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Let's Go Back to the Bible

Online Bible Study
April 22, 29 & May 6
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 22 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Respecting the Authority of the Bible

Thursday, April 29 at 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Restoring the Church of the Bible

Thursday, May 6 at 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Responding to the Salvation of the Bible



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By Dan Jenkins

To Find Truth—Listen to Jesus, not Theologians

Centuries ago, theologians decided that little children are sinners, and therefore they must be baptized so their sins can be forgiven. When one believes this false idea, the obvious conclusion is that an infant who dies in his infancy and has not been baptized (usually by having water sprinkled on him) cannot go to heaven. This is not what the Bible teaches but is what theologians convinced many Christians to believe. Are children who die in infancy doomed to go to an eternal hell?

To see that this doctrine is not found in the Bible, consider the Bible definition of sin which separates one from God (Isa. 59:1-2). How does the Bible define sin? Listen to the words of God. "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4, KJV). Using this definition, the obvious question to be asked is what sin had a newborn baby committed? Has he put some other God ahead of Jehovah God? Has he created a graven image to worship? Has he taken the name of the Lord in vain? Has he dishonored his parents? Is he guilty of being a thief? Has he committed adultery? Has that newborn told a lie or coveted anything? The answer is obvious. What law of God has a newborn broken?

The theologians realized that a helpless newborn could not actively violate God's teaching, so as they developed

their theology, they came to the conclusion that babies inherit the sins of Adam and Eve. They created a new concept—one not found in the Bible—that a baby's sin is not an action but an inheritance.

What does the Bible say about this? God so clearly gives us the answer. The Jews in Ezekiel used a proverb about how a father ate sour grapes and his children had that bitter taste in their mouth. God rebuked them saying, "As I live you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel" (Ezek. 18:3). The father's actions do not determine the destiny of the child. The theologians were wrong! "The soul who sins shall die...The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son" (Ezek. 18:4, 20). Ancient Jewish theologians were wrong as are more modern "Christian" theologians. The very basis of infant baptism is destroyed.

Babies have no sin, and therefore do not need to be baptized for the remission of sins.

How does Jesus describe the spiritual nature of little children? "Of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14). To enter the kingdom of heaven we must "...become as little children" (Matt. 18:3). The greatest in the kingdom is the one "...who humbles himself as this little child" (Matt. 18:4). Oh, how our world would be drastically changed if religious people quit listening to theologians, priests, bishops and pastors as they tell their thoughts and just listen to Jesus!

**The very basis of
infant baptism is
destroyed by
simple words
given by our God**



By David Sproule

Pray Like a Great Prayer

There are many great prayers in the Bible, meaning we can read some great words that were spoken by righteous persons. But, as we study great prayers, we also discover some tremendous pray-ers, that is individuals who can teach us some great lessons about how to talk to God. Nehemiah is one of those great pray-ers we find in Scripture.

Throughout the book of Nehemiah, this lead character frequently broke out into prayer and then went right back to what he was doing. So, a study of each prayer in the book would be highly beneficial. But, I want to focus on his first prayer in chapter one and see how we can learn to pray like this pray-er.

Nehemiah praised the almighty God. The very first thing Nehemiah did when he approached the Lord was to honor and magnify and revere the "great and awesome God" (1:5). Did the Lord need to hear that? Not nearly as much as Nehemiah needed to say it and to hear himself say it.

Nehemiah extolled the wonderful works of God. As a part of lauding the God of heaven, Nehemiah exalted the faithfulness and mercy of God toward His children (1:5). Did the Lord need to hear that? Or was it that Nehemiah needed to be reminded of it himself by hearing himself say it?

**Nehemiah was
surrendering
himself to the
power and will of
God.**

Nehemiah confessed sin. Before making his petition to the Lord, Nehemiah openly confessed "the sins...we have sinned against You...my father's house and I have sinned" (1:6)—using the word "sin" three times. He did not seek to make excuses for his failures, but instead he confessed both sins of commission ("acted very corruptly") and sins of omission ("have not kept the commandments") (1:7). While some "laugh" at sin, God desires for us to "lament and mourn and weep" when we turn against Him (Jas. 4:9).

Nehemiah quoted Scripture. Nehemiah had studied God's Word, knew God's Word and trusted God's Word (cf. Lev. 26:33; Deut. 4:25-31; 28:64; 30:2-5). He pleaded with God to fulfill the promises that He had made to those who "return" to Him and "keep" His commandments (1:8-9). We need to know and believe God's Word so strongly that we are willing to ask God to fulfill His promises to us.

Nehemiah humbled himself. From beginning to end of his six-sentence prayer, Nehemiah was surrendering himself to the power and will of God. Five times he said, "I pray." Six times he called himself and/or Israel the Lord's "servant(s)." He begins and ends by talking about how "great" the Lord is, and twice he pleads, "Please let your ear be attentive."

Nehemiah was a great pray-er in the Bible. He gives us a great example of how we too can grow as pray-ers.



By Josh Blackmer

A Stroll Through the Proverbs

Have you ever known a wise person, someone who seemingly makes all the right choices? Even in difficult circumstances they are the voice of reason. We have been given instruction on how to be that kind of person. The book of Proverbs is full of timeless wisdom to help us in our daily lives.

Much of the book is written in the format of a father sharing wisdom with his children. “Hear, my son, your father’s instruction and do not forsake your mother’s teaching; indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head and ornaments about your neck” (Prov. 1:8-9). In this first section of the book, wisdom is personified as one crying out to the simple. Wisdom pleads to be heard. Yet, when it is not heeded and the hearer comes to harm, there is no sympathy. Wisdom takes the stance of “it’s too late” and “don’t come crying to me” (Prov. 1:20-33).

The book also contains verses that share with us those things that are better—better choices and better situations (Prov. 3:14; 8:11, 19; 12:9; 15:16, 17; 16:8, 16, 19, 32; 17:1; 19:1, 22; 21:9, 18; 22:1; 25:7, 24; 27:5, 10; 28:6). For example, “Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and turmoil with it” (Prov. 15:16). Often we find ourselves thinking, “it would be better if...” In these passages we

truly get to see what would be better and makes choices in our lives that lead to those better outcomes.

The book of Proverbs also gives us information about things that hinder us in our quest for wisdom. While there are several, here are three that are often mentioned. The first is the sluggard (Prov. 6:6-9; 13:4; 19:24; 20:4; 21:25; 22:13; 24:30; 26:13-16). Being a sluggard or lazy is counterproductive to wisdom. Knowledge and its use come with work and experience. The second item that counters wisdom can be your own tongue (Prov. 12:19; 15:2, 4; 17:4; 18:21; 21:6, 23; 25:23; 26:28). Whether it is lying, speaking perversions, or just opening your mouth at the wrong time, the tongue can get us into a lot of trouble. Word to the wise—if you’re not sure, don’t speak. The last in the trio of hinderances is playing the fool (Prov. 10:23; 12:15, 16; 13:16; 14:16; 15:5; 17:10, 21, 28; 18:2, 6, 7; 26:11; 29:11). Over and over the fool is berated in Proverbs for his folly. The fool is the counter to the reason why the book was written. A father does not want this child to be a fool and even speaks to the hurt that a foolish son brings upon his parents. It is no wonder that so much is said warning the reader to stay out of the path of the fool.

I would challenge you to read through the Proverbs of Solomon again. Bind the wisdom found there upon your heart. There by you will be a blessing to all who know you.

**Bind the wisdom
found there
upon your heart.**

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

They did not put their shoulders to the work

Nehemiah chapter 3 is an amazing passage of Scripture. It is God’s listing of those who were involved in the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem. Rather than merely saying, “The people rebuilt the wall, piece by piece,” God took time to name each person and family who was involved, and He noted what specific part they repaired. However, there was one group (the nobles of the Tekoites), who “did not put their shoulders to the work” (Neh. 3:5). In the midst of a great spirit of unity and accomplishment, some were too lazy to work, and God took note.

No doubt, rebuilding the wall was grueling work. Thus, it was described as “putting their shoulders to the work.” Most folks would rather do anything else but that, and apparently these nobles found something else to do.

Friends, when it comes to the work of the Lord today, are you putting your shoulder to the work? Do your brethren see you laboring right next to them, or have you found something else to do? – DS



Are you a black Christian or a white Christian?

Our society is doing its very best to divide people, to force everyone into one-side-versus-the-other-side, to stir up hatred toward others, and to punish anyone who has “a differing opinion” on something. Brother and sister in Christ, people in our country are trying to get you to see everything and everyone through the lens of someone’s skin pigmentation. Brethren, please don’t be drawn into man’s way of identifying, evaluating and treating others. We must remain strong and strive to identify, evaluate and treat others AS CHRIST DOES!

As Christians, we wear a name that is not “black” or “white”! In Christ, those identities have been stripped away! In the first-century church, there were no “Jewish Christians” or “Gentile Christians”—to divide and differentiate between two ethnicities (Gal. 3:28)! There were only CHRISTIANS! That’s the only identity that matters! Friend, you need to decide “if you are Christ’s” (Gal. 3:29) or not. Those who “are Christ’s” are only concerned about how He identifies, evaluates and treats others (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Heb. 2:9; Acts 10:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:4)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	in a lot of pain, knee replacement surgery on April 26
Adrienne Banks	at home and still very weak, awaiting test results
Annie Faison	under Hospice Care at her daughter's home in Miami
Patricia Hackshaw	undergoing physical therapy at home
Jon Jordan	having a second back procedure on May 12
Diane Leslie	recovering from knee replacement surgery
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Rose Martens	now at home and improving
Les Sawyer	back at home but is very weak
Patricia Ventress	in the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital
Cheryl Ann Wineinger	undergoing medical testing

Ongoing Health Issues

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

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	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

Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, still dealing with Alzheimer's
Paul Eutsey	Janice & Mary's brother, PBG Medical Ctr with COVID
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, recovering from 2 gastro procedures
Julie Jenkins	Tina Wagner's sister, surgery on April 16
Carla Kimberland	Cindy Nelson's mother, bypass surgery on May 12
Kevin Wagner	Daniel Wagner's father, still in the hospital





Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, April 19

- ♦ **NO Monday Night Bible Study** this week.

Tuesday, April 20

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

Thursday, April 22

- ♦ **Live Online Bible Study (Part 1: Respecting the Authority of the Bible)** at 7:00 p.m. Click on "Watch Our Services Live" on the front page of our website to access the lesson. Tell your friends about it.

Saturday, April 24

- ♦ **EDP & Wives Dinner & Fellowship** at 6:00 p.m. on the church property. See David Sproule for details.

Thursday, April 29

- ♦ **Live Online Bible Study (Part 2: Restoring the Church of the Bible)** at 7:00 p.m. Click on "Watch Our Services Live" on the front page of our website to access the lesson. Tell your friends about it.

Saturday, May 1

- ♦ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Speakers include Dave Miller, Kevin Patterson, Terry Frizzell and Gale Nelson. Come and enjoy 15-Minute Power Lessons, brotherly fellowship and lunch! Please RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Sunday, May 2

- ♦ **"Stronger in My Faith" Sunday with Dave Miller, Jr.** High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
9:00 a.m. *"We Can Know God Exists"*
10:00 a.m. *"Christian Faith Is Not Blind Faith"*
- ♦ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

Monday, May 3

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Thursday, May 6

- ♦ **Live Online Bible Study (Part 3: Responding to the Salvation of the Bible)** at 7:00 p.m.

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

Friday, April 23

- ♦ **Young Adult Game Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Andy & Letha Anderson. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, May 1

- ♦ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Monday, May 3

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. 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, May 4

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD.

Friday, May 7

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



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Friday, April 23

- ♦ **Sr. High Spring Formal** at 5:30 p.m. at the Jupiter Country Club. The theme is *"A Night on the Red Carpet."* Cost is \$50 per person. RSVP by Friday, April 16.

Sunday, April 25

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Rick & Peggy Hall. Please bring a dessert or drink.

Monday, May 3

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

Friday, May 7

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ☆ Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men a Charles & Rhona Hayes
2 ☆ Bible Study & Morning Sermon Presented by Dave Miller ☆ House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling	3 ☆ Men Meet Monday Night b Julio Aristy b Bill Ingram, Sr.	4 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Dan Johnson	5 a Taylor & Natalie Reeves b Willie Wilkins b Trina Wright	6 ☆ Online Bible Study (Part 3) b Rachel Fuller b Johnnie Green b Nicholas Pietro	7 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout	8 ☆ Young Adult Devo b Jacqui Jenkins b Alice Nelson b Chuck Reeves, Jr. b Jackie Stout
9 ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Carole Graff b Leigh Puckett	10	11 b John Judd	12 a Jean & Rose Charles b Bree Solis	13 b June Pack	14 b Mattie Cox b Carolyn Cullom b Judy Lerro	15 b Pete Brown
16	17	18 a Josh & Cara Blackmer a Rick & Peggy Hall a Jerry & Lorena Pittman b Joan Holloway b Rick Price	19	20 b Lovetta Harmon	21 b Jenisa Kenty	22 a Willie & Mattie Cox a Phylona Patterson b Karly Stone
23 ☆ Biblical Creation Seminar a John & Sue Hoelzer b Natasha Campbell-Flores b Tyler Williams	24	25	26 a Ramon & Ashley Alfaro a Lawrence & Julie Williams b Gloria Boyd b Helen Chapman b Bob Higbee	27 a Bob & Sandi Hanna	28 b Margie Hardin b Peggy Simpkins b Gorgeous Symonette	29 ☆ VBS Work Day ☆ Jr. High Family Picnic & Transition Event b Grace Judge
30 ☆ Promotion Sunday ☆ High School Graduates' Luncheon ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo b Dianne Halenda b Jené Williams	31 a Gary & Angie Seames					

**Biblical Creation Seminar
with Jeff Miller (21st-23rd)**

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
April 11

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Hayley Hunt; Mrs. Heather Mayne; and Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Kalon & Melissa Brown, Oakland, TN; Ms. Jo Ann Campbell, The Villages, FL; Mr. Colton Kelley & Mr. Jacob Kelley, Plantation, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Ms. Regina Mayne, Oakland, TN; Mr. & Mrs. José & Yolanda Muñoz-O'Connor, Hialeah Gardens, FL; and Ms. Guerline Paul.

Thank You notes

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement for my brother's memorial. Thank you also for the thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Love,
Amy

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Palm Beach Lakes meant a lot to mom, **Carolyn Miller**, and to our family. Thank you for the prayers you have lifted up on our behalf. May God continue to bless the work of His children!

Marcia Clough-Moss
The Miller Family

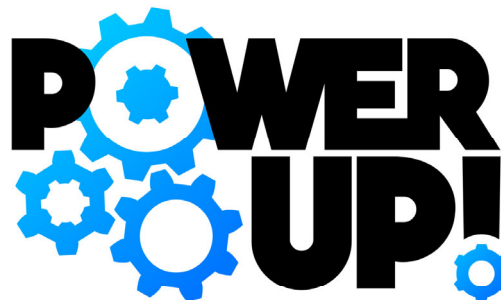
It's girl!

Congratulations to **Dan & Loni Fuller** upon the birth of their granddaughter, **Goldie Azariah Fuller**, to Grant & Kathryn Fuller, on Thursday, April 15 weighing 5 lbs. 6 oz. Congratulations to proud **Aunt Rachel**, too!

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (April 18th)
Jerry & Shirley Hopkins (Ann.)
Loni Fuller

Thursday (April 22nd)
Steward & Rowena Lynch (Ann.)
Jeremy Maloney
Amber Villard



A Recharge for Christian Men

Saturday, May 1, 2021

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 at the front of the auditorium 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, April 18

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Cam Crotts
Scripture Reading Jeff Leslie
Presiding at Table Kane Campbell
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Joe Maloney

Sunday Evening, April 18

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Scripture Reading Tyler Williams
Presiding at Table Rick Hall
Serve at Table TBD
Closing Prayer Stephen Beliech

Wednesday Evening, April 21

Lead Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Dion Hayes
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Apr. 11</u>	<u>Mar. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	190	165
Sun. AM Worship	238	227
Sun. PM Worship	97	129
Wed. Bible Study	145	144
Contribution	\$17,761	\$17,140

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$20,870

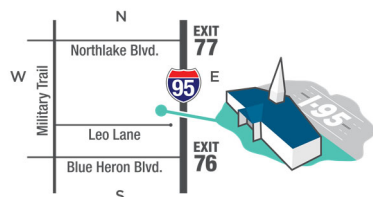
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks (Head Usher); Mike Damron
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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.



Front Cover: **Victor & Sandy Colage**



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.

Upcoming Events

April 22, April 29 & May 6

Online Bible Study: "Let's Go Back to the Bible"

May 1

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men

May 2

"Stronger in My Faith" Sunday with Dave Miller

May 21-23

Biblical Creation Seminar with Dr. Jeff Miller

May 30

Promotion Sunday

June 19-20

Vacation Bible School

June 9, 16, 23, 30

"Kick Start Your Summer" Series

Theme: "Better Than I Deserve"