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Back-to-School

ICE Cream SOCIAL



Sunday, August 8



- Ice Cream
- Toppings
- Drinks
- Ice Cream Scoops, too!



By Dan Jenkins

More About Signs of the “End of the World”

Read last week’s bulletin for more about the signs Jesus gave which would precede the time when God brought judgment on the Jewish nation and took the kingdom from them. Jesus said it would happen in the generation then living and it did. The destruction of the temple, when not one stone

was left upon another, brought a visible end to Judaism. Its destruction made it impossible for the Levitical priesthood to any longer be able to offer animal sacrifices for those who had been God’s chosen people.

However, some have struggled with what they thought the disciples asked when they spoke of the end of the world and the coming of Jesus. Because of their questions, some think the signs given are signs of the time when the earth will be destroyed when Jesus comes the second time to judge the world.

To fully understand this question, it is absolutely essential to note that they did not ask what will be the signs of the end of *earth*. Yet, we think that was what they were asking about because the King James Version uses the word “world.” Check almost every other translation and you will see the correct translation of the Greek word. That Greek word indicates the end of the age, not the end of the physical earth. There is an entirely different Greek word for earth and that is not the

word Jesus used in Matthew 24. Jesus had just told them of the destruction of the temple, the focal point of Judaism, and they asked about the end of that Jewish age to be brought about by the destruction of the temple. Jesus said it was to end in that generation and they wanted signs which would precede the end of the age of the temple and Judaism.

Also note that prior to this event Jesus had said almost nothing about the end of the physical earth. It is only after this event that Jesus talks to the apostles about the time when Jesus would destroy the earth. How could these disciples be asking about the end of the earth, for how could they know about that end?

To see that there was a world (age) which ended in the first century, consider two other times the King James translates the word “age” using the word “world.” When Paul wrote to the Corinthians, he looked back at the Old Testament events and said, “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon who the ends of the world are come” (1 Cor. 10:11, KJV). He does not use the past or future tense. The ends of the world *are* coming on you.

Hebrews 9:26 speaks of Christ and says that “...now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Christ came at the end of world—not the earth, but the age. Let the Bible explain its words!

The apostles did not ask about the end of the world but the end of the age



By David Sproule

Called By God?

It is a common thing among religious folks today to make statements like, “God spoke to me...God called me...God told me...God showed me...” While I do not question the sincerity of the hearts of those who make such statements, it is difficult to rectify such claims next to Scripture. If God does

speak directly to individuals today, then what is the purpose of the Bible, which was “once for all delivered” (Jude 3) and gives us “all things that pertain to life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3; cf. 2 Tim. 3:17)? And if God does not speak to everyone in the very same way, is He not showing partiality (Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11)?

Look at one of the New Testament passages that speaks of being called by God and allow the context of the passage to teach what that means. Paul urged the Thessalonian brethren to “walk worthy of GOD WHO CALLS YOU into His own kingdom and glory” (1 Thess. 2:12). How did God “call” these brethren? You might mark this in your Bible, so that you see the simplicity of it.

Paul stated they “were bold in our God to speak to you THE GOSPEL OF GOD” (2:2). He went on to say that “we have been approved by GOD to be entrusted with THE GOSPEL, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but GOD” (2:4). “We were well pleased to impart to you...THE GOSPEL OF

GOD” (2:8). “For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil...we preached to you THE GOSPEL OF GOD” (2:9).

Did you catch that? In verse 12, Paul referenced the calling of God of these brethren. What did he mean by that? FOUR times in the verses leading up to verse 12, Paul emphasized how THE GOSPEL OF GOD had been preached to them. Is “the calling of God” to be connected with “the gospel of God”? Keep reading. In the very next verse, Paul states, “For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received THE WORD OF GOD which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, THE WORD OF GOD, which also effectively WORKS IN you who believe” (2:13). It was THE WORD OF GOD through the preaching of THE GOSPEL OF GOD that had called these people TO GOD. That is how God calls!

Are we really sure that is the only way that God calls us? In his next letter to the Thessalonians, Paul confirms that truth again. “GOD from the beginning CHOSE you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He CALLED you by our GOSPEL” (2 Thess. 2:13-14). If someone says that God “called them” or “talked to them,” the Bible teaches that such only happens through the WORD, the GOSPEL, which is given to all men, so that all men have equal access to the calling of God.

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By Josh Blackmer

God Rescues His People (Part 3)

What many don't fully understand was that God truly wanted to rescue them. He sympathized with their fear of the future. He really wanted to help them, but they kept getting in the way. He told them. "For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, 'In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength.' But you were not willing" (Isa. 30:15). The problem was not going to be solved with any kind of frantic regrouping. What the people needed to realize was that the problem was not going to be solved by them at all.

In the midst of rushing around and living a life filled with noise, when faced with troubles, we often rush around even faster and turn up the volume of our efforts, thinking that we can think and struggle our way out of it. However, we are not going to save the day, but the Lord will. Our job is to settle into "quietness and trust." Our Lord said it very simply. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psa. 46:10). Don't try to do it by yourself. Don't look back at Egypt as if it has anything to say on the matter. Egypt is not going to handle this. You're not going to handle this. I am! As far as this lure of Egypt, it all came down to a very important fact that the people of God had apparently forgotten. In fact, it's something that a lot of us have also forgotten. "Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and

therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him" (Isa. 30:18). God longs to bless us. That means He yearns to help us. But, He will not force His blessings on us. It is when we long for Him—that's when it will all turn around.

With incredible patience, God stands ready to make our lives better. "I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts" (Isa. 65:2). This doesn't mean the tough times will never come along. But when they do show up, they'll have to deal with the Creator.

We interfere with our own happiness. Our sins keep us weighed down. We could all look at our lives and say to certain things like, "Be gone!" Not just praying to God, but in turning away from the things that should have been ditched a long time ago. We are missing out. Our sins interfere. "Your sins have withheld good from you" (Jer. 5:25). If we refuse to go back to Egypt, that's great. We keep going forward. We also need to make sure we didn't take anything with us. Christianity is the one journey in which we want to lose our luggage. It makes it easier to hold onto what God longs to give us! "Lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1)

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Discernment: a key to Christ-like living

What is necessary in order to be a faithful Christian? Many answers could be given to that question, but how often do we think about "discernment" as a critical Christian quality?

Paul prayed for his brethren in Philippi, "that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment" (Phil. 1:9). God ties our discernment to our growth in "more and more knowledge," and He calls for us to grow to have "all" discernment. The Christian is faced daily with moral decisions in the midst of an immoral world, and he must be able to "discern" (or "distinguish," NASB) "between good and evil" (Heb. 5:14). That level of discernment is developed when we mature in our Christian faith through greater study and knowledge of God's Word.

Every day you must discern between right and wrong, truth and error. You could just go with what everyone else is doing. Or, you could "approve the things that are excellent" in God's eyes and be prepared for "the day of Christ" (Phil. 1:10). Choose wisely. – DS



When we all need to hear it again

The challenge of preaching is to make sure to proclaim "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), and still, to regularly (and repeatedly) cover Biblical matters that require regular (and repeated) attention and action by children of God. Sometimes there is a sense of, "You don't need to hear this again, but I'm going to say it again anyway." Actually, there is Biblical precedent for this.

Paul wrote, "But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do so toward all the brethren" (1 Thess. 4:9-10). They had already heard it. They were already practicing it. Paul said there was "no need" for him to write to them about it. Yet, in the very next sentence, he said, "But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more" (4:10; cf. 3:12).

So, when you're hearing a sermon or reading an article and think—"I've heard this before; I don't need this"—remember that all Christians need reminders (5:1; cf. 2 Tim. 2:14; Tit. 3:1; 2 Pet. 3:1). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	dealing with severe pain
Joyce Barnhouse	having pacemaker replacement surgery on August 10
Josh Blackmer	Jupiter Medical Center, treatment for covid pneumonia
Johnny Davis, Jr.	immunotherapy treatment for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	recovering from cardiac ablation surgery
Loretta Holaday	in MorseLife for rehab on her hip and arm
Joan Holloway	Gardens Medical Center, recovering from a fall
Ophelia Holmes	in severe pain with her rheumatoid arthritis
Marcia Kelley	recovering at home from heart stent procedure
David Lord	now recovering at home
Maddon Reeves	recovering at home from surgery on his fractured elbow
Les Sawyer	recovering at home
Willie Smith	recovering from invasive oral surgery, in a lot of pain

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



Mary Brown, upon the passing of **her brother, Ulysses Smith**, on Saturday, July 31.

Joe Maloney, upon the passing of **his mother, Catherine Maloney**, on Wednesday August 4.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Kay Estes	Chuck & Cheryl Milton's sister, knee replacement surgery
William Jackson	Johnnie Green & Mary Jackson's brother, now in rehab
Julia Marks	Jennifer Goodale's sister, in University of Miami Hospital
Cheryl Patterson	Debora Lynch's sister, struggling with covid
Mary Reeves	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s mother, still awaiting biopsy results
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, determining cancer treatments
Henry Williams	Ralph Williams' brother, Royal Palm Manor, health issues

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, August 8

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and ice cream scoops.

Monday, August 9

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

Tuesday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 29

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room.
- ♦ **Chad Wagner Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. about the work in Nigeria (Nnanna Aforji). 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.

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. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane or Fran.

Sunday, September 12

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

Monday, September 13

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. 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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

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

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.

Tuesday, September 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. See Amber Villard for details.

Monday, September 13

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. 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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Saturday, September 18

- ♦ **Jr. High & Young Adult Family Bowling** at 4:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Saturday, August 21

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Families Bowling Night** at Bowlero in Jupiter from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes early to get shoes. Cost is \$20/person.

Sunday, August 22

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Josh Blackmer for details.

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“Lord, Is It I?”

by Lottie Beth Hobbs

When Jesus announced to His beloved apostles that one of them would betray him, each apostle began to search his own heart and to ask: “Lord, is it I?” (Matthew 26:22). Each did not point a searching or accusing finger at the other, but rather began to inquire about his own condition.

The following is a *very personal questionnaire*. May each meditate upon the questions and ask, “Lord is it I?”



1. Am I so critical that I see a person's weak points quicker than I see his good points?
2. Am I so sensitive that I make myself miserable by taking in a personal way everything that is said?
3. Am I so childish that everyone else has to handle me with caution to keep me from getting mad and causing trouble?
4. Am I adult enough to accept a disappointment and adjust myself to it without feeling mistreated and making everyone around me miserable?
5. When a discourtesy is shown to me, do I brood over it and determine to “get even”?
6. Am I always thinking that everyone else is out of step but me and that I could be happy if everybody else would just do right?
7. Can I control myself enough to watch my words, or do I half-way boast that I have a quick temper?
8. Do I hurt people with my sharp and caustic remarks?
9. Do I have a habit of telling other people what to do?
10. Do I have bottled up inside me a feeling of hostility toward another?
11. Am I determined to have my own way, regardless of what it may do to others?
12. Am I ever guilty of making sarcastic remarks about the accomplishments or successes of another?
13. Do I repeat that which should be kept secret and then excuse myself by saying, “But it's the truth”?
14. Can I be completely trusted with a confidences?
15. When the good reputation of another is being undermined, do I participate?
16. Do I laugh at and encourage the telling of unclean jokes or stories?
17. When I realize that I am wrong, am I big enough to admit it; or do I still try to justify myself by trying to blame someone else for my conduct?
18. Do I “follow after the things which make for peace,” or do my words and conduct promote strife?
19. Do I have too much pride to show real gratitude toward God and my fellowman?
20. Though it may be easy for me to “weep with them that weep,” do I obey the other part of the verse which commands me to “rejoice with them that rejoice”?
21. Do I attempt to white-wash my own sins by constantly pointing out the faults of others?
22. Do I bring unhappiness to myself and others by frequent complaining?
23. Are others lifted up and made better by their association with me?
24. Am I willing to face my own weaknesses and admit them?
25. Do I ask God to help me overcome specific sins and to grow as a Christian?

Taken from *You Can Be Beautiful*, p. 46-47

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



Sunday,
August 1

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Keith Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Kim Jackson; Ms. Robyn Landen; Ms. Shanta Lester; Ms. Guerline Paul; Mr. Richard Price; Miss Lizzie Rozier; and Mr. David Whipple.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (August 8th)
Silas & Debora Lynch (Ann.)
Mary Porter
Gary Seames

Tuesday (August 10th)
Wesley Williams

Wednesday (August 11th)
Letha Anderson

Tuesday (August 10th)
Phil & Mary Porter (Ann.)
Paulette Cole
Loretta Holaday
Dan McLeod
Paul Metzkes
Cody Price

Thursday (August 12th)
Loretta James

Saturday (August 14th)
Mike & Donna Erickson (Ann.)
Jon Jordan



Those to Serve

*If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.
If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom 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, August 8

Singing Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper Jeff Goodale
Singing
Opening Prayer Jerry Hopkins
Scripture Reading Jimmie Banks
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jeff Leslie

Serve at Table:
Josiah Blackmer James Green
Kirk Crews Kameron Heitler
Mike Damron Luther Robinson
Gorman Ericksen Jim Rogers
Max Fonrose Ivan Villard

Sunday Evening, August 8

Singing Dan McLeod
Lord's Supper Ivan Villard
Singing
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading Joe Maloney
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer John Hoelzer

Serve at Table:
Josiah Blackmer Jeremy Maloney

Wednesday Evening, August 11

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Jimmie Banks
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 1	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	84	146
Sun. AM Worship	160	234
Sun. PM Worship	65	101
Wed. Bible Study	86	126
Contribution	\$15,390	\$15,422

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$31,737

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

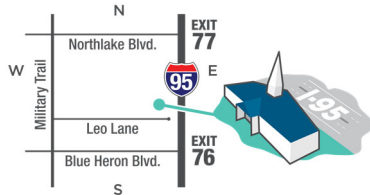
Ushers for this week: Freddie Gadson & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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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: **Jonah Watson**

First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

 *Speaking where the Bible speaks*

 *Silent where the Bible is silent*

 *Calling Bible things by Bible names*

 *Doing Bible things in Bible ways*

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

August 8

Back-to-School Ice Cream Social

August 29

Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods

September 5

Joey Treat Mission Report

September 12

New Bible Classes Begin

September 24-26

Grief Workshop with Ron & Don Williams

October 2

Knock-On-Your-Neighbor's Door Day

November 4-7

25th Annual South Florida Lectureship
Theme: "He Who Promised Is Faithful"