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*Return to Our
Regular Worship Schedule*

Week of September 20

Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Bible Classes for All

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship for All

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship for All

Wednesday Night Bible Classes

7:00 p.m. Devotional in the auditorium

*Then, all adults stay in the auditorium for class
And all children and teens go to their classes*

*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.*



By Dan Jenkins

If I Only Had a Bible

While the Bible clearly affirms that it will completely supply us in every aspect of our work for the Lord (2 Tim. 3:16-17), some do not believe it. While the Bible clearly affirms that it contains everything which pertains to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3), some do not believe it. Consider the following.

Several years ago in a Bible study with the Jehovah's Witnesses I asked them, "If I only had a Bible, what would be the odds of me ever becoming a Jehovah's Witness?" Their answer, "I do not think it would ever happen—the odds would be one in a million." Think about the implication of this.

There was no religious group called Jehovah's Witnesses before 1931! The movement was founded by Charles Russell beginning in about 1880. The very name of the movement and many of the doctrines taught by that religion—the sinfulness of blood transfusion, the teaching that only 144,000 will go to heaven, internal structure of the movement centered around the *Watchtower* in Brooklyn, etc.—did not exist until Charles Russell spread that teaching. If I only had a Bible, there is no way to express the likelihood of one becoming a Witness. It simply would never happen. It takes more than a Bible to be a Witness.

Now apply that to all the religious movements in the

It takes more than a Bible to create the religious division of our world

denominational maze of our world. If I only had a Bible, would I wear any denominational name? They are unknown in the Bible as names for God's people. If I only had a Bible, would I be a Mormon? A Seventh-Day Adventist? A Catholic? A Protestant? A Fundamentalist? Add any name of all the other denominations and ask the question, "If I only had a Bible, what would be the odds of me being a _____?"

It simply could not happen. These names are not found in the Bible, and if I limit myself to using the Bible as the only source revealing God's way, I would never wear these names.

Now expand this concept and apply it to the church organizations and church hierarchies of our day. Apply it to the very acts of worship. Apply it to the diversity of teaching about morality, homosexuality, marriage and divorce. If you only had a Bible, what would you be religiously? What name would you wear? When and how would you worship? What would be the standard of morality you would embrace?

One more thought. When the church began and the Bible was written, what did the church look like? Remember they only had a Bible, and they became the church Jesus established. The only way denominations can exist is for them to teach more or teach less than the Bible teaches. So, follow only the Bible religiously. That is all you need to find God.



By David Sproule

21 Biblical Meditations During Communion (Part 1 of 4)

The most meaningful part of a Christian's week is when He communes with His Savior every Lord's Day (Matt. 26:29; 1 Cor. 10:16). The Lord knew what He was doing (obviously) when He instructed His church to observe the Lord's Supper every first day of the week (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20;

16:2). As with all of His instructions, partaking of the Supper every Sunday is not a random command, but purposeful, for He knew that humans need a regular reminder of the most important things, and regular motivation to stay devoted to those most important things. Communing every first day of the week ensures that we stay focused as His people.

But, what do we do when we partake and "do the same thing" week after week? We eat of the unleavened bread, as He instructed, in order to honor and remember His "body," which was "given" for us (Luke 22:19). But, what do we do as we partake? We drink of the fruit of the vine, as He instructed, in order to honor and remember His "blood," which was "shed" for us (Luke 22:20). But, what do we do as we partake?

Jesus told us that, by partaking and while partaking, we are to do this "in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24-25). It is not a meaningless or thoughtless time! It is not

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a "dead time" in our worship! Our hearts are to be remembering what our Savior did for us!

We are warned very forthrightly of partaking "in an unworthy manner" (1 Cor. 11:27, 29). What does that mean? Does that mean I am not to partake if I don't feel "worthy"? No, that's not the meaning at all. The expression is not an adjective to describe the partaker, but it is an adverb to describe the action—the manner in which I partake is to be worthy.

The text warns that if I do not partake in a "worthy manner" that I "will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord," and that I will be eating and drinking "judgment to" myself (1 Cor. 11:27, 29). Every conscientious reader of the New Testament has been taken aback by that warning and has sought diligently to eat and drink in a "worthy manner," and fortunately for us, the text explains what that entails. As we partake, (1) we are to remember "the Lord's death" (11:24-26), (2) we are to "examine" ourselves (11:28), and (3) we are to "discern the Lord's body" (11:29). The action of eating and drinking is considered "worthy" by the Lord when the worshiper's heart and mind are fully engaged!

So, practically speaking, what does that mean? How can I, week-after-week, remember, examine and discern? The Bible provides abundant resource for my weekly meditation. The articles over the next three weeks will suggest 21 ways.



By Josh Blackmer

Need Some Good News?

What is the best news you have ever been able to share? The announcement of an engagement or maybe the birth of a child? Perhaps a good report from the doctor or an important interview? Whatever the good news is, it feels good to share!

Our work as Christians is much like what Isaiah spoke about in his day. “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners; To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified” (Isa. 61:1-3).

Paul talks about Christians sharing the good news as the “ministry of reconciliation” (2 Cor. 5:18). He mentions future judgment for all deeds done in the body, “whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10). Then, based on that, “knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men” (2 Cor. 5:11). Even though some thought they were out of their minds, this was to the

glory of God. Yet, those Christians knew them to be of sound mind, and the message was to their benefit (2 Cor. 5:15). Not too different from today. Many would consider the message of Christ to be crazy and not worth learning. We know the truth and press on. Paul says, “the love of Christ controls/compels us” to share the message (2 Cor. 5:14). “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Cor. 5:20-21).

We get to share the best news ever!

We get to share the best news ever! We are ambassadors of eternal peace, in a heavenly realm, with an all-powerful Ruler. Our governing authority has shown that He cares for us individually and collectively. “Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ... namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation” (2 Cor. 5:18-19). We warn and persuade men away from the judgment to come toward reconciliation. We share with others that will allow them to stand with confidence before the throne on the day of their judgment! Will they all listen? No. Will they say we are crazy and mock us? Maybe. We get to say that a child was born, a bride is waiting, death is conquered, and we can nail that final interview.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Plug the leak!

On March 11, 1864, the Dale Dike Dam in South Yorkshire, England broke and flooded the city of Sheffield. More than 600 houses were damaged or destroyed and more than 240 people lost their lives. It is believed that a small leak in the wall of the dam expanded until the dam failed.

Can you imagine? All of that devastation caused by just a small leak? God knew the destructive nature of something that starts out small and is left unchecked. “The beginning of strife,” our Lord tells us, “is like releasing water” (Prov. 17:14). Letting out just a little can lead to major strife. “Therefore,” we are instructed directly and clearly, “stop contention before a quarrel starts.” The NASB says, “abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.”

If someone had found that small leak in the dam in 1864 and stopped it, lives could have been saved! If someone (i.e., me or you) would plug up a leak in our temper before it bursts, much heartache and strife can be avoided! Let’s learn to plug the leak and walk away! – DS



“I need to get over myself”

I have learned some great lessons from some great Christian servants! I have visited numerous people in the hospital (who were in there for a variety of reasons) and numerous other people who were in their last days and moments on this earth. While these folks needed great attention and comfort, it has been amazing to me how many of them have asked how others in the church are doing. I am there to encourage them, and they’re concerned about others.

This has helped me to learn that “I need to get over myself.” I may be having a rough day, but so are others. I may be struggling with things, but so are others. I have a choice. I can continue to focus on me and think how bad I’ve got it, or I can intentionally (and gradually more and more) put my focus on others and their needs.

There was one who lived who was a Master at “looking out for the interests of others” (Phil. 2:4-5). “Dear God, please help me to be more like Him every day!” – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Coombs	cataract surgery on September 30 & October 7
Patricia Hackshaw	now at home, undergoing therapy
Joe Holland	will be removed from Hospice Care on 9/18, stabilized
Trudie Holland	having eye problems
Dan Johnson	recovering at home
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Tom Martens	Select Specialty Hospital
Sallie Moses	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
Linda Studer	undergoing radiation treatments for cancer in her brain

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Linda Studer	radiation treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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



Pat Patterson, upon the passing of her brother, Ricky Burns, on September 14.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Rena DeV Vaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's father, melanoma cancer on his head again
Adrienne Gatlin	Pat Patterson's daughter, undergoing cancer treatments
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, under Hospice Care
Tommy Mann	Terry Mann's brother, hospitalized with lung cancer
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, dealing with health issues
Terry West	Amy West's father, surgery postponed until September 23

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, September 20

- ◆ **Bible Study for ALL members** at 9:00 a.m. All adults will continue meeting in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Morning Worship for ALL members** at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Evening Worship for ALL members** at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 21

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

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

- ◆ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. See page 7 for children's classroom locations.

Thursday, September 24

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Members of Group 4 will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible study.

Sunday, October 4

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, October 5

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Sunday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 17

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, October 31

- ◆ **Congregational Work Day** from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

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

Friday, October 2

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

Saturday, October 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nicole Freseman. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Monday, October 5

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Tuesday, October 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller.

Monday, November 2

- ◆ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Friday-Monday, September 25-28

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$50 per person. We will leave from the building at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and return on Monday. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 20.

Friday, October 2

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 b Louise Phillips b Robin Stone	2 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Joel Ramirez	3 ☆ Young Adult Devo b Chuck Clark b Kathy Nelson
4 ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship	5 ☆ Men Meet Monday Night b Rosa Nash	6 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night	7 b Hollie Crofts b Patricia Hackshaw	8 b Donna Erickson b Norma Mariano b Bessie Walker b Betty White	9 b Lawrence Williams	10 a Eldra & Grace Judge b Dirk Summerlot
11 ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Chuck Reeves, Sr. b Scott Studer	12	13 b Fran Campbell	14 b Patricia Harrington b Amy Rosado	15 b Stahia Banks b Joe Holland b Meagan Metzkes	16 a Michael & Turkessa Staley b Adelene Honore b Kevin Weeks	17 ☆ Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under
18 b Josue Charles	19 b Samantha Jewell	20	21 b Janice Maloney b Sabrina Pietro b David Sproule b Leslie Williams	22 a Richard & Judy Lerro a Owen & Deidra Miley b Tim Mahlbacher	23 ☆ Sr. High Fall Fest b Millie Ames	24 ☆ Mount Dora Children's Home Fall Virtual Benefit Event b Lydia Quinn
25 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo b Ekaette Ikon	26 a Kane & Fran Campbell b Samantha Eutsey	27 b Traci Sproule	28 b Dianne Frye	29 b Lawrence H. Richardson	30 b Marie Yolette Achiile	31 ☆ Congregational Work Day

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 13

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Ryan Bodin; Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; Miss Carmen Dussard; Mr. Damon Farrell; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Debbie Vasco; and Mr. Terry West.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Wayne & Kristi Parker, Connor, Gavin & Piper Ruth, Pohnpei; and Miss Jenna Slade, Plantation, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (September 20th)
Sue Maisano

Friday (September 25th)
Dan Fuller

Tuesday (September 22nd)
Luann McLeod

Saturday (September 26th)
Betty Davis

Thursday (September 24th)
Johnny & Betty Davis (Ann.)
Cornelius Brown
Sabrina Swayne

Ophelia Holmes
Gary Jenkins
Vincent Rogers



Would you like to have a class to help you through your grief?

"Grief Share" is a 13-week guide to help work through and process grief. It uses three tools in each session (videos, study guides and group discussion) to assist in recovering from the deep hurt of loss connected with the death of a child, parent, sibling, close friend or spouse. You only share and discuss when you are comfortable.

For the ladies, Cara will start with a class on Wednesday, September 30.

For the men, if you are interested, let **Josh** know and he will work out a time during the week to have the study.

All men and ladies interested in the study need to contact Josh to sign up.



PBL Church Family,

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love, sympathy, and the kind thoughts expressed to my family and me concerning the passing of my husband. You have helped so much in this difficult time.

Thank you,
Isolyn Sinclair

Sunday Worship Services

All Bible classes and worship services will be at the church building this week and will be webcast live from our website.

Worship Services for Sunday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship for ALL
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship for ALL

Bible Class Locations

Adults Auditorium
Grades 6-12 Adult 1-2
Age 3-Grade 5 "Stepping into the Bible"
Toddlers Toddler Room
Babies Cradle Roll

Bible Class for Wednesday, September 23

7:00 pm. Meet in the Auditorium

Leading Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation Jerry Hopkins
Family Prayer Dan McLeod

(We will have a devotional, the Family Prayer, then be dismissed to classes)

Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 13	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	145	109
Sun. AM Worship	215	179
Sun. PM Worship	104	101
Wed. Bible Study	NA	108
Contribution	\$13,615	\$15,110

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$15,420

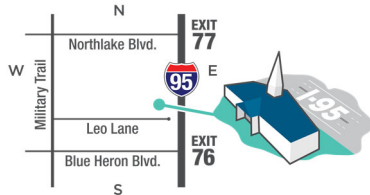
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Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane
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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: **Chris & Brittany Thompson**



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

- 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- 2. Repent of your sinful ways**
"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
- 3. Confess your faith in Jesus**
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
- 4. Be immersed in water**
"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
- 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).