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New Wednesday Night Bible Classes

STARTING NOVEMBER 20 AT 7:00 P.M.

<i>Jeremiah & Lamentations</i>	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
<i>Calculating Christian Growth: Add It Up</i>	David Sproule (Adult 1)
<i>Ladies: Balanced or Imbalanced: Finding Balance for Godly Living</i>	Cara Blackmer (Adult 2)
<i>Sr. High: Interpreting the Bible</i>	Josh Blackmer
<i>Jr. High: Why We Believe What We Believe</i>	Rick Hall



By Dan Jenkins

Creatures of Habit

On Wednesday nights after Bible classes, Judie and I often go to Sonic to get corn dogs as we drive home. Last Wednesday as I waited to order, the person did not say, "Welcome to Sonic. How can I help you?" Her first words to me were, "How many corn dogs do you want with your Diet Coke?"

I was startled, so I ordered a large Diet Coke and two corn dogs. When I got to the window to pay, she said, "Don't you want a Route 44 Diet Coke (it is larger than a large) like you usually get?" It is amazing we are creatures of habit. People see us, and we often are not aware of how much they observe.

Think about these Bible characters and their customary actions in their lives. Just remember that not all habits are bad. Some of them lead to great spiritual growth. How many of these actions are part of your life?

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, had a habit. She was childless and wanted so much to have a child. The Bible describes her custom. "So it was, year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord..." (1 Sam. 1:7). There were yearly feasts for the Jews, and her custom was to go *every* year. We have a weekly feast. What is your custom? Is it something that is part of your life every week?

Aged Daniel had been in captivity for seventy years when his enemies laid out a plan to destroy him by getting the king to forbid any prayers other than those to the king. "Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days" (Dan. 6:10). Look closely at what is said, "As was his custom since early days." What are your prayer habits?

Daniel habitually did the same thing every day for over seventy years!

Look at what Jesus customarily did. "So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as his custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day" (Luke 4:16). How much are you like the Lord?

Paul shows a great example in what he customarily did. "Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures" (Acts 17:2). What is your custom about telling others about the Lord?

How did Judas know Jesus would be in Gethsemane? "Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him" (Luke 22:39). Do others know your spiritual customs?

Wise people should consider their spiritual customs! How wise are you?



By David Sproule

Clear a Path

Is there anything that the old pioneers and armies had in common? There may be a few similarities that you can think of, but consider this one for a moment. Pioneers of old were those who came to a land for the first time. Now, think about what those pioneers would have to do. Today we

have highways and passages already made for us to make travel easy, but someone had to be the first to chop down trees and clear a path through the forest, in order that others coming after them could pass with ease. That's what early pioneers had to do, and similarly, armies sent out troops in front, in order to clear a path for the full army who would come marching after them. Think about that imagery for a moment. What does that have to do with us?

There is a Greek word used in Philippians chapter one that ties to this concept. The Greek word *prokope* is a compound word made up of *pro* ("in front of") and *kopto* ("to cut")—meaning "to cut forward." This word literally conveys the idea of cutting in front of or cutting a path forward, in order to advance the progress of that which would come in behind it. Pioneers did this—cutting forward for that which would come behind to have a clear and open path. An army's advance troops would do this—cutting forward for that which would come behind to have a clear and open path.

Cutting a path forward for that which would come behind

Now, look at the verse. "I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel" (Phil. 1:12). Paul said that the persecution that he was suffering at the hands of the Romans was cutting a path forward for something to come in behind him with a clear and open path. What was that something? What did Paul see as the purpose for his efforts? It was all "for the furtherance (the cutting forward) of the gospel." Paul was endeavoring to fulfill the Great Commission and to reach lost souls. To that end, he was determined to do whatever it would take to open a path for the gospel to reach those souls.

What about you? Is there anything that you do that is cutting forward a path for the gospel to come in behind and reach lost souls? Is there anything that you could be doing?

That is a major purpose of living the Christian life! Our daily efforts to show kindness, to practice the Golden Rule, to control our tempers and to "let our lights constantly shine" are designed to cut a path forward for the saving gospel to come in behind us. Similarly, that's why we invite folks to worship with us. As you examine your daily life as a child of God, what are you doing (and what could you be doing) that is cutting a path forward for the gospel? We have no greater purpose on this earth! May God help us to open up that path!



By Josh Blackmer

Identity in Crisis

Who am I? This a common question. As we grow and mature into adulthood, it is important to ask this. We are taking steps and making choices that solidify a picture of self in our minds. It also becomes what we portray to others. Along the way there are things that would cause us to ask that question again: going to college, getting married, moving, experiencing a traumatic event, losing a loved one, losing or getting a job, and new health issues. All of these things could trigger us to begin re-evaluating our identity. That is not a bad thing. Perhaps there are things about our identity that we've allowed others to define, and we take these moments to define them for ourselves. Maybe we use one of these moments as a hard reset to an identity that is healthier for us. Those are positive changes. According to psychology, the crisis comes when we can no longer function. We question who we are and what we value. Symptoms of this doubt in identity include: depressed mood or feelings of hopelessness or worthlessness, loss of interest in things once enjoyed, fatigue, irritability, changes in appetite or weight, issues with concentration, energy levels, motivation, and sleep.

Can we see how this could affect us spiritually? These symptoms previously mentioned can be experienced spiritually also. The writer of Hebrews talks about strengthening our

souls as one would strengthen the body (Heb. 12:12-13). If we lack motivation, the zeal we once had or even the hope set before us, maybe we should ask ourselves, "Who am I?" There are four things we can do to help get our identity back on track.

First, look to God's word and start applying it and molding ourselves to the image of Christ (Phil. 2:5-11). If we lose focus, we can allow things into our lives that subtly subvert our new identity in Christ.

Second, look for the joy you once had in the faith. There are many things we can do to find that joy in service. Many times, "I'm too busy" robs us of opportunities to serve and feel the joy of true servanthood. We are to serve God, and we can do that by serving others.

Third, ignore the external and internal judgment. Society around us will not be in line with the image we are trying to make for ourselves in Christ. We are sometimes our own worst critic when it comes to doubt and shame. Do not let those things define who you are.

Lastly, seek support from those around you. There are so many who are all trying to follow the same identity. Together there is strength in striving for the same goal. Do not let your identity become a crisis. We are designed with an identity in mind. Anything less is a crisis.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

He went to The Skull for you!

When Jacob died, "he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last" (Gen. 49:33). He died in a place of comfort and peace. When Moses died, the Lord "buried him" (Deut. 34:5-6). He died in the presence and peace of the Lord. But Jesus enjoyed no such blessings!

In order to kill Jesus, "they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull" (Mark 15:22). Luke says, "they came to the place called The Skull" (23:33). The origin of that name is uncertain. Some think the hill of the crucifixion site looked like a skull. Others point out that this was a place of execution, where the unburied skulls and bones remained. Whatever its meaning, this is the wretched place where our Savior willingly gave His life for us.

He did not just draw His feet up into His bed and take His last breath for us! He "suffered" unfathomable torture at The Skull, "outside the gate" of the city (Heb. 13:11-13) for us. And He did it while separated from His Father (Matt. 27:46)—not in His peaceful presence. Let all of that sink in. He went to The Skull for you! Where would you go for Him? – DS



Is it your glory?

The wisdom of God has much to tell us about controlling our reactions toward others and controlling our tempers. Those of us who struggle with that have read many of the passages in Scripture on this subject, but we would do well to go over them again and even memorize some.

Proverbs 19:11 is one such text. "The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger..." Stop for just a moment. Are you a person of "discretion," or as the ESV translates, a person of "good sense"? Have you replaced the brake pads on your anger recently, so that you can slow it down quickly and bring it to a safe stop before a collision? God's repair shop is still open!

The verse continues, "...And it is his glory to overlook an offense." Whoa! "You mean that when someone does me wrong, it is to my glory to overlook it and let it go?" That's what it says. A Christian, like his Savior, is to carry about a forgiving spirit, which he is willing to extend to others, as necessary. If it is my glory to overlook an offense, what if I harbor it? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	undergoing rehab on his shoulder
Karen Bibbee	undergoing rehab at home
Betty Davis	in Waterford for rehab, NO visitors please
Eva Fulton	taken to PBG Medical Center with low blood pressure
Ophelia Holmes	recovering at home from hospitalization
Shirley Hopkins	knee replacement surgery rescheduled for Nov. 20
Mary Jackson	now at home, recovering from hip surgery
Sandy Mann	awaiting her elbow replacement surgery
Charles Norton	at home, under Hospice Care
Carolyn Preston	recovering at home from surgery
Maurine Reed	recovering from hospitalization, blood clot in her lung
Giselle Smith	dealing with sickle cell crisis
Willie Smith	dealing with a complication from his heart surgery
Linda Studer	chemo treatments every 3 weeks
Cherylann Wineinger	awaiting surgery

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Hattie Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Sandra Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Charles Norton
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Les Sawyer
Joe Holland	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ellen Brown	Lovetta Harmon's sister, recovering from hip replacement
Kay Estes	Cheryl & Chuck Milton's sister, complications from surg.
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, complications from surgery
Freddie King	Nadia King's father, in the final stages of cancer
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, ongoing health issues
Michael Newman	Lorena Pittman's brother, recovering from knee surgery
Benjamin Smith	Mary Brown's brother, in Bethesda Hospital
Darlene Smith	Willie Smith's mother, undergoing rehab on her knee
Peter Villa	Natalie Villa's father, having health complications

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

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 17

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ◆ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **November Card Writing** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and write cards of encouragement.

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 24

- ◆ **Thanksgiving & Praise Singing hosted by Sixth Street** in Pompano Beach from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **November Card Writing** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and write cards of encouragement.

Wednesday, November 27

- ◆ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Sunday, December 1

- ◆ **North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 5

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Sunday, December 8

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

Wednesday, December 25

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. All classes (children and adults) will meet together in the Auditorium.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, December 1

- ◆ **YA & Sr. High Camping Trip Sign-up Deadline.** Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Thursday, December 5

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Friday, December 6

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 6:30 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Friday, December 8

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Monday, December 30

- ◆ **Young Adult Mini-Golf** at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, November 17

- ◆ **Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for lunch and a thanksgiving treat. Meet in the Family Room after worship. We will return around 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 1

- ◆ **YA & Sr. High Camping Trip Sign-up Deadline.** Cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Challenge Youth Conference Sign-up Deadline.** Cost is \$50 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Friday, December 6

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 6:30 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Sunday, December 8

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ☆ North Lake Nursing Home Visit	2 b Pat Brown b Steward Lynch	3	4 b Sandra Daniels b Guadalupe Tipton	5 ☆ Ladies' Soup Supper b Adrianna Gadson b Janice Osborne	6 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Cara Blackmer	7 b Jeannie Buonadonna b Deltom Lequernaqué
8 ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Harriet Morris	9 a Michael & Jean Archer	10 b Carolina Medina	11 b Tasha Ellis	12 b Charlene Knowles b Tyrone Toson	13 ☆ Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party a Kevin & Stephanie Weeks	14 ☆ Jr. High Holiday Party ☆ Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under ☆ Sr. High Holiday Party b Tim Fry b Patricia Hackshaw b Daisy Lord b Juliette Mauvais
15 ☆ Sr. High Devo	16 b Julie Fontaine	17	18 a Ted & Karen Friesner a Rick & Melinda Price	19 a Victor & Sandy Colage b Patricia Patterson b Mary Quinn b Angie Seames b Brittany Thompson	20 b Eugene Williams	21 b Casey Bound
22 b Devin Eutsey	23 a Sam & Peggy Simpkins b Kinney Dozier b David Lord	24	25 ☆ Midweek Bible Study	26	27 a Benny & Sarah Rodgers	28 b David Bound b Dick Kelley b Ken Tipton
29 a Vince & Lovella Rogers a Ricky & Sarah Smedley b Linda Coe b Teresa Williams	30 ☆ Young Adult Mini-Golf	31 ☆ Midweek Bible Study ☆ New Year's Eve Gathering ☆ Sr. High Lock-In				

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
November 10



Directory Changes

Julio Aristy, III is now away serving in the military.

Nicholas & Stephanie Elridge moved to Daytona Beach.

It's girl!

Congratulations to John & Sue Hoelzer upon the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Ray Hoelzer, on Thursday, November 7, weighing 7 lbs, 6 oz.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lucille Black; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Maxine Griggs; and Mr. Terry West.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Vanroy & Senetta Anthony, Miramar, FL; Mr. Joe Dolan, New York, NY; Mr. Dominic Dos Santos, San Fernando, Trinidad; Mr. Willie Freeman, Delray Beach, FL; Ms. Jean Holsapple, Blairsville, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Sam & Dianne Jones, Jackson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert & Dianne Lee, Hopkinsville, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Ken & Jennifer Lowry, Cary, NC; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Abaco Bahamas; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Perry & Mandy Mason, Lake Placid, FL; Mr. Keith Mosher, Sr., Walls, MS; Mr. Raymond, Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Ben & Leslie Ross, Davie, FL; Ms. Greta Strachan, Marsh Harbor, Bahamas; and Mr. & Mrs. Bruce & Christine Wright & family, Winter Haven, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (November 17th)
Kelly Sproule

Wednesday (Nov. 20th) cont.
Leonard Williams

Monday (November 18th)
Diane Leslie
Natalie Reeves

Thursday (November 21st)
Karen Bibbee

Tuesday (November 19th)
Buzz & Kathy Nelson (Ann.)
David Thorpe

Friday (November 22nd)
Elizabeth Carter
Rose Jean-Baptiste
Rosemarie Joseph

Wednesday (November 20th)
Freddie Gadson
Matthew Jones

Saturday (November 23rd)
Dick & Marcia Kelley (Ann.)

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, November 17

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Scripture Reading David Brown
Presiding at Table Freddie Gadson
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Dan McLeod
Chuck Clark Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Andres Fernandez Gary Seames
Tim Mahlbacher Nahum Villard
Alternates:
Glen Dawson Mike Erickson
Closing Prayer Dion Hayes

Sunday Evening, November 17

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading Victor Colage
Presiding at Table Darin Summerlot
Josiah Blackmer
Harrison Crotts
Jonathan Swayne
Closing Prayer Jeff Leslie

Wednesday Evening, November 20

Lead Singing Freddie Gadson
Invitation Mike Ellis
Family Prayer Nate Nelson

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Nov. 10</u>	<u>Oct. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	240	209
Sun. A.M. Worship	321	321
Sun. P.M. Worship	167	146
Wed. Bible Study	155	168
Contribution	\$12,771	\$14,466
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$11,787		

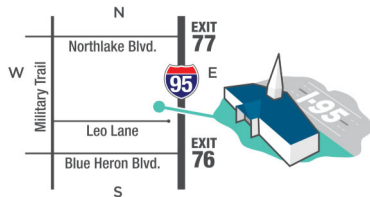
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell (Head Usher); James Green & Dirk Summerlot
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall & Daniel Swayne



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



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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What a Great Lectureship Weekend!