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and they're off!



Robert & Reanna Lupo
 are off to Southeast Institute of
 Biblical Studies in Knoxville, TN
 for two years of preacher training



**Our Sr. High
 & Adult
 Mission Team**
 is off to
 Sneedville, TN to
 help the church
 and conduct a VBS

Josiah Blackmer, Vivian Blackmer, Harrison Crofts, Kinsey Hayes,
 Trey Higbee, Taylor Hayes, Daniel Lord, Alice Nelson, Josh Blackmer,
 Devin Eutsey, Samantha Eutsey, Maria Hackshaw & Bob Higbee

Pray for all of them!

New Bible Classes ON PAGE 8



By Dan Jenkins

They Knew So Little, Yet They . . .

To read the account of the life of Jesus is to see how often He was either frustrated or amazed at the apostles' lack of understanding about what He was saying. He was with them almost daily for over three years, but their words even at the ascension show just how little they had comprehended.

Those apostles struggled to understand even the simple truths He taught. Think of how easily you grasp the parable of the sower. Yet after Jesus told the story of the man who sowed seeds on four kinds of soil, the disciples privately came to Him and asked for help in understanding it. Jesus' response was, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?" (Mark 4:13).

After Jesus had fed the 5,000 and the 4,000, the disciples had forgotten to take bread with them as they were crossing the sea of Galilee. When Jesus gave a stern warning to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, they misunderstood, thinking His words were about the fact they had brought only one loaf with them. Jesus said, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear" (Mark 8:14-18). Think of how readily we understand His words about the leav-

en of the Pharisees. Note amazement as He rebuked them. They did not understand the simple things He said.

They did not understand the most fundamental truths of why Jesus came. When He foretold His betrayal, death and resurrection on the third day, "They did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him" (Mark 9:31). On another occasion when He taught this simple truth, Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. Jesus turned and rebuked him saying, "Get behind Me Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men" (Mark 8:32-33). It is remarkable to think they did not comprehend the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

They did not understand the nature of the kingdom. He spoke of the bread and the fruit of the vine in the kingdom, but they failed to see its nature. Just minutes before He ascended into heaven they still thought the coming kingdom had to do with the reestablishment of the Jewish earthly kingdom (Acts 1:6-8).

Jesus selected the twelve, spent years with them and they still did not see why He came and the work He was doing. Now think about what you understand compared to them. They grasped so little of the heart of the gospel, but they were used by Him to change the world. They knew so little but took what they knew to the lost. We know so much more, what are we doing with what we know?

They knew so little but took what they knew to the lost. We know so much...



By David Sproule

Unchecked Emotions: The Enemy of Rational Action

How in the world could an innocent man like Jesus end up being convicted, tortured and nailed to a tree? One thing is for certain—rational thinking was not present or practiced among His enemies in those dark hours.

In the early morning hours of that Friday, the leaders of this inquisition "led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium...But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover" (John 18:28). Slow down and get the picture here.

Jesus had been arrested upon a deceptive identification from Judas and hauled off (bound like a vicious criminal) to stand trial before the high priest (Mark 14:53). Jesus spent that night before Annas, Caiaphas and then the Sanhedrin, in a series of unlawful middle-of-the-night trials. (The Jews were breaking their own laws.) In those trials, "the chief priests and the entire Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death" (Matt. 26:59). Did you catch that? They were not seeking "true testimony" but "false testimony." What kind of debased persons do that? "Many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree" (Mark 14:56). It's hard to get lies to all sound alike!

Finally, when Jesus affirmed that He is "the Christ, the Son of the Blessed...they all condemned Him to be deserving of death" (Mark 14:61-64). After spitting on Him, blindfolding Him, beating Him and mocking Him that night (Mark 14:65), the revered religious leaders "plotted against Jesus to put Him to death...bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate" (Matt. 27:1-2). For the last several hours, they were not concerned in the least about truth, about law or about decency. But, then their traditions (not God's law) kicked in. They would not enter the Praetorium, "lest they should be defiled" and not be able to "eat the Passover" (John 18:28). All night, they had been riding their emotions and would not ease up one bit on condemning and killing an innocent man. But, then, oh wait! We are more than ready to kill Him but we can't violate our traditions and go inside.

Emotions are powerful! They can lead us to do great things that we normally wouldn't do. They can also lead us to say, do and believe things that are not rational or Biblical. Sometimes a parent doesn't want to affirm that their own child's behavior is sinful (because of their emotional attachment), so they take an irrational or unbiblical position. Sometimes we get weary of society force-feeding immorality to us and so we give in (emotionally easier) rather than take a stand. May God help us to not get so caught up in our emotions (like Jesus' enemies) that we lose sight of the purity of His truth!

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By Josh Blackmer

Quiz: How Do I Really Know? (Part 1)

There used to be these things called magazines, paper publishing that came out monthly. In some of those magazines that targeted women and teen girls there were tests. Some of the popular ones were: “Does your crush secretly love you?” or “Are you really best friends?” and “Which Disney princess are you?” While these are not meant to be scientific evaluations, there is some truth to the questions. This quiz is to help evaluate our love toward God.

Quiz, how do I know I really love God?

1. Do I seek His companionship?

The companionship we can offer God is through worship, assembling with those that worship God (Heb. 10:25). Another form of companionship is through prayer. How often do we pray that is not connected with food? We ought to “always pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). “Always praying” and “without ceasing” are emphasized in Scripture (Eph. 6:1; 1 Thess. 5:17). Companionship can be sought in Scripture, reading and listening to God’s wisdom (Rom. 7:22).

2. Am I happy over this relationship?

There is a spirit of rejoicing that comes with first entering into a relationship with God (Acts 8:39; 16:34). We see that in new

converts, but has our rejoicing waned? “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!” (Phil. 4:4).

3. Do we have things in common?

Can I say that I love the things He loves (1 John 5:3)? Can I say that I hate the things He hates (Prov. 6:16-19). If we love God, then we need to have these things in common.

4. Do I trust Him?

This is a tremendous problem in many relationships. Trust is something that is earned over time. God, throughout all time has proven Himself to be trustworthy. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight” (Prov. 3:5-6). “Have faith in God” (Mark 11:22).

5. Do I gladly give Him gifts?

Am I willing to share what I have? It was God’s to begin with. “Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). Some have chosen to rob God (Mal. 3:8). Our gifts prove the sincerity of our love (2 Cor. 8:8).

While this is not the entirety of the quiz, we can see how helpful it is to take a moment and evaluate the question. He loved us even when we were unlovable (Rom. 5:8).

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Who are you to judge?

The only two words some folks know in Matthew 7 are “Judge not.” And they act like there is a period or exclamation point after the word “not.” They could not be further from the truth.

Certainly, Jesus says, “Judge not,” but following the comma He goes on to say, “...that you be not judged” (Matt. 7:1). Jesus is not teaching that it is wrong to judge. He goes on to say to “first” examine your own faults, “and then you will see clearly” to help others with theirs (7:5). If it is wrong to judge others, then how could one know who are the “dogs” or “swine” (in verse 6) or the “false prophets” (in verse 20)? The whole chapter demands evaluations and judgments to be made. Jesus explained this further in John 7:24 – “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.” Judging according to the Divine standard of judgment (i.e., the righteous judgment of God’s Word) is commanded and expected.

As we “measure” (7:2) others against God’s Word, He will use that same “measurement” against us! Let us be consistent and fair and true. – DS



Brethren, let’s not dismiss each other

When certain Jews became Christians in the first century, they brought with them a self-generated arrogance, thinking that they were better Christians because they boasted in their circumcision, their fastings, their denial of certain meats, etc., etc. To these Christians Paul wrote, “Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another” (Gal. 5:26).

Think about that statement for twenty-first century Christians. Is it possible that we could “become conceited” ourselves, thinking that we are better Christians than others for one reason or another? Maybe “I’ve been a Christian longer than you”? Or “I was raised in the church and you weren’t”? Or “I went to such-and-such a school or I was taught by so-and-so preacher”? Guess what that kind of spirit can lead to? “Provoking one another and envying one another.”

Brethren, in Christ we stand on equal footing. We are equally undeserving and equally blessed. May God help us to “stir up love and good works” in each other, as children of the almighty God (Heb. 10:24). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	at home and improving
Adrienne Banks	in ICU at Kindred but she is slowly improving
Mary Coombs	recovering from cataract surgery
Johnny Davis, Jr.	immunotherapy for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	scheduled for cardiac ablation on July 9
Eva Fulton	now in Savannah Court for rehab
Loretta Holaday	Wellington Regional, surgery on her hip and broken arm
Norma Mariano	improving and recovering at home
Les Sawyer	at home but is very weak

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Terri Hahn	leukemia
Inell Ingram	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joe Holland
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Dianne Frye	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Les Sawyer
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley



Betty Sanders, upon the passing of her sister, Geraldine Marshall, on June 24.

Debora Lynch, upon the passing of her brother, Freddie Patterson, Jr., on June 28.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Kyle Buonadonna	Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna's son, successful hernia surgery
Mildred Burns	Pat Patterson's mother, recovering from heart attack
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, hospitalized for observation
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, diagnosed with breast cancer
Charles Teague	Sabrina Pietro's father, mass on his pancreas and liver

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

Sunday, July 4

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ◆ **Mount Dora Coin Can Deadline.** Please return all coin cans to the church office.

Monday, July 5

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

Tuesday, July 6

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

Sunday, July 11

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

Sunday-Saturday, July 18-24

- ◆ **Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC.** Counselors and staff volunteers are needed. Donations are also needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Josh for more details.

Sunday, August 8

- ◆ **Guest Speaker, Clint Davison,** during Bible Class and Morning Worship. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium at 9:00 a.m. for class.
- ◆ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and ice cream scoops.

Sunday, August 29

- ◆ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to bring finger foods and drinks to share.

Sunday, September 5

- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ◆ **Joey Treat Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday, July 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Casey Bound. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday-Saturday, July 28-24

- ◆ **Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC.** Counselors and staff volunteers are needed. Donations are also needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary Jenkins or Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, August 6

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

Friday, September 3

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

Saturday, September 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday-Saturday, July 18-24

- ◆ **Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC for Age 10-Grade 12.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. See Gary Jenkins or Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday-Wednesday, July 25-28

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

Sunday, July 25

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Saturday, August 7

- ◆ **Charged By Christ with Clint Davison** (Meridian, ID) from 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. for all Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Bowling will be from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. Cost for bowling is \$20. Please RSVP by July 26. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday, August 21

- ◆ **Jr. High Game Night** at 5:00 p.m. See Josh B. for details.



IN MY FAITH

IN THE

INSPIRATION

OF THE BIBLE

JULY

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
June 27

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Ryan Bodin; Ms. Nancy Bodin; Ms. Janice Cooley; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mr. Morris McDaniel; Miss Cyniah Paul; Ms. Guerline Paul; Miss Janise Paul; Ms. Jettie B. Sweetenbury; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Judd Davis & Cecily, Henderson, TN; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Joshua & Samantha Lupo, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Beth Rosenblum, Huntsville, AL; and Mr. & Mrs. Bryan & Kelly Trejo, Livermore, CA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (July 4th)
Andrea Henderson

Wednesday (July 7th)
Jon & Jenny Jordan (Ann.)
Ted & Laura Schuemann (Ann.)

Monday (July 5th)
Rachel Byerly
Debora Lynch
Jim Rogers
Amy West

Thursday (July 8th)
Jimmie & Adrienne Banks (Ann.)
Paul & Lisa Metzkes (Ann.)

Tuesday (July 6th)
Derrick & Stahia Banks (Ann.)
Jeff Goodale

Saturday (July 10th)
John Loftis
Sarah Smedley



Directory Changes

Robert & Reanna Lupo left on Tuesday, June 29 to attend the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies.

Cam, Hollie, Harrison & Carter Crofts moved to St. Augustine.

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call this week's service coordinator.

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, July 4

Lead Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer TBA
Scripture Reading..... Daniel Wagner
Presiding at Table Dan McLeod
Serve at Table:
Kane Campbell Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Devin Eutsey Benny Rodgers
Bobby Ingraham Carmen Ruckman
Brent Leslie Darin Summerlot
Daniel Lord Brandan Widner
Closing Prayer Dave Holaday

Sunday Evening, July 4

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading..... Tim Cox
Presiding at Table..... Darin Summerlot
TBA
Connor Goodale
Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Wednesday Evening, July 7

Lead Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation..... Johnny Davis
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	<u>June 27</u>	<u>May. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	176	172
Sun. AM Worship	256	227
Sun. PM Worship	168	113
Wed. Bible Study	168	123
Contribution	\$17,518	\$15,758

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$29,379

Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & David Brown

Safety Team for this week: David Lord

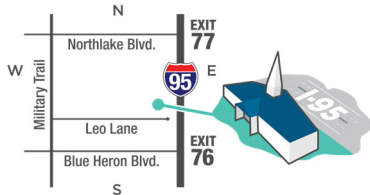
Service Coordinator for this week: Tim Cox



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: Cherylann Wineinger, Bree Solis, Rachel Fuller & Julie Charles

New Bible Classes (JULY 4 – AUG. 25)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Baptism: Un-Watered Down (Part 2)	David Sproule (Auditorium)
Spiritual Growth: The Journey to Christlikeness	Dan McLeod (Adult 1)
Young Adults: Romans (Part 2)	Kirk Crews (Adult 3)
Sr. High: Romans & Galatians	Dan Jenkins
Jr. High: Genesis	Daniel Wagner

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

The Christian and His Influence	Josh Blackmer (Auditorium)
Encouragement: God's Spiritual Stimulus	Mike Ellis (Adult 1)
Ladies: The Parables of Jesus (Part 1)	Traci Sproule (Adult 2)
Sr. High: Christian Evidences	John Hoelzer
Jr. High: Parables & Prayers of Jesus	Ivan Villard