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Current Bible Classes

JUNE 23 THRU AUGUST 21

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

<i>First, Second & Third John</i>	David Sproule (Auditorium)
<i>The Mission of the Local Church</i>	Josh Blackmer & Ivan Villard (Adult 1)
<i>Young Adults: The Bible & Science</i>	Nate Nelson & Taylor Reeves (Adult 3)
<i>Sr. High: 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus</i>	Robert Lupo
<i>Jr. High: The Life of Christ</i>	Christopher Thompson

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

<i>Isaiah (Part 1)</i>	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
<i>Hope: The Anchor of the Soul</i>	Lawrence Richardson (Adult 1)
<i>Ladies: A Song in My Heart</i>	Traci Sproule (Adult 2)
<i>Sr. High: Respectful Attitudes</i>	Phil Porter
<i>Jr. High: Bible Characters</i>	Seth Watson

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



By Dan Jenkins

“In the Morning of Joy!”

“We shall not all sleep, but we shall be raised.” Are there any words more comforting than these? We sing about it, and our hearts are filled with comfort. If there is no resurrection, we are of all men most miserable; our lives have been wasted, and we should have lived our lives by the philosophy of “let us eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we shall die.” Many have heard the following words and have been blessed every time they sang them.

When the trumpet shall sound,
And the dead shall arise,
And the splendors immortal
Shall envelop the skies;
When the Angel of Death
Shall no longer destroy,
And the dead shall awaken
In the morning of joy.

Think of what a great day of joy that will be!

The Joy of Seeing God

The Lord made a remarkable promise in the opening words of the Beatitudes. “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God” (Matt. 5:8). Obviously, we all shall see the Son of man who, coming in His glory, will separate the sheep from the goats (Matt. 25:31-32). This is true because God has

**O the bliss of
that morn,
in the morning
of joy!**

appointed a day in which He will judge the world by the One He raised from the dead (Acts 17:31). We will all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10). However, the promise of seeing God is reserved for those who are pure in heart. Is it possible that the wicked will never be allowed to see God in all of His majesty?

The Joy of Seeing All the Redeemed

Jesus may have been speaking of the entrance of Gentiles into the kingdom of God when He said, “Many will come from east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 8:11), but is there any doubt that all the redeemed will share eternity together? Imagine sitting with those heroes of faith in Hebrews chapter eleven and thousands of other like them. Add to this sitting again with those who shaped our own lives in our journey on this earth.

The Joy of Seeing Jesus

Can you imagine seeing the One who loved us before we ever lived; the One who loved us and gave Himself for us while we were sinners! Perhaps we might see those beautiful marks of love in His hands and in His side. We are His bride, and He awaits our coming.

O the bliss of that morn, in the morning of joy!



By David Sproule

Who Was James?

Who penned the book of James? Can we know who it was? And, if we can, what can be learned from it (and from him)?

Not long after the church was established, one of Zebedee’s sons, James, was murdered by Herod (Acts 12:1-2). This is not the James who wrote the epistle in our New Testament, nor is this the James who played a prominent role in the church later in the book of Acts.

Later in the New Testament, the author of the short epistle of Jude identifies himself as “the brother of James,” which naturally points to the author of the book of James. Both men identify themselves as “a bondservant” of Jesus Christ. There are two men—by the names of James and Judas—mentioned in Matthew 13:55 as being brothers. They are listed there along with the other “brothers” of Jesus.

Could it be that the author of James was actually a brother of Jesus? Consider what we know. We know that during Jesus’ personal ministry (when He was preaching, performing miracles and preparing mankind for the coming kingdom), “His brothers did not believe in Him” (John 7:5; cf. Mark 3:21). But, something later changed. When the apostles gathered with various disciples after the resurrection of Christ, “the mother of Jesus” was there, “with His brothers” (Acts 1:13-14).

**This James
was Jesus’
brother.**

Had the resurrection changed their view of their brother? Paul recorded that one of the appearances that Jesus made following His resurrection was to “James” (1 Cor. 15:7). Is this the same James who wrote the epistle, and the same James who became a leader in the church in Jerusalem?

It can be concluded that Jesus’ brother, James, was a prominent figure in the Jerusalem church. Three years after his conversion, Paul went to Jerusalem, and he saw “James, the Lord’s brother” (Gal. 1:18-19). Later in the same book, Paul identified James (along with Peter and John) as ones who “seemed to be pillars” in the church (2:9; cf. 2:12). James truly was a strong leader in the early church (read Acts 12:17; 15:13-21; 21:17-25). This James is the one who penned the epistle of James. This James was Jesus’ brother.

Think about the complete reformation of life that he experienced. He went from denying that Jesus (his brother) was the Christ to identifying himself as “a bondservant...of the Lord Jesus Christ” (Jas. 1:1). Not just a bondservant of God, but of Jesus Christ. And not just a bondservant of Jesus Christ, but a bondservant of THE LORD Jesus Christ. Did James believe that Jesus was raised from the dead? He knew it with absolute confidence, and it changed his life! What an incredible example for us! And what great evidence for us to know that Jesus truly is the Son of God!



By Josh Blackmer

Four Roads: The Road To Damascus

There are many roads to travel in life. Saul would learn a lot on the road to Damascus. The story of his encounter is told three times in the book of Acts (9, 22, 26). What can we learn from the road to Damascus?

“Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord” was traveling to Damascus, most likely from Jerusalem (9:1-3). It was on that road that a light appeared, and a message was given to him. “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He said, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do” (Acts 9:4-6). Blind Saul is led by the hand to Damascus. For three days, he eats and drinks nothing. Ananias is sent to him to baptize him. Saul is now obedient to the messenger.

On the road, Saul learned who Jesus of Nazareth really was, the Christ. It was in Damascus that he was obedient to Him. Jesus said, “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him” (John 14:21). One who was murderous towards Christians was now showing love and respect to the Master. This

kind of obedience is seen in a heart that truly wants to do what was right. For Saul, it was not about the pleasure of persecution. “Paul, looking intently at the Council, said, ‘Brethren, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day’” (Acts 23:1). Though he was following his conscience in persecuting the church, he was still wrong until he was obedient the way Christ wanted him to be.

The road of obedience.

We are not allowed to do whatever our conscience/inner voice “tells us.” Paul wrote, “to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus” (2 Thess. 1:7-8). Christ is an example in this as well. “Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation” (Heb. 5:8-9). We must be obedient to Christ according to the correct doctrine. “But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed” (Rom. 6:17).

You might be on the road to Damascus, the road of obedience. You may already have a grasp of what obedience is, but we must all grasp its importance in a life of faith.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“Worship God contrary to the law”

Paul spent eighteen months preaching the word in the immoral, pagan city of Corinth (Acts 18:11). During this time, a group of Jews “rose up against Paul” (18:12) and made the following accusation, “This fellow persuades men to worship God contrary to the law” (18:13). Think about that indictment. It implies a number of things.

Paul was urging people “to worship God.” When you devote yourself to preaching “Jesus is the Christ” and “teaching the word of God” (18:5, 11), that involves and demands teaching about worship. “Worship” is not a secondary topic. It is a natural and necessary response of one who puts his trust in the Lord. But, Paul was not just urging people to “worship God”—he was urging people to worship God according to a “law.” While the Jews did not like the “law” he was advocating, their accusation proves that he was preaching that true worship requires law.

God has a law when it comes to worshipping Him! May we devote ourselves (in practice and teaching) to truly worship Him according to HIS law and not according to a contrary law! – DS



“Forget not all His benefits”

In Psalm 103, David praises the Lord for all that He has done and calls upon the people of God to “forget not all His benefits” (103:2). While it would be quite impossible to list “all His benefits,” David begins to enumerate how God “forgives... heals...redeems...crowns...satisfies” (103:2-5). He explains how “the Lord executes righteousness...made known His ways...is merciful and gracious...has compassion on those who fear Him” (103:6-13).

When you think of “all His benefits,” it is easy to focus on what the Lord does and has done. But, what about what He has NOT done? A favorite part of this psalm is when David exclaims, “He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities” (103:10). When you are counting your blessings, don’t just list all the great things that God gives you. Count all of the things that you deserve as a sinner but God has withheld from you through His mercy, grace and compassion! Friends, let’s not forget ALL His benefits! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee	at home and undergoing rehab
Dan Fuller	undergoing rehab on his hip
Ellen Gager	recovering from major surgery
Terri Hahn	in La Posada for rehab (room 2020)
Richard Haines	MorseLife Rehab, recovering from hip surgery
Mary A. Jackson	awaiting hip replacement surgery
Dan Johnson	Gardens Medical Center (room 240)
Judy Lerro	recovering from an outpatient surgery
Rosa Nash	recovering from eye surgery
Chuck Norton	recovering at home from surgery
Connye Plouffe	recovering at home
Linda Studer	monthly chemo treatments
Sadie Tennant	recovering at home
Henry Williams	Boca Raton Rehabilitation Center (room 218)

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bernardo Burdeos	Lovella Rogers' father, improving and now out of hospital
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, not doing well since strokes in Dec.
Richard Hill	Shirley Hopkins' brother, back in rehab
Lena Kelly	Adrienne Banks' mother, has stage 4 lung cancer
Kayanna Richardson	Lawrence & Kay's daughter, undergoing medical testing
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, Boca Reg. Hospital, has leukemia
Carol Wineinger	Cherylann Wineinger's mother, 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, July 14

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **There is NO Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

Monday, July 15

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

Tuesday, July 16

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

Friday, July 19

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

Sunday-Saturday, July 21-27

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary Jenkins, Josh Blackmer or Cam Crofts for details.

Sunday, August 4

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

Wednesday-Sunday, August 7-11

- ◆ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday-Saturday). Tommy Peeler from Brandon, FL and Shane Scott from Valrico, FL will be speaking on *"Hope Is Here: Jesus the Help You Need."*

Sunday, August 11

- ◆ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.

Friday-Thursday, August 16-22

- ◆ **Polishing the Pulpit.** Thousands of Christians will gather in Sevierville, Tennessee for a time to refresh, renew and recharge. Visit polishingthepulpit.com for details.

Sunday, August 25

- ◆ **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.

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

Tuesday, July 16

- ◆ **Young Adult & Sr. High Bowling Night** at 7:00 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday-Saturday, July 21-27

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary Jenkins, Josh Blackmer or Cam Crofts for details.

Tuesday, August 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson. Bring a side dish or dessert.

Friday, August 16

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, July 14

- ◆ **There is NO Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

Tuesday, July 16

- ◆ **Young Adult & Sr. High Bowling Night** at 7:00 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday-Saturday, July 21-27

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC (for ages 10-18).** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. See Gary Jenkins, Josh Blackmer or Cam Crofts for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, July 28-31

- ◆ **Upward Bound at CFBC.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Saturday, August 3

- ◆ **Charged By Christ with Philip Jenkins** at 10:00 a.m. for all Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Cost is \$20. Please sign up on the bulletin board by July 29.

“Does This Offend You?”

by Kyle Butt

“I’m offended!” “That is offensive to me!” “You must not do that, because it offends me!” You will often hear statements such as these on television, the radio, or any number of media outlets. Those who use these types of sentiments throw them down like a gauntlet, daring you to continue. It is as if the fact that they are offended should cause you to stop whatever it is you are saying or doing that offends them. Somehow, “I’m offended,” has become the verbal alarm that signals some sort of mistake or misstep on the part of the speaker.



The fact is, however, just because a person is offended is not necessarily a reason to stop saying or doing something. Jesus often offended people, but that did not stop Him from preaching and teaching the truth. When a person takes offense at something, it often says much more about the heart of the one who is offended than it does about the person who supposedly “caused” the offense.

On one occasion, after Jesus taught about how the Pharisees had abused God’s Word, His apostles came to him and said, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” (Matthew 15:11). It is almost as if the apostles thought like many people today. They seemed to be indicating that because Jesus had offended the Pharisees, then He should stop teaching those ideas or change His message. Jesus, however, thought nothing of the sort. He knew that His message offended the Pharisees because of the hardness of their hearts, not because of the way the message was delivered. Jesus understood that the hearts of the Pharisees needed changing, not His message or even the way He delivered it. He responded to His apostles by saying, “Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind” (Matthew 15:14). Surely we can agree that the Pharisees would have been further offended by Jesus’ follow up comments. Their offense, however, was misplaced. They were blind to the truth. They should not have been offended at Jesus’ message. Jesus’ message was the truth that God had sent to set them free (John 8:32).

Mark 6:1-6 tells about a time Jesus returned to His hometown of Nazareth. He went to the synagogue and preached the Word as He often did in other places. The townspeople who heard Him murmured, “Where did this man get these things?... Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” The text then states, “And they were offended at Him.” The fact that they were offended did not mean Jesus had done anything wrong. It did not mean that He should have taken a different approach to preaching in His hometown. It meant only that the hearts of the hearers were calloused, sinful, and refused to recognize God’s message when it was preached. Jesus never cowered to the “I’m offended so you must stop” tactic, and neither should we.

At one time Jesus preached to a great multitude of His disciples. Many of His own disciples did not understand the message and “murmured” about Jesus’ preaching (John 6:61). Jesus then asked them, “Does this offend you?” (John 6:61). Many in our day would say that if Jesus offended the crowd, He was sinning and should change His message, change His delivery style, or re-word His statement to be less offensive. Jesus, however, responded by saying, “What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?” (6:61). What was Jesus’ point? If the people were offended with Jesus’ message that He was the bread that came down from heaven, just think how they would react if they saw Jesus ascend back into heaven, which was what He planned to do in the near future (Luke 24:50-53).¹ Not only did He refuse to quit preaching or change His message, He added something to the message that the audience would have had more problems accepting! Obviously, Jesus did not feel the need to stop preaching or change His message because His audience was offended.

It is certainly true that Christians should let their speech “be with grace, seasoned with salt” (Colossians 4:6). It is also true that Christians should avoid unnecessary offense (Matthew 17:27; 1 Corinthians 8). The Gospel, however, is exclusive and offensive to many people. Those with dishonest, sinful hearts will always be offended at the simplicity and straightforwardness of Christ’s Truth. As Christians, we should follow the example of our Lord. We must never be bullied into silence or intimidated into changing our message simply because a person or group is offended at the truth.

ENDNOTES

¹ It is interesting that when Stephen was martyred, he exclaimed that he saw Jesus in heaven “standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:56). This statement so offended the mob that “they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him” (Acts 7:57).

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 7

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lucille Black; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Wynona Bowman; Mr. Terrance Breaux; Mr. Johnny Mark Davis; Ms. Tamara Jean-Baptiste; Mr. Colin Kato; Mr. LaVon Kinsey, Sr.; Mrs. Liz Otero; Mrs. Stephanie Townsend; Mr. Terry West; and Ms. Mabelle Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Rod & Christie Cable, Sparks, NV; Mr. & Mrs. Jordan & Abby Clouse, North Prince George, VA; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Miss Lauren Fuller, Savannah, TN; Mr. Charles Kato, Chattanooga, TN; Jacob & Colton Kelley, Tamarac, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Mr. Stacy Macon, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. LeMarion Mitchell, Plano, TX; Ms. Glennette Richardson, Charlotte, NC; Ms. Tina Sellers, Lancaster, TX; and Mr. & Mrs. Matthew & Julie Watson, Jonah, Jane, & Joy, Winter Garden, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*



Sunday (July 14th)

Kasandra Jones
Chris Thompson

Thursday (July 18th)

Chuck & Marisa Reeves (Ann.)
Carolina Beliech
Marian Holland

Monday (July 15th)

Robert & Norma Mariano (Ann.)

Friday (July 19th)

David & Traci Sproule (Ann.)
Jeff Leslie

Tuesday (July 16th)

Bonnie Arthur
Hattie Daniels
Jim Davis
Astrid Menendez

Saturday (July 20th)

Gorman Ericksen

Jenkins Week at CFBC is July 21-27. If you would like to ride the bus to and from camp, please sign up on the bulletin board. Seats go quickly, so sign up as soon as possible! See Gary Jenkins, Josh Blackmer or Cam Crofts for more details.

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, July 14

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Jim Davis
Scripture Reading..... Daniel Wagner
Presiding at Table L.H. Richardson
Serve at Table:
Derrick Banks Graysen Hayes
Lance Collier Daniel Lord
Harrison Crofts Scott Studer
Devin Eutsey Chris Thompson
Alternates:
David Thorpe Richard Watson
Closing Prayer Glen Dawson

Sunday Evening, July 14

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer John Loftis
Scripture Reading..... Eugene Williams
Presiding at Table..... Dick Kelley
Josiah Blackmer
Max Fonrose
Rick Price
Closing Prayer Kevin Weeks

Wednesday Evening, July 17

Lead Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation..... Simon Tyson
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

Our Record

Attendance	July 7	June Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	196	204
Sun. A.M. Worship	302	323
Sun. P.M. Worship	164	146
Wed. Bible Study	153	182
Contribution	\$14,242	\$14,884

2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$7,504

Ushers for this week: Freddie Gadson (Head Usher); John Hoelzer & Vince Rogers

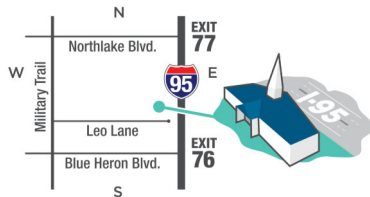
Safety Team for this week: Bob Higbee & Shaun Tyson



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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.

Front Cover: **Cindy Nelson & Traci Sproule**

