failing promise from Him, "I'll never forsake thee." When we walk with Jesus in the "Sonlight," the shadows and darkness of life cannot conceal Him or move us from walking close to His side. When we walk with Jesus in the "Sonlight," we gladly press our way to

mansions above, which He has prepared for us.

Where are you in your Christian life? Are you walking over the mountains of great joy? Or are you walking through the deep vale of sadness and despair? Wherever you are, let the presence of "heavenly Sonlight" in your life flood your soul. Sing with confidence (emphasize the last three words): "Hallelujah! I am rejoicing, Singing His praises, **Jesus is mine!**" -DS

# Keep in Your Prayers

# **Pray for These PBL Members**

Adrienne Banks	upcoming medical tests	
Jackie Creary	having injections to alleviate back pain on April 11	
Cora Lee Dennis	Kindred Hospital for long-term care, dialysis treatments	
Terri Hahn	now home from the hospital	
Lynne Jorgensen	undergoing medical tests	
Mary Reeves	dealing with severe hip pain	
Kay Richardson	undergoing testing on her heart	
Betty Sanders	receiving daily treatments for an infection	
Dorothy Savage	dealing with multiple health issues	
Jackie Stout	awaiting results from medical tests	
Linda Studer	undergoing monthly chemo treatments	

### Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments	
Joe Holland	chronic health issues	
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments	
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments	

### **Pray for Our Shut-Ins**

Millie Ames Loretta Holaday Hattie Daniels Daniel Johnson Sandra Daniels Don & Betty Matter Josie Dawson **Deidra Miley** Cora Lee Dennis Harriet Morris Annie Faison **Godfrey Pratt** Margie Hardin Leigh Puckett Janet Hickerson **Ricky Smedley** 

# is extended to...

Mary Porter, upon the passing of her father, Charles Griffen, on Tuesday, April 2.

## **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

Mikki Dean	Hollie Crotts' sister, pregnant and on bed rest	
Tim Deem	Allison Roman's brother, port inserted for an infection	
Evelyn Ellis	Mike Ellis' mother, in ICU with heart and breathing issues	
Stacy Hall	Rick & Peggy Hall's daughter, recovering from elbow surg.	
Darrin McCreery	Pat Harrington's son, recovering from cancer surgery	
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, recovering from a fall	
Lila Santana	Jon & Jenny Jordan's granddaughter, ear tube surg (4/11)	
Ben Smith	Mary Brown's brother, in Rehab Ctr of the Palm Beaches	
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, in ICU at Good Samaritan Med Ctr	
Carol Wineinger	Cherylann Wineinger's mother, recovering from surgery	
Denise Yates	Brittany Thompson's mother, recovering from knee surg.	



# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, April 7

- New Bible Classes Begin at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.
- House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

#### Sunday-Wednesday, April 7-10

• Gospel Meeting hosted by Suncoast each night at 7:00 p.m. Alvin Daniels, Jr. will be speaking on *"Embracing a Relevant Gospel."* 

#### Monday, April 8

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

#### Tuesday, April 9

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

#### Friday, April 12

• Family Group 4 Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

#### Sunday, April 14

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

#### Thursday, April 18

 Ladies' Day at Palm Beach Lakes at 6:00 p.m. Becky Blackmon will be speaking on "Help Me Find the Time."

#### Saturday, April 20

 PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

#### Tuesday, April 23

• Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Debi Watson.

#### Friday-Sunday, April 26-28

 Father/Son Retreat at CFBC. This year's theme is "Forging Closer Relationships." Cost is \$40. Josh Black- mer is the retreat coordinator. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

# Young Adults

#### Friday, April 19

• 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.

#### Tuesday, May 7

• Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Luann McLeod.

#### Friday, May 10

• Young Adult Devo at 7:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

#### Friday, May 17

• 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.

#### Saturday, May 18

Young Adult Escape Room Night. See Ivan Villard for details.



#### Wednesday, April 10

• Final Day to Sign Up for Youth Rally at West Broward (and to get a t-shirt). Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. Cost is \$20. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

#### Saturday, April 13

 Sr. High Spring Formal from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Silver Ball Museum. Cost is \$40. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, April 7. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

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# To Work More in His Kingdom

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

"Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which **every part does its share**, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16)

"For **we are God's fellow workers**; you are God's field, you are God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:9)

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



Sunday, March 31

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Tunde Akingbade; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. Jordan Davis; Ms. Carmen Dussard; Ms. Marcia Farrar; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Bruni Gonzalez; Mr. Rich Light; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. Terry West; and Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Sabrina Whanger.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Danielle Carswell & Lillie Jones, Atlanta, GA; Ms. Nellie Clayton, Ft. Lauderhill, FL; Miss LaDon Cruz; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Harold & Billie Hodnett, Clarksville, GA; Mr. Gerrit Hopman, Palm Harbor, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. Roger Leonhardt, Imperial, MO; Mrs. Lynne (Hirsh) Mabrey, Livingston, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Josh & Laura Beth Robinson, Katie & Ridge, Imperial, MO; and Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Esther Sills, Jacksonville, FL.



Congratulations to **Sharon Reitz** and **Tom Masciarelli** who were married Thursday, January 11.

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**Gary & Susan Shelt** request the honor of your presence at the marriage of **Brad Shelt** and **Rebecca Garnett** on Saturday, May 25 at 4:00 p.m. at the South Plains church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas.



Monday (April 8th) Micky Affron Jean Archer Zula Garrett Nadia King

Wednesday (April 10th) Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.) Anthioda Charles Jennifer Higbee Rose Martens Stephanie Weeks

<u>Friday (April 12th)</u> Bill & Inell Ingram (Ann.) Kaylani Carmona Mendy Crews

<u>Saturday (April 13th)</u> Henry & Bereather Williams (Ann.) Marcia Clough-Moss

#### **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>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

#### Sunday Morning, April 7

Lead Singing	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Freddie Gad	
Scripture ReadingAndy Ander	
Presiding at TableDarin Summerlo	
Serve at Table:	
Derrick Banks	Robert Mariano
Gorman Ericksen	Michael Morning
Dion Hayes	Vincent Rogers
Dick Kelley	Lawrence Williams
Alternates:	
Andres Fernandez	Dirk Summerlot
Closing Prayer	Jerry Pittman

#### Sunday Evening, April 7

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer Kane Campbell
Scripture Reading Scott Studer
Presiding at TableGlen Dawson
Josiah Blackmer
Devin Eutsey
Simon Tyson
Closing Prayer Kirk Crews
Wednesday Evening, April 10
Lead SingingHarrison Crotts
InvitationDan Fuller
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

<u>Ushers</u> for this week: Chris Thompson (Head Usher); John Loftis & Dan McLeod <u>Safety Team</u> for this week: David Lord & L.H. Richardson

### **Our Record**

Attendance	<u>Mar. 31</u>	<u>Feb. Avg</u>	
Sun. Bible Study	234	214	
Sun. A.M. Worshi	o 345	359	
Sun. P.M. Worship	o 190	148	
Wed. Bible Study	197	174	
Contribution	\$15,187	\$14,756	
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190			
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$-442			



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<b>Stepping into the Bible</b> —Children: Age 3 thru Grade 5 (April 7-Aug. 21)					
STEPP NG	The Life	The Parables	The Miracles	Learning	The Early
INTOB BLE	of Jesus	of Jesus	of Jesus	from Jesus	Christians
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Grades 4-5</b>	<b>Ages 3-4</b>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b>
April 7 thru	Robert	Stephanie		Amberdenise	Amy West
May 1	Lupo	Weeks		Puckett	& Mary Porter
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>Grades 4-5</b>	<b>Ages 3-4</b>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b>
May 5 thru	Beth	Kevin	Emily		Amber
May 29	Fry	Weeks	Tyson		Villard
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>Grades 4-5</b>	<b>Ages 3-4</b>	
June 2 thru	Amber	Beth	Kevin	Emily	
June 26	Villard	Fry	Weeks	Tyson	
<b>Session 4</b>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b>	<b>Grades 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>Grades 4-5</b>	<b>Ages 3-4</b>
June 30 thru		Amber	Beth	Kevin	Emily
July 24		Villard	Fry	Weeks	Tyson
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Ages 3-4</b>		<b>K &amp; Grade 1</b>	Grades 2 & 3	<b>Grades 4-5</b>
July 28 thru	Trish		Tasha	Allison Roman	Paul
Aug. 21	Clark		Ellis	& B. Collier	Metzkes