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Services for the Week of June 28



SUNDAY Services at the Building

9:00 a.m.*

AM Worship: Last Names: **A thru H**

10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes for All

11:30 a.m.

AM Worship: Last Names: **I thru Z**

6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship for All

WEDNESDAY Night Bible Classes

7:00 p.m.

Everyone Go Directly to Separate Bible Classes
(Adults, Jr. High & Sr. High meet in the auditorium)

Please worship at your allotted time in the morning.

Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.

If you feel that you are at high risk, it is ok to stay home for now.

** The 9:00 a.m. worship and 10:30 class will be webcast live from our website.*



Honoring Our Graduates
(See page 6.)



By Dan Jenkins

Two “Earthly Stories” Showing Heavenly Truths

The disciples of Jesus had no idea about the nature of the kingdom Jesus had come to establish. The Old Testament was filled with promises of the coming King and His kingdom, but no one on this earth understood what it would be like (1 Cor. 2:8-9). Jesus used parables to help those disciples see what was about to happen.

In Matthew chapter thirteen, there are eight parables He gave to them. The first describes the coming kingdom being like a man sowing seed. They could not comprehend the meaning and asked Him to explain. The second parable is about a man who sowed seeds into his field and the enemy who came at night and sowed tares (weeds) in that field. They did not comprehend this parable, so He also had to explain to them its meaning.

The failure to understand these beginning parables blocks the ability to find the truths of God. Mark’s account adds one thought not found in either Matthew or Luke’s account. “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?” (Mark 4:13). One cannot comprehend the nature of the kingdom of heaven until he grasps what Jesus was saying. Those who view the coming of the kingdom as being in the future with Jesus establishing His

kingdom and reigning on the earth for a thousand years have not begun to understand these earthly stories with a heavenly meaning which Jesus taught.

Jesus only explains the first two parables, and they become the basis of seeing the meaning of all the parables. You may think you do not know much about the Bible, but do you understand these parables? You likely know more than you think. These stories open the door to deeper truths.

You cannot read until you learn the alphabet and you cannot understand until...

Do you know what the seed was which was sowed in four different types of soil? Do you know what each of those kinds of soils describe? Do you know the identity of the man who sowed the seed in the story of the tares? Do you who the enemy was who secretly sowed weeds in the field where the good seed was sown?

The disciples had no idea what Jesus was saying, but because He explained the meaning of these parables you can know the answers to each of the questions asked in the previous paragraph. If you do not know, I urge you to simply sit down and read the accounts in Matthew 13 and Luke 8. If you already know the answers, I urge you to slowly read the verses again and pay attention to every word Jesus used. You may not know them as well as you think you do.

One cannot read until he learns the alphabet, and one cannot understand the kingdom until he learns the parables!



By David Sproule

Jesus Loved and Gave Himself for Who?

Every so often it is good to be reminded of some key fundamental truths that are life-changing when you first hear them (and realize them) and ought to be life-changing every subsequent time that we hear them (and consider them). Think for a moment: Who did Jesus love and for whom did He give Himself?

Jesus loved and gave Himself for His own unbelieving brothers, who ridiculed Him (John 7:5; Mark 3:21). Jesus loved and gave Himself for His neighbors, who were offended at Him (Mark 6:3). Jesus loved and gave Himself for Herod the Great, who had tried to kill Him as an infant (Matt. 2:16). Jesus loved and gave Himself for Herod Antipas, who killed His best friend, John the Baptist (Matt. 14:1-12), and later treated Jesus Himself with contempt (Luke 23:11). Jesus loved and gave Himself for Herod Agrippa I, who killed one of His inner-circle friends, James (Acts 12:1-2).

Jesus loved and gave Himself for the Pharisees, who held to their traditions and rejected the Word of God (Matt. 15:1-9), and the very ones who were constantly testing Him (Mark 8:11). Jesus loved and gave Himself for the scribes, who accused Him of working with the devil (Mark 3:22). Jesus loved and gave Himself for the Jewish council, who sought

false testimony against Him to put Him to death (Mark 14:55). Jesus loved and gave Himself for the chief priests, who condemned Him to death (Luke 24:20), shouted, “Crucify Him, crucify Him” (John 19:6), and mocked Him while He hung on the cross (Mark 15:31).

Jesus loved and gave Himself for Peter, who vehemently denied knowing Him (Matt. 26:69-75). Jesus loved and gave Himself for Judas, who betrayed Him for money (Mark 14:10, 43-46). Jesus loved and gave Himself for Pilate, who did not have courage enough to stand up for Him (John 19:4-6). Jesus loved and gave Himself for Barabbas, whose place He took in the execution (Matt. 27:16-26). Jesus loved and gave Himself for the Roman soldier, who violently scourged His body (John 19:1), and the one who twisted a crown of thorns on His head (John 19:2), and the one who nailed His hands and feet to the cross (John 19:18).

Jesus loved and gave Himself for every person who has ever lived

Here’s the reality that we all know—Jesus loved and gave Himself for every person who has ever lived (Heb. 2:9), including every person who ever did Him any wrong (Luke 23:34). The question is—What is stopping me from loving and giving myself to everyone, even the ones who do me wrong? There is no more personal truth than this—Jesus “loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal 2:20). He is expecting me to do that for others, especially my brethren (John 13:34).



By Josh Blackmer

“But I...”

There was a famous pool in Jerusalem where the unknown and desperate waited. John tells us that they waited there believing that when an angel of the Lord stirred the water that whoever entered into the pool first would be healed. Among those that waited was one that had been ill for thirty-eight years. “When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, ‘Do you wish to get well?’” (John 5:6). “The sick man answered Him, ‘Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me’” (John 5:7).

This man had been waiting for some unknown angel of the Lord to move the water that he might possibly have a chance to be healed. He was now speaking to the Son of God, God in the flesh, the divine Word. God was asking him if he wanted to be healed, the thing he desired most these thirty-eight years. A prisoner in his own body was asked if he wanted to be freed. His response was too much about himself. His limited understanding of the situation and with whom he was speaking only saw a bleak and impossible outcome, “Sir, I have no man.” That much he had right. He had no man standing before him. He had the Son of Man. It wasn’t in the power of the lame man to heal himself. Jesus did not

ask if he had faith. Jesus didn’t even tell him who He was. In that moment, it wasn’t about what the lame man knew. The question was, would he obey? The command was there, and the lame man had two choices. He could stay where he was; who was this guy to tell him to pick up his mat and walk? Or, he could take a chance and try. “Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day” (John 5:9). The Jews confronted him about carrying a pallet on the Sabbath. “Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, ‘Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.’ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well” (John 5:14-15). It wasn’t until then that he learned who had healed him. When he did know, he shared that information.

There are people like this lame man in the world. Those that have been struggling with their lives by themselves and things haven’t gotten any better. People of God try to help, but they may say, “Nah, I’m good” or “I’ve got this.” Perhaps there has been something in our lives that we’ve been trying to handle on our own, waiting on magical circumstances to make things better. All the while Jesus has been standing there asking, “Are you done yet?” “Are you done trying on your own?” Maybe the question is, “Are you ready for change?” It is time to get up and walk!

There are people like this lame man in the world.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Sin shouldn’t be entertaining

Viewers of television sitcoms, dramas and reality shows are inundated with all sorts of immorality that is made to appear ordinary, acceptable and even entertaining. There are few things more prevalent on television today than individuals who are not married to each other engaging in sexual activity (whether explicitly depicted or merely implied). What children of God must remember is that people having sex before (or outside of) marriage is not entertaining or funny or cute or something for which we should cheer.

There are all sorts of problems that we should see in this, none the least of which is that such easily becomes normalized in our hearts to the point that we accept it, want it and even engage in it ourselves. God created sex and He placed it in only one acceptable place – between a man and his wife only when they are married to each other. It doesn’t get any simpler than Hebrews 13:4, “Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” May God help us to control what entertains us! – DS



“Dear God...”

“Holy Father in heaven, I need You! There are so many things going on right now that I’m not even sure what to think sometimes or what I should do in some cases. I realize that I have always needed You, but I believe that I need Your help right now more than ever before!

“Loving Father, please help me! Please help me to be a Christian at all times, to remember my first loyalty is to You and to Your Son and to His bride, to test all things by Your Word, to treat others in the way that I would prefer for them to treat me, to help others around me to get to know You through me, to be more concerned about someone’s eternal destiny than anything else. Lord, I’m begging You to help me to not become so engrossed in the cultural and political affairs of the day that I completely lose sight of my relationship with You, my eternal soul, my need to grow, my need to serve, my need to be a light for You in this ever-darkening world.

“Father, please help me to pray this in sincerity and not in pretense! I need You and I love You! In Jesus’ name, Amen!” – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee	recovering at home, has a blood clot and is very weak
Lucy Bond	recovering from skin cancer surgery on her head
Rachel Byerly	bike accident and injured her chin
Betty Davis	undergoing some medical tests
Annie Faison	recovering at home and doing better
Joe Holland	now under Hospice Care at Brookdale
Ophelia Holmes	still dealing with a lot of pain
Dan Johnson	Gardens Medical Center (room 249)
John Loftis	dealing with severe back pain and is very weak
Luann McLeod	has a fractured knee cap & internal injuries to her knee
Tom Martens	Gardens Court, undergoing physical therapy
Joel Ramirez	Gardens Medical Center (room 349), kidney problems
Linda Studer	chemo treatments every three weeks

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Karen Bibbee	Don & Betty Matter
Josie Dawson	Deidra Miley
Annie Faison	Harriet Morris
Dianne Frye	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Les Sawyer
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joe Holland	Patricia Ventress

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Russell Algeier	Sandy Colage's brother, suffering with multiple sclerosis
Hattie Anderson	Christene & Loretta's sister, recovering from mastectomy
Rena DeV Vaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, treatments for breast cancer
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
John Griffin	Jennifer Goodale's father, triple bypass heart surgery
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine
Jay Tyson	Shaun Tyson's father, esophagus procedure on June 29
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, recovering from brain surgery

**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

All Events Are Subject to Change.

Sunday, June 28

- ◆ **Morning Worship for Last Names: A thru H** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Promotion Sunday for ALL members** at 10:30 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **Morning Worship for Last Names: I thru Z** at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share. See page 6 for a list of this year's graduates.
- ◆ **Evening Worship for ALL members** at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 29

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.

Tuesday, June 30

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.

Wednesday, July 1

- ◆ **Mount Dora Coin Can Deadline.** Please return all cans.

Wednesday, July 1

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Mauricio Yegros (Coral Springs) will be speaking on *"Comfort in Knowing the Lord Will Return."*

Sunday, July 5

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** by the young men and women. There will be a separate class for the ladies at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 8

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Terry Casey (West Broward) will be speaking on *"Comfort in the Loss of a Loved One."*

Sunday-Saturday, July 12-18

- ◆ **Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC.** Male volunteers and staff are needed. Register and read CFBC's COVID-19 mitigation guidelines at www.cf biblecamp.org. See Gary or Josh for details.

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

Tuesday, July 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. See Cara or Cindy for details.

Friday, July 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. See Ivan for details.

Sunday-Saturday, July 12-18

- ◆ **Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC.** Male volunteers and staff are needed. Register and read CFBC's COVID-19 mitigation guidelines at www.cf biblecamp.org. See Gary or Josh for details.

Saturday, August 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson. See Ivan Villard for details.

Tuesday, August 4

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

Friday, August 7

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, June 28

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday for ALL members** at 10:30 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Wednesday-Saturday, July 1-4

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Keep the campers and teachers in your prayers.

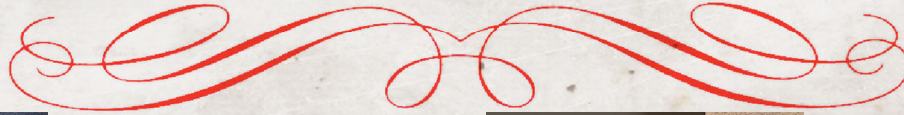
Sunday-Saturday, July 12-18

- ◆ **Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC** for children Age 10 thru Grade 12. Cost is \$220 (get a \$25 discount if registered by June 28). Register and read CFBC's COVID-19 mitigation guidelines at www.cf biblecamp.org.

Sunday-Tuesday, July 19-21

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

Congratulations, Graduates!



Nyla Hackshaw

High School: Suncoast
Activities in School: Concert Band, Marching Band, played clarinet
Awards: International Baccalaureate Program
Hobbies: cook, play video games, listen to music, writing, reading
Youth Group Memories: Leadership Training Camp, learning and creating lessons together; playing games; Jenkins Week at CFBC
Future plans: Attend Florida Atlantic University, Major in Biology (Pre-Med Program), and become a trauma surgeon



Kelly Sproule

High School: Jupiter Christian
Activities in School: basketball, yearbook, Water Girl for varsity football, National Honor Society (VP)
Awards: Community Service Award, Science Excellence Award, English Excellence Award, Pathfinder Nominee for Community Service
Hobbies: reading, painting, playing video games, watching movies, hanging out with friends
Youth Group Memories: mission trips (esp. to Paraguay), CFBC, LTC, road trips
Future plans: Attend Freed-Hardeman University, Major in Cybersecurity, and become a security analyst

God's Advice for Graduates

1. **Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness** (Matthew 6:33).
2. **Do unto others as you would have them do unto you** (Matthew 7:12).
3. **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength** (Matthew 22:37).
4. **Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature** (Mark 16:15).
5. **Do not be conformed to this world** (Romans 12:2).
6. **Do not be lagging in your diligence but serve the Lord with a fervent spirit** (Romans 12:11).
7. **Repay no one evil for evil** (Romans 12:17).
8. **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good** (Romans 12:21).
9. **Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh** (Romans 13:14).
10. **Remember who you are (a Christian) and whose you are (God's)** (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
11. **Honor your father and your mother** (Ephesians 6:2-3).
12. **Meditate on things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and commendable** (Philippians 4:8).
13. **Learn that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you** (Philippians 4:11-13).
14. **Pray without ceasing** (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
15. **Test all things—hold fast to the good, abstain from every form of evil** (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).
16. **Study God's word diligently and handle it accurately** (2 Timothy 2:15).
17. **Be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men** (Titus 3:2).
18. **Do not forsake the assembling of the saints** (Hebrews 10:25).
19. **Submit to God and resist the devil** (James 4:7).
20. **Be sober and vigilant, for your adversary, the devil, is seeking to devour you** (1 Peter 5:8).



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



Sunday,
June 21

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Christina Bright; Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; Ms. Janet Macdonald; Ms. Debbie Vasco; and Mr. Terry West.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



We rejoice with **Trinity Franck** who was baptized on Monday, June 22. She is listed in the directory with her parents, James Green & Michelle Franck.



Directory Changes

Travis & Taylor Johnson moved to Orlando last week.

Sunday (June 28th)

Cam Crotts
Cheryl Milton

Monday (June 29th)

Steven Livergood
Dorothy Savage

Tuesday (June 30th)

Edward & Ellen Gager (Ann.)
Adrienne Banks

Wednesday (July 1st)

Andres & Angelica Fernandez (Ann.)

Thursday (July 2nd)

Richard & Debi Watson (Ann.)
Alex Contreras
Misty Hayes

Friday (July 3rd)

Cornelius Henderson

Saturday (July 4th)

Andrea Henderson



JENKINS/BLACKMER WEEK AT CFBC

- Register Online (www.cf biblecamp.org).
- MEN are needed for volunteers (See Gary or Josh).
- Make a donation to help with scholarships (make checks payable to the church; please note that it is for CFBC).
- Plan your transportation. No bus to camp; carpooling is discouraged.
- Read CFBC's COVID-19 mitigation guidelines.
- Pray for the coordinators, staff and campers!

Sunday Worship Services

All Bible classes and worship services will be at the church building this week.
The 9:00 a.m. worship (and 10:30 a.m. class) will be webcast live from our website.

Worship Services for Sunday, June 28

9:00 a.m. Last Names: A thru H
10:30 a.m... Bible Class/Promotion Sunday
11:30 a.m. Last Names: I thru Z
6:00 p.m..... Evening Worship for ALL

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Bible Class for Wednesday, July 1

7:00 pm.ALL Together at the Building
Adults Auditorium
Grades 6-12..... Auditorium
Grades 5 & Under Family Room

Our Record

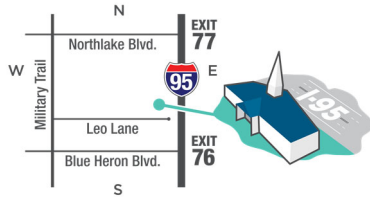
Attendance	June 21	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	NA	NA
Sun. Worship	178	146
Wed. Bible Study	132	NA
Contribution	\$13,920	\$15,519
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,910		



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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: **Calissa & Pershira Hodges**

Kick Start Your Summer

It Is *Well* with My Soul

July 1

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Mauricio Yegros (Coral Springs)

July 8

Comfort in the Loss of a Loved One
Terry Casey (West Broward)