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Kirk Crews	339-9283
Cam Crotts	214-3114
Mike Erickson	310-9916
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Jeff Goodale	261-1188
Rick Hall	622-5131
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A Recharge for Christian Men

Saturday, May 1, 2021





By Dan Jenkins

God Will Provide for His Widows

We must never

forget that our

God cares for

Widows are so important to God. He saw and met the needs of Ruth, the Moabite. He sent Elijah to care for the Gentile widow in Zarephath during the 42-month famine, even raising her son from the dead (1 Kings 17). God used wealthy Job to bring joy to widows who wept and caused their hearts to

sing (Job 29:13).

In the New Testament, Jesus honored and magnified the two mites of the widow who gave them to God (Mark 12; Luke 21). He raised the son of the destitute widow from the dead in Nain (Luke 12). God promptly provided for the neglected Grecian widows in Jerusalem by appointing deacons to care widows and uses for them (Acts 6). Peter brought joy to those widows who wept, while gathered over the death of Dorcas, by raising her from the dead (Acts 9:39-41).

There is no doubt that God sees the needs of widows, the most vulnerable individuals in society, and cares for them. Read these following Old Testament verses that show the special place they have in His heart.

"You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child" (Ex. 22:22). "He administers justice for the fatherless and the widows" (Deut. 10:18). The Jewish tithe, given every third year, was given to support the Levites and widows (Duet. 14:29; 26:12-13). The great sharing of food during the annual Feast of Tabernacles and Feast of Pentecost specifically included widows (Deut. 6:11-14). "You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow's garment as pledge" (Deut. 24:17). Jews were strictly forbidden from harvesting all their olives, grapes and wheat, for it was left behind to provide for widows (Deut. 24:19-21). "Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and

> widows" (Deut. 27:19). God is the defender of widows and watches over widows (Psa. 94:6; 146:9). "Defend the fatherless, plead for the widow (Isa. 1:17). "Do no wrong...to widows" (Jer. 22:3). "Let your widows trust in Me" (Jer. 49:11). "Do not oppress the widow" (Zech. 7:10).

There is not enough space to discuss all the us to do it! New Testament verses in detail, but take time to read them (Matt. 23:14; 1 Tim. 5:9-16). Do more than just read them, consider how they show His care for widows.

> Perhaps no verse shows God's concern for widows better than James 1:27. God describes pure religion not in terms of being doctrinally perfect nor in just externally keeping His commandments. "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." Let us never forget our God cares for widows and uses us to do it!



By David Sproule

Why Bible Class?

Not all churches of Christ have Bible classes on Sundays and Wednesdays. Of course, there is not a verse that requires to have such classes and it does not violate any New Testament commands or principles, so it is not sinful if a church has them or if a church does not have them. This is one of

those areas of judgment (in the realm of expediency) where elders choose what they believe is best for their congregation. Why should we

Of course, everyone has their own opinions. make it a priority Some think the church has Bible classes because, to attend and "That is just tradition—it's what they've always participate each done." There may be some truth to it being a tradition, but does that make it wrong or not worth my week? time? Others may think, "That's just another way that the elders are trying to control things and force us to come, when there's no command for us to do it." Perhaps it would be good, in response to such thoughts, to remember that elders have their God-given responsibility to shepherd the flock (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2; 1 Tim. 3:5), feed the flock (John 21:15-17), and they will one day give an account for the souls placed in their care (Heb. 13:17). Therefore, we should do more "to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake" (1 Thess. 5:12-13).

So, when elders plan Bible classes for the members and for the children, why should we make it a priority to attend and participate each week?

- 1. To build my faith (Rom. 10:17).
- 2. To study my favorite book (2 Tim. 2:15).
- 3. To get out "of the world" for a while (John 17:14).
- To learn something new (Rom. 15:4).
 - 5. To learn something old (2 Pet. 3:1-2).
 - To show my love for God's Word (Psa. 19:7-11).
 - To be with my favorite people (Acts 2:42-46).
 - 8. To encourage my brethren (1 Thess. 5:11).
 - 9. To be encouraged by my brethren (Heb. 10:24).
 - 10. To encourage the teacher who has studied and made preparations for the class (Acts 17:11).
- 11. To be where the Lord would love to see me (Jas. 4:8).
- 12. To be where Satan does not want me (Jas. 4:7).

I am confident that you could come up with more than just a dozen good reasons to be in Bible class each week. What would you add to this list? I am thankful that our elders are concerned about our souls and our spiritual growth. May we take advantage of every opportunity to study and grow!



By Josh Blackmer

God, the Righteous Judge

There are many of us who have an affinity for TV lawyer shows. Guys like Perry Mason, Ben Matlock, and Jack McCoy made us feel like we were in the room with them as they pressed the witnesses and got to the truth of the matter. Sometimes even getting confessions from the guilty on the stand. In

the book of Micah, the reader is invited into the court room as God brings a charge against Judah.

"Hear now what the Lord is saying" (Mic. 6:1). God begins by calling his witnesses to the stand (6:1-2). In this case, He calls the mountains, hills, foundations of the earth. God had told them before they went into the Promised Land that "heaven and earth" witnessed against them as He told them what would happen if they provoked Him to anger (Deut.

4:26). Then, taking the place of the plaintiff, God asks the question, "What have I done to you?" (Mic. 6:3). He then proceeds to give evidence of keeping His side of the covenant relationship. "I brought you up from the land of Egypt and ransomed you from the house of slavery" (Mic. 6:4-5). It is after this that God answers as a defendant for them. "With what shall I come to the Lord and bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts,

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul" (Mic. 6:6-7)? Finally, God provides the answer as a judge. "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Mic. 6:8)?

This court scene that is laid out before us in this chapter is unlike our judgement. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recom-

pensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). On that day, it will not be heaven and nature that is called as witness against us. It will be the words of Christ (John 12:48-50). In Revelation chapter six, there are six seals that are opened. The sixth seal is that of judgement and destruction. The question is asked after seeing this great calamity unfold, "Who is

able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17). That is, who will be left after such great destruction? In chapter seven, we receive that answer beginning in verse nine. There is a great multitude from every nation and every tongue around the throne of God worshipping Him. John describes these worshippers. "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:14). The day of our judgment is coming. Let us keep our robes white and persevere through this life to be able to stand before the God, the righteous Judge.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Will we be able

to stand before

the righteous

Judge?

How to survive a terrible, horrible, bad day

We've all been there. Some more recently than others. Some more severe than others. We wonder—"Why me?" Why now?" How can I get through this?" Many answers could be offered, but let me focus on three.

ONE: Rejoice! "What? No way!" Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16 and James 1:2-4. (Go ahead. Read. I'll wait.)

Find three positive things over which to rejoice right now. They are there! Or stretch yourself to ten. There are at least that many. Give it a

to ten. There are at least that many. Give it a try. **TWO: Pray!** "Oh, sure! I knew you'd say that!" Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17 and Philippians 4:6. Talk to THE ONE who cares and who

can! Know that He hears you! Trust that He answers you! **THREE: Give thanks!** "Now you've gone mad!" Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and Ephesians 5:20. Thank God for being with you and walking with you through each challenge! He has, He does, He will!

How to survive a terrible, horrible, bad day: WITH GOD! - DS

The Bible always works—that's why I'm a preacher

Technology is fun. When it works, it's great! You love it, and you don't even think about "how" or "why" it works. You just appreciate it! BUT, when technology doesn't work, it's NOT great and you DON'T love it! And you have to try to figure out "how" and "why" it isn't working! Sometimes stuff works;

sometimes it doesn't. That reality alone can be frustrating!

But, that's one thing that makes the Bible so wonderful! The Bible always works! It doesn't change. It doesn't need to be updated. It doesn't crash. It doesn't have a battery that

dies. It doesn't have any circuits that short out. You don't have to check to see if it's plugged in. You don't have to reboot it. It just always works! Verses always say the same thing! Verses don't move to different places! Once you know Bible truth, it is always Bible truth!

I am thankful for tech guys who know how to fix tech stuff! Bless your hearts for your patience! But, I am more thankful for a Book on which I can ALWAYS rely, no matter what! Aren't you! -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 Wellington Regional (room 371), undergoing tests

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

Betty Sanders undergoing medical tests

Les Sawyer back at home but is very weak

Willie Smith surgery for back stimulator removal and implant (4/23)

Patricia Ventress in the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital

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, has Alzheimer's, now in Darcy Hall

Johnell Coe Linda Coe's brother, recovering from ankle surgery

Johnny Mark Davis Johnny & Betty Davis' son, diagnosed with kidney cancer

Paul Eutsey Janice & Mary's brother, recovering at home

Julie Jenkins Tina Wagner's sister, still in hospital recovering from surg.

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 26

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

Tuesday, April 27

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

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.

Sunday, May 2 (cont.)

"Stronger in My Faith" Sunday with Dave Miller.

9:00 a.m. *"We Can <u>Know</u> God Exists"*10:00 a.m. *"Christian Faith Is Not <u>Blind</u> 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.
- Monday Night Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Thursday, May 6

Live Online Bible Study (Part 3: Responding to the Salvation 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.

Sunday, May 9

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



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Tuesday, May 4

 Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m. Meet at Panera on Northlake Blvd.

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.

Saturday, May 8

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for details.



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.

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PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - May, 2021

May 2 May 9 May 16 May 23 May 30

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer	Freddie Gadson	Johnny Davis	Richard Watson	Ricky Smith	Phil Porter
Scripture Reading	Andy Fernandez	Bob Higbee	Daniel Wagner	Orlando Lolo	Novel Brown
Presiding at Table	Gary Jenkins	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Mike Ellis	Andy Anderson	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Closing Prayer	Dion Hayes	Tim Cox	Jimmie Banks	Dirk Summerlot	Tim Fry

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	
Opening Prayer	Josiah Blackmer	Graysen Hayes	Rick Hall	Willie Smith	Young Men
Scripture Reading	Lawrence Williams	Dan Fuller	Joe Maloney	Cam Crotts	Conducting PM
Presiding at Table	Jeff Goodale	Eugene Williams	Dirk Summerlot	Paul Metzkes	Worship Service
Closing Prayer	Jerry Hopkins	Daniel Lord	David Lord	Stephen Beliech	

Technical	Assignments	3				
Morning:	Computer	TBD	TBD	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	David Brown	James Green	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Scott Studer	TBD	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	TBD
Evening:	Computer	TBD	TBD	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	David Brown	James Green	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Scott Studer	TBD	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	TBD

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Ushers:	May 2 & 5	May 9 & 12	May 16 & 19	May 23 & 26	May 30 & June 2
	Rick Hall	Kane Campbell	Jeff Leslie	Gary Jenkins	Tim Cox
	James Green	Ricky Smith	Jim Rogers	Lawrence Williams	Bob Higbee
Safety Team	Darin Summerlot	Vince Rogers	Victor Colage	Andy Fernandez	David Brown

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet at front of auditorium at 9:45 A.M. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.

Call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.



Answer These Bible Questions SECOND

1.	Methuselah lived the longest at 969 years. Who came in second (Gen. 5:20)?
2.	Saul was the first king of the united kingdom of Israel. Who was the second (2 Sam. 5:3-4)?
3.	God established the "first" covenant with Israel. Who established the "second" with all (Heb. 10:9)?
4.	John first recorded Jesus turning water into wine. What miracle did he list second (4:43-54)?
5.	Stephen was the first Christian martyr. What apostle was the second named martyr (Acts 12:1-2)?
6.	Barnabas traveled with Paul on his first journey. Who traveled on the second journey (Acts 15:40)?
7.	The first plague in Egypt was water turned to blood. What was the second plague (Ex. 8:1-14)?
8.	Othniel was the first judge of Israel. Who was the second (Judg. 3:15)?
9.	Jacob's firstborn son was Reuben. Who was his second son (Gen. 29:33)?
10.	The serpent was the first talking animal in the Bible. What was the second (Num. 22:28-30)?

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



Sunday, April 18

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Heather Colton; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mr. Gethro Germinal; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Caleb Race; and Ms. Jettie B. Sweetenbury.

<u>OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS</u>: Ms. Jo Ann Campbell, The Villages, FL; Mr. Colton Kelley, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. José and Yolanda Muñoz-O'Connor, Hialeah Gardens, FL; and Ms. Guerline Paul.



Monday (April 26th) Helen Burney Rick Hall Ivan Villard

Tuesday (April 27th)
Jordan & Marsha Beasley (Ann.)
Jessica Gibbins

Marie Telfort

Wednesday (April 28th) Kane Campbell

Kane Campbell James Green

Thursday (April 29th)

Beth Fry Terri Hahn

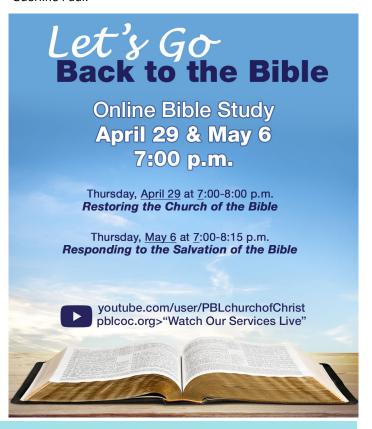
Saturday (May 1st)

Charles & Rhona Hayes (Ann.)



Thank you to my PBL church family for your calls, cards, prayers, and flowers during the passing of my father, **Ronald Fernander**. The family expresses sincere gratitude for the many acts of love and kindness during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you all.

Turkessa Staley



Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>9:50 a.m.</u>

If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, April 25

Lead Singing	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Josh Blackmer
Scripture Reading	David Sproule
Presiding at Table	Dan Jenkins
Serve at Table	TBD
Closing Prayer	David Sproule

Sunday Evening, April 25

Lead Singing	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Ricky Smith
Scripture Reading	Harrison Crotts
Presiding at Table	Dirk Summerlot
Serve at Table	TBD
Closing Prayer	Paul Metzkes

Wednesday Evening, April 28

Lead Singing	Josiah Blackmer
Invitation	Mike Ellis
Family Prayer	Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Apr. 18</u>	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	159	165
Sun. AM Worship	188	227
Sun. PM Worship	123	129
Wed. Bible Study	139	144
Contribution	\$15,668	\$17,140
2021 Wookly Rudgot: \$14,004		

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,594



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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.

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