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New Bible Classes

NOVEMBER 8 THRU JANUARY 13

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

<i>Daniel</i>	David Sproule (Auditorium)
<i>How to Share God's Word</i>	Dan Jenkins (Family Room)
<i>Sr. High: 1, 2, 3 John & Jude</i>	Josh Blackmer
<i>Jr. High: Acts 13-28: Paul's Journeys</i>	Jeff Goodale

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

<i>Conversions in Acts</i>	Josh Blackmer (Auditorium)
<i>Ladies: A Christian's Capsule Wardrobe</i>	Traci Sproule (Adult 1-2)
<i>Sr. High: Marriage and the Home</i>	Jeff Goodale
<i>Jr. High: Survey of the Old Testament</i>	Ivan Villard

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



By Dan Jenkins

What One Thing Above All Else Do You Desire?

The older I get as a Christian the more I am convinced that the key to greater spirituality is found in meditating on the psalms. David was a man after God's own heart. By letting our hearts speak these words which flowed from the heart of David, our hearts will become like David's heart and at the same time become like the heart of God.

I am not sure which psalm appeals to you, for the one that appeals to me is determined by what is happening in my life as I read them. One important psalm answers the question, "David, what is the one thing you have desired of the Lord?" If I asked you the same question, how close would your answer be like the answer David gives in Psalm 27?

"One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek..." Receiving from the Lord is dependent on our seeking His help in finding it. Our service to Him cannot be far down on our list of the most important things in our lives. The Bible speaks of "with all your heart" nine times in the book of Deuteronomy (4:29; 6:5; 10:12; 11:13; 13:3; 26:16; 30:2, 6, 10) and each shows the importance of seeking Him with our all.

"...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord..." It is likely that David's house of the Lord was the tabernacle given at Sinai. It was a tent, yet David said that his desire above all

things was to dwell in that house. God was there. How important is it in your life to be in His presence to worship Him?

"...all the days of my life..." As a young man who was facing Goliath, he looked back to past events which had happened and said, "God delivered me from the ... lion and ... the bear," and then added, "He will deliver me..." (1 Sam. 17:37). He believed deeply in the providence of God as a youth and all the days of his life, even as an old man (Psa. 37:25).

Ask the man of God, "What one thing have you desired of the Lord?"

"...to behold the beauty of the Lord..." David knew that it was in the house of the Lord he would be able, not just to glimpse at His beauty, but to behold it. We come into His house, to sit at the table of the Lord and view the most beautiful manifestation of the Lord as we commune with Him at the cross.

"...and to inquire in His temple..." We come into His temple and listen to Him speak His words to us in Bible classes and worship. Bible study by its very nature generates questions as we seek for deeper knowledge and the closest relationship we can have with Him. Every time, without fail, we inquire of Him and His will for our lives He gives the answer. The Creator of the world longs to have fellowship with us and provides the answers our souls seek in His temple.

How close does your one desire parallel the one thing David desired of the Lord? Think about your answer.



By David Sproule

Long Live the King!

You know the story. "All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, '...Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations'" (1 Sam. 8:4-5). Samuel's response was one of displeasure when they said, "Give us a king to judge us," so he "prayed to the Lord" (8:6). The Lord told Samuel, "...they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them" (8:7). What does that mean, "that I should not reign over them"?

Just over 100 years earlier, the men of Israel tried to get Gideon to "rule over us" (Judg. 8:22). Gideon quickly replied, "I will not rule over you...the Lord shall rule over you" (8:23). **Israel already had a King!** So at the coronation of Israel's first human king, Samuel chided the people for demanding that "a king shall reign over us" (cf. 1 Sam. 8:19; 10:19; 12:12), when "the Lord your God was your king" (12:12).

While millennia have passed, two things remain the same—(1) people still believe that their personal ideas for human government are still the best, and (2) **Jehovah is still King!** It does not matter if someone lives in a nation that has a president, a king, a queen, a prime minister, a chancellor or a supreme leader, every living creature lives under the sovereign rule of the King of heaven!

There is not one single thing that can end or affect His rule!

The God of heaven (i.e., the God of the Bible, the Creator and Sustainer of all things) is described as "the great King" (Psa. 48:2). There is no one above Him! He is "the great King above all gods" (Psa. 95:3). His rule is not limited to a certain region or to a certain people, for "God is the King of all the earth" (Psa. 47:7, 2; Zech. 14:9). While some rulers sit on an earthly throne over an earthly nation, "God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne" (Psa. 47:8). While earthly rulers will be replaced through death, term limits or elections, "Jehovah is King forever and ever" (Psa. 10:16; cf. 29:10).

Regardless of what happens in the next election, regardless of whether your candidate wins or not, regardless of whether you like those who are in positions of government authority or not, regardless of whether you believe in God or not, **you have a King!** He reigns over all countries of the earth. He reigns over all peoples of the earth. He has been on the throne from eternity and He will be on the throne throughout eternity! There is not one single thing that can end or affect His rule!

So, does He have your vote? His reign is universal. But the greatest place that He wants to reign is in your heart and in your life...by your choice and by your desire. "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever" (1 Tim. 1:17).



By Josh Blackmer

By Their Fruits

The day after Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem this curious event unfolds. On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry. Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it, and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. "He said to it, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again!' And His disciples were listening" (Mark 11:12-14). Later, Jesus and His followers returned, and the tree was "withered from the roots up" (Mark 11:20). At this point, Jesus used the dead tree as a lesson about prayers of faith. This was indeed an opportunity for insight concerning the dimensions and the power of prayer. But before that, when He first confronted the tree, the issue at hand was something else. The issue at hand was a tree failing as a tree.

For Jesus, this was not a simple outburst of frustration. Fueled by anger, Jesus would soon enter the temple and carry out some extreme renovation in order to make a point (Mark 11:15). His displeasure toward the tree also had a purpose. When He first approached the fig tree, He was not pleased when He discovered it was missing a key element — figs. There is often established a parallel between mankind and plants. Jesus referred to a fig tree in one of His parables. And

He began telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down'" (Luke 13:6-9). There were certain expectations concerning this tree. If expectations were not met, there was a limit to the time allowed for it to produce fruit. So, when Jesus confronted the tree, He was not merely expressing His anger. There was a lesson right then and right there. Anyone who followed Christ would be expected to live a life that produced fruit. "You will know them by their fruits.

Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit" (Matt. 7:16-18). The lesson here is that people are defined in the same way, and the ultimate fate of a person is determined by what is produced by his life. "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matt. 7:19). Being known by our fruits can be both liberating or the most scary thought, depending on your fruit.

How will you be known?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

A Christian's work ethic

In the workplace, in the home, in the community, in the church...God's child should be known for his strong work ethic! Think about this. The words "lazy" or "laziness" are used 15 times in the book of Proverbs and never, as you would expect, in a favorable light. God contrasts laziness in that book with being "diligent" (10:4; 12:24, 27; 13:4) and "upright" (15:19). Later in life, Solomon again warned about "laziness" (Ecc. 10:18) and urged readers to action: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecc. 9:10).

Many people today seem to be inclined to give and do the minimum, or even less than that if possible. That's not only true when they are "on the clock" at work, but it is evident in their efforts at home and even in the church. A child of God should stand out. He will not be one who is "lagging" or "slothful" (i.e., lazy, idle, sluggish) in his efforts, but he will be known for his "diligence" (Rom. 12:11). May God help us to be known as hard workers with a strong work ethic. Such not only reflects upon ourselves but more especially upon our God! — DS



Who do I want to see this?

When you post something on Facebook, you have the option to choose who can see the post. The five options are: (1) Public: Anyone on or off Facebook. (2) Friends: Your friends on Facebook. (3) Friends except: All your friends except selected ones. (4) Specific friends: Only the friends you select. (5) Only me.

Life is much the same way. When you act a certain way or use certain words, you can choose who can see or hear you. Perhaps only "Specific friends" know how you behave when you're enjoying some down time. Perhaps most "Friends except" your church friends know the language you use on a normal basis. We can be selective on who sees what side of us.

There are at least two things to keep in mind. First, God instructs us to lay aside all hypocrisy (1 Pet. 2:1; cf. Jas. 3:17). Second, regardless of who we select to see or hear certain things, our God in heaven sees all (Heb. 4:13). Let us seek to please Him at all times. — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jean Archer	in The Addington at Wellington Green for rehab
Mary Coombs	recovering from cataract surgery
Glen Dawson	Jupiter Medical Center with respiratory problems
Eva Fulton	JFK Medical Center, being treated for an infection
Patricia Hackshaw	undergoing therapy
Terri Hahn	diagnosed with leukemia
Charles Hayes	Bethesda Hospital East, undergoing tests
Dan Johnson	recovering at home
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Cheryl Milton	dealing with some medical issues
Sallie Moses	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
Mary Reeves	recovering from skin cancer surgery
Angie Seames	facing another surgery on her leg and foot soon
Linda Studer	under Hospice Care at home and is growing weaker

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Inell Ingram	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Neva Benjamin	Ophelia Holmes' sister, fluid on her heart and lungs
Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, now at home, awaiting test results
Shelley Dayman	Ally Alberga's sister, nursing home, stage 4 kidney disease
Rena DeV Vaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's father, good report from his cancer doctor
Adrienne Gatlin	Pat Patterson's daughter, undergoing cancer treatments
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, still under Hospice Care
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, dealing with health issues
Peter Villa	Natalie Villa's father, not doing well





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 1

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- ♦ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, November 2

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

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

- ♦ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 5

- ♦ **Combined Family Group Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 7

- ♦ **Fall BBQ at CFBC** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Visit www.cfbiblecamp.org for more details.

Sunday, November 8

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Robert Lupo & Reanna Johnson.** at 3:30 p.m. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Saturday, November 14

- ♦ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing hosted by the Young Adults** at 6:00 p.m. on the church property. Bring a lawn chair and come enjoy fire, singing and s'mores. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, November 15

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Wednesday, November 25

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

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

Monday, November 2

- ♦ **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.

Tuesday, November 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at Starbucks on Northlake Blvd. See Cindy Nelson for details.

Saturday, November 7

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson. Bring desserts and drinks.

Friday, November 13

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

Saturday, November 14

- ♦ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing hosted by the Young Adults** at 6:00 p.m. on the church property.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Monday, November 2

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, November 7

- ♦ **Sr. High Service Project.** Meet at the building at 7:45 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin for in the Lobby. Bring money for lunch. See Josh Blackmer for more details.
- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson. Bring desserts and drinks. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, November 13

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

Friday, December 4

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

2020 VISION: SEEING WHAT GOD SEES



“BLESSED ARE THE EYES WHICH SEE THE THINGS YOU SEE” **LUKE 10:23**

November

SEE HEAVEN

*“Seek those things which are above”
(Col. 3:1)*

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 25

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday (November 2nd)

Trish Clark
Michelle Franck
Isolyn Sinclair

Friday (November 6th)

Flo Aristy
Trudie Holland

Wednesday (November 4th)

Richard Lerro
Phil Porter

Saturday (November 7th)

Peggy DeLaney
Idara Ikon

Thursday (November 5th)

Brent Leslie

News & Notes

We will be having a **Combined Family Group Online Zoom Bible Study** for all family groups for the next two months. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, November 5** and **Thursday, December 10**. The study will begin at 7:00 p.m. Each member will receive an email with a link to the Bible study. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Congregational Bonfire & Singing

November 14

Hosted by the Young Adults at 6:00 p.m.

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, November 1

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

Bible Class for Wednesday, November 4

7:00 pm. Meet in the Auditorium

Leading Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation Richard Watson
Family Prayer Johnny Davis

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

Our Record

	<u>Oct. 25</u>	<u>Sep. Avg</u>
Attendance		
Sun. Bible Study	120	130
Sun. AM Worship	195	196
Sun. PM Worship	111	95
Wed. Bible Study	124	133
Contribution	\$12,195	\$14,996
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$19,428		

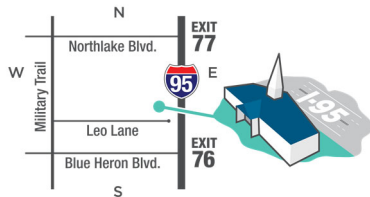
Please observe good distancing inside the building and sit only in the designated pews.



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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: **Tyler Williams, Daniel Lord, Josiah Blackmer,
Harrison Crofts & Trey Higbee**



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).