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Welcome New Members



New Adult Bible Classes

JULY 4 THRU AUGUST 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 (Adults 1)
Young Adults: Romans (Part 2)	Kirk Crews (Adult 3)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

The Christian & 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)

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The Life of Jesus in Six "Words"

The Bible is characterized by the summation of eternal, great truths in short paragraphs. We make the mistake of reading these verses without giving thought to the astounding truths found in them. One of these passages is the summation of the life of Jesus in six short phrases and written by

Paul to Timothy (1 Tim. 3:16).

The passage begins with these words, "Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness..." The evidence is such that to honest observers it is beyond doubt. It then continues with these words about Jesus, "God was..."

"Manifested in the flesh ... " Jesus was there in the beginning (John 1:1) and deity emptied Himself and was made into a mortal man. He was Immanuel

and dwelt among us and was a visible manifestation of the glory of God (Phil. 2:6-8; Matt. 1:23; John 1:14).

"Justified in the Spirit..." Not justified as we are for He had no sin. He was justified, vindicated by the Holy Spirit who raised Him from the dead (Rom. 8:11). He claimed to be the Son of God, and they called Him, "Beelzebub." The Holy Spirit vindicated Him by empowering the Son of God to cast out demonic spirits. His words on that day were, "If I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you" (Matt. 12:28). Every miracle He performed vindicated His claim of being the Son of God.

"Seen by angels..." While this may have reference to the angels who from heaven desired to understand what the prophets foretold about His coming (1 Pet. 1:12), it more likely refers to the emphasis found in the New Testament. The word angels simply means messengers and is also applied to men (Matt. 11:10; Mark 1:2; Luke 7:24; James 2:25). The New Testa-

> ment places great emphasis on those apostles and early Christians who saw the resurrected Lord and told others about it (Luke 24:48; Acts 1:8; 2:32; etc.).

> "Preached among the Gentiles ... " The mystery of God centers around the inclusion of the Gentiles (Eph. 3:6), and His messengers carried the gospel to every creature on earth (Col. 1:23).

"Believed on in the world..." The message was not only preached, it was believed—not by just a few in a limited isolated places. The New Testament world saw His believers.

"Received up in glory..." The life of Jesus does not end at Golgotha's cross. He was raised, and the witnesses saw Him ascend into glory. The message of Pentecost and throughout the world to every creature was God raised Him from the dead to reign (Acts 2:32-33) until the last enemy is destroyed.

Take time to think about His life in these six "words."



I Am Down and Hurting—What Can I Do?

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Elijah to just

Life is so hard—harder for some than for others. Sometimes there are "ups" and then we get hit with "downs." When those "downs" come, what can we do? Better asked. "What should we do?"

By David Sproule

In the Old Testament, the prophet Elijah experienced "ups" and "downs." As a

prophet of God, he did great miracles to point people to the power and the Word of God. Can you imagine any greater "up" than God sending ravens to feed you while there was a drought in the land (1 Kgs. 17:1-7), or providing endless food for a widow and her son (17:8-16), or raising the widow's son from the dead (17:17-24), or calling down fire from heaven to consume a sacrifice (18:20-39)? We may wonder how such a man could ever experience any "downs" after having "ups" like these. But he did.

Elijah got so down that "he prayed that he might die and said, 'It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life!'" (19:4). Through the strength of the Lord, he journeyed forty days to a cave (19:8-9). When you're down, isn't that where you'd like to be? In a dark cave and by yourself? When the Lord called to him there, Elijah was depressed. "I alone am left; and they seek to take my life" (19:10). Even after God spoke to him and revealed Himself to him, Elijah again said, "I alone am left; and they seek to take my life" (19:14). Elijah was down and hurting. What could he do? Better yet, what should he do?

The Lord did not tell Elijah to just stay in the cave. He did not tell Elijah to close off from others. The Lord did not tell Elijah to chide others for not coming to his side. Look carefully at three things the Lord told Elijah to do:

> First, "go" (19:15). He did not tell him to "stay." God told Elijah to come out of the cave and "go." Are there any of us who need to hear that?

Second, "return" (19:15). He did not just tell him to come out of the cave and go, but He told him to go back and retrace his steps. In retracing his steps, he would need to "do again" those good things stay in the cave. that he had been doing before (cf. Rev. 2:5).

> Third, "anoint...anoint..." (19:15-16). In other words, the third thing that God told Elijah to do was "work." And the "work" that He gave him to do was "work" for the good of "others." Do any of us need to hear that?

> Life is hard. It is has "ups" (which we like) and "downs" (which are sometimes devastating). What can we do? What should we do? Three things: (1) Get up and go. (2) Return to doing good things. (3) Work for the benefit of others. As we serve, God will strengthen us and help us to see others (19:18) whom we may help to have an "up" themselves.

It is such a mistake to read short paragraphs without thinking about them



Quiz: How Do I Really Know? (Part 2)

Our devotion to

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unwavering.

We continue the idea of the magazine quiz. What can these questions reveal about my love and devotion to God? You are probably not taking this quiz with a group of friends. However, each of us should take a moment to evaluate our commitment to God.

Quiz, how do I know I really love God?

6. Do I seek to please Him?

This is something that starts with faith (Heb. 11:6). We should make it our "aim" to please the Lord (2 Cor. 5:9). If we love Him, we will keep His commandments (John 14:15).

7. Do I love those that are close to Him?

It is hard to love someone and not those with whom they associate. The same is true with God. "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also" (1 John 4:20-21).

8. Am I divided in my devotion?

And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your

mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment" (Matt. 22:37-38). Just as you can't divide heart, soul and mind, there should be no division in our devotion (Matt. 6:24).

9. Am I willing to make sacrifices?

It is hard to maintain a relationship if we are not willing to do for others what they do for us. It quickly becomes a one-sided relationship. "For you know the grace of our Lord

Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). He gave everything. Are we willing to do the same? "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13; cf. Eph. 5:25)

10. Am I willing to make this a lifelong commitment?

"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

The Bible makes it very plain. Our devotion to God should be unwavering. This quiz format may have been helpful in turning the perspective inward and examining our love.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Make more deposits than withdraws

We all understand the concept of deposits into and withdraws out of our bank account. We understand that we must deposit more money into our account than we withdraw, lest our account is overdrawn, we have a negative balance, and we are penalized or cut off entirely. In his book, *His Needs, Her Needs*, Willard Harley introduced the concept that you have a "Love

Bank" account in all of your relationships. And, in order to maintain a positive, healthy balance, you must make more deposits in the "Love Bank" (through kind words and deeds) than you make withdraws (through unkind words and deeds). What a vivid lesson!

Think about it. You've got an "account," so to speak, with everyone you know. If your balance drops into the negative (through your own deeds that "withdraw"), there will be consequences. What are you doing to make deposits? What are you saying to make deposits? Be kind. Be considerate. Be helpful. Be humble. Be like Jesus. And your balance will increase. -DS

"My pleasure"

Before I heard it from Chick-fil-A, I heard a friend saying it years ago. Anytime that they would help us or do something nice for us and we told them, "Thank you," this friend would always say, "Our pleasure." For some reason, that always struck me when he said it. He didn't say, "Sure," or "No biggie," or "You're welcome," or "No problem," or any other nice

> (and acceptable) response. It was always, "Our pleasure." And while I knew sometimes that what they did couldn't have been all that "pleasurable," that was still his response.

When we do nice things for others, what is our motivation? Is it to receive something nice from

them in return (Luke 6:31-34), or is it to serve the Lord as we serve them (Matt. 25:34-40)? If it is anything like the first option, then whatever the task, it will not be "Our pleasure" to do it. But, if it is motivated by the second option, then anything done can actually be "Our pleasure."

Thank you, my friend, for teaching me to say and to want to say, "My pleasure." -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.	awaiting test results and further treatment options
Glen Dawson	recovering from cardiac ablation surgery
Eva Fulton	now in Savannah Court for rehab
Charles Hayes	recovering from hospitalization
Loretta Holaday	now in MorseLife Health System for rehab
Ophelia Holmes	in severe pain with her rheumatoid arthritis
Norma Mariano	improving and recovering at home
Robert Mariano	being treated for an infection
Les Sawyer	in the VA Hospital recovering from pacemaker surgery
Angie Seames	recovering from radiofrequency ablation on lower back

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Mildred Burns
Thelma Findley
William Jackson
Mary Reeves
Ulysses Smith
Ann Teague
Charles Teague

Pat Patterson's mother, recovering from surgery hospitalized but now at home, leg pain & unable to walk Johnnie Green & Mary Jackson's brother, had surgery Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s mother, mass on kidney & liver issues Mary Brown's brother, hospitalized for observation Sabrina Pietro's mother, diagnosed with breast cancer Sabrina Pietro's father, stage 4 pancreatic cancer



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

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.

Monday, July 12

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

Tuesday, July 13

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

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.

Sunday, August 8 (cont.)

• 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.

Saturday, September 11

 Widows & Widowers Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell.



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 Jenkins or Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, July 31

• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. 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.

Monday, September 13

 Men Meet Monday Night at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All men Grades 9 and up are invited.



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.

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 Blackmer for details.

Sunday, August 22

Jr. High Family Devo after evening worship.



7 Steps to Affair-Proofing Your Marriage



by Stan Mitchell

1. Understand the Progressive Nature of Sexual Sin!

- a. The account of David's affair with Bathsheba reveals a progressive (regressive?) nature to sin. David "saw" the woman, observed that she was "very beautiful," "sent for" her and "lay" with her (2 Sam. 11:2-5).
- b. Similarly, Jesus explains that prior to murder lies hate (Matt. 5:21-22).
- c. Prior to adultery lies the "lustful look" (Matt. 5:27-28).
- d. In a number of sessions with married couples in trouble, I have been impressed with the number of times that they suggested they were "overwhelmed by" their emotions, "in over their heads" before they knew it.
- e. Remember Peter who declared that if everyone else abandoned Jesus that he would not (Matt. 26:33-35)? You know how that ended, right?

2. Remember That People Sin Because, at Least in the Short Term, It Is Pleasurable!

- a. Though the Bible refers to them as "fleeting," sin's pleasures are real and undeniable (Heb. 11:24-25).
- b. Eve noted that the forbidden fruit was "good for food" and "desired to make one wise" (Gen. 3:6). Sin is usually wrapped up in a very attractive package.
- c. The forbidden woman's lips dripped honey, but "in the end" she became bitter as wormwood (Prov. 5:3-4).

3. Men, Be Understanding of Your Wife!

- a. Live with your wives in an understanding manner (1 Pet. 3:7).
- b. I can almost hear men say, "But how can anyone understand that woman?" Of course, Peter is suggesting that the husband treat her in an *understanding manner*.

4. Wives, Show Some Respect to Your Husband!

- a. She is to respect her husband (Eph. 5:33).
- b. Something in this woman's manner and way of life had built him into a leader in the community (Prov. 31:23).
- c. "The way to a man's heart is not through his stomach...it's through his ego." Young lady, you have in your hands the ability to build your husband up or to tear him to pieces. You choose!

5. Fellows, Romance Her Again!

- a. Solomon expresses the language of romance (Song Sol. 4:1-4).
- b. Even when he spoke of marriage's deep commitment, it was romantic (Song Sol. 8:6-7).
- c. "Foreplay" for the woman begins long before the two are in bed. It starts with how kind the man is in the morning, how thoughtful he is during the day, his romantic gestures, his tone of voice.

6. Make Friends with Your Spouse!

- a. Make good use of time and opportunity to be together (Eph. 5:15-16).
- b. Confide in him/her. Often long before the sexual betrayal there has been an emotional betrayal.

7. Ensure That You Share Profound Spiritual Values!

- a. Infuse your home with reminders of God and His word (Deut. 6:6-9). Our homes should be saturated with the spiritual.
- b. As a family, set Christ and His kingdom first (Matt. 6:33).
- c. Worship as a family (devotionals in your home); become an integral part of a local congregation (Josh. 24:15).

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



Sunday, July 4

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Greg Bland; Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton; Mr. Keith Hutchison; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mr. Garfield Walks; Ms. Icilda Warmington; and Mr. Terry West.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Jessica Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Yvonne Clark, Chattanooga, TN; Mr. Brad Collier, Patterson, GA; Mr. Scott & Colton Kelley, Plantation, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Roger & Tracy Nutt, Moore, SC; Ms. Sarah Ramer, Sebring, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN.



Sunday (July 11th) **Cheryl Floyd** Karen Friesner

Tuesday (July 13th) Novel Brown Sam Simpkins

Wednesday (July 14th) Kasandra Jones

Thursday (July 15th) Robert & Norma Mariano (Ann.)

Friday (July 16th) **Bonnie Arthur** Jim Davis



Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC is July 18-24. Please register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. There are no more spots for boy campers, but there are a few more spots for girls to register. We are in need of male staff and donors to help with scholarships and activities during the week.

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 <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Morning, July 11

00	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Ivan Villard
Scripture Reading	Freddie Gadson
Presiding at Table	Jeff Leslie
Serve at Table:	
Ed Buonadonna	Eddie Gooden
TBA	Errol Gower-Winter
Jim Davis	James Green
Jean Duperat	Jim Rogers
Gorman Ericksen	Gary Seames
Closing Praver	Jeff Goodale

Sunday Evening, July 11

Sunday Evening, Sury 11
Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins
Scripture ReadingJeff Goodale
Presiding at Table John Hoelzer
James Green
Jeff Leslie
Closing Prayer Eugene Williams
Wednesday Evening, July 14
Lead SingingIvan Villard
Invitation Graysen Hayes
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

Our Record

Attendance	<u>July 4</u>	Jun. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	147	172
Sun. AM Worship	208	253
Sun. PM Worship	98	133
Wed. Bible Study	141	143
Contribution \$	14,649	\$16,118
2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$29,085		



We want to sincerely thank everyone for calls, cards and mostly prayers on our behalf. We badly miss attending services and all the brothers and sisters in Christ. Hope to be back soon.

Sincerely, **Robert and Norma**

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We, the family of the late Mrs. Annie Faison, wish to express our deepest gratitude for your acts of kindness. We love you and pray God's blessings upon you. Your overwhelming display of love and sympathy strengthened us during this period of bereavement and adjustment and helped us to realize just how special "mama" was in our lives and the lives of others. Sincerely, Mrs. Ann Faison-Floyd

Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST 4067 Leo Lane Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 Steaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent Stervice Schedule Sundary: Bible Classes 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

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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.

Grief Workshop

Facing Life's Issues of Grief and Loss

September 24-26 w/ Ron & Don Williams