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Sunday, Sept. 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Federated States of Micronesia

Joey Treat will report about the Pacific Islands

New Adult Bible Classes

SEPTEMBER 12 THRU NOVEMBER 17

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

<i>Genesis (Part 1)</i>	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
<i>Fall in Love, Stay in Love (Class on Marriage for Anyone)</i>	David Sproule (Family Room)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

<i>Helping Wayward Sheep Return Home</i>	David Sproule (Auditorium)
<i>Ladies: The Parables of Jesus (Part 2)</i>	Traci Sproule (Adult 2)



By Dan Jenkins

God So Often Works in the Shadows

The Bible clearly says, “Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father above” (Jas. 1:17). While we might sometimes misunderstand what is truly good, there is no doubt that there has never been a good and perfect gift which does not come from God. It is so wonderful to read the Bible and see where God reveals just how He often works in the background to bring blessings to His people.

Think of the providence of God in the life of Joseph and how it shows He works. Years before anyone understood what was actually happening, God gave Joseph two dreams about what some day would come about. The first dream concerned his brothers’ bundles of wheat bowing down to Joseph’s bundle. When he told his brothers this dream, their hatred of him became even greater. When he told them of the second dream, where the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to Joseph, his father, Jacob, rebuked him by saying, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?” (Gen. 37:7-10).

Because we know the “rest of the story,” we read and immediately understand how all of this came about. There was no way Jacob, Joseph or any of his brothers could have imag-

ined how this would happen, even as it was happening. This is such a revelation about how God used events (even the jealous hatred Joseph’s brothers had, the lies of Potiphar’s wife and the seven years of famine) to accomplish His purpose. Any of them could have asked at various times in their lives, “Where is God?” It is only afterwards that Joseph could look backwards and say to his brothers, “God sent me before you to preserve life...You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive” (Gen. 45:50; 50:20).

Jacob and his children were so lucky Joseph was the ruler of Egypt

Some might foolishly say, “Jacob and his children were so lucky that Joseph was the ruler in Egypt.” It was not luck—it was God working in the shadows. How do we know this for certain? It is because God foretold it in the two dreams.

The only way anyone can know that a specific event was God working in the shadows is for God to speak to that specific event and say, “I did that.” To see this, read the words of Mordecai to Esther about all that had happened to enable her to become Queen of Persia. “Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14). Without divine revelation, we cannot know any specific event happens because God changed the world to make it happen. We do not need to know, for it is enough to know that every good gift comes from our Father.



By David Sproule

“Dear John” Letter

John the Baptizer is a central figure in the New Testament, being sent as the forerunner of Christ to prepare hearts for the One who would come after him. Imagine for a moment that you could write a letter to John the Baptizer and ask him some questions. What would you ask?

“Dear John, who was Jesus?” This man who had a front-row seat to the coming of Jesus knew exactly who Jesus of Nazareth was. Jesus was (and is) Jehovah God. John came to “Prepare the way of Jehovah” (Matt. 3:3; John 1:23; Isa. 40:3), and that was Jesus. Jesus was not “a god”—Jesus was the God! John knew that Jesus “was before me” (John 1:30), as the eternal God (cf. John 1:1), and he taught unequivocally that “this is the Son of God” (John 1:34), and “is above all” because He was “from above” (John 3:31). John pointed his disciples to Christ as, “The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).

“Dear John, what was your relation to Jesus?” John would have us to know that he was merely “the voice” (John 1:23) promised by God, to prepare the world for the long-awaited “bridegroom” (John 3:29). John humbly recognized his place and introduced Jesus was the One “whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose” (Mark 1:7).

Assuring his followers that Jesus “speaks the words of God” and you must “believe” in Him to have “everlasting life” (John 3:34-36), John knew that his mission was complete and said, “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30).

Imagine for a moment that you could write a letter to John the Baptizer

“Dear John, what is involved in repentance?” John preached a great deal about repentance—a very difficult and unpopular subject for preaching in any era. He taught that it was essential for entrance into “the kingdom” (Matt. 3:2). To those who came to be baptized, he insisted that true repentance of sins involved that one “bear fruits worthy of repentance” (Matt. 3:8). Repentance was a change of mind that required a change of action.

“Dear John, what is the purpose of baptism?” John’s baptism was “from heaven” (Matt. 21:25-26), therefore, it had a heavenly purpose. John was clearly “preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins” (Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3). The purpose of John’s baptism was for one to obtain forgiveness of sins.

“Dear John, is it all that critical to hold to the pure doctrine of God?” John preached to the hypocritical Pharisees and Sadducees that “every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire” (Luke 3:9). That’s strong language. He later preached repeatedly to the king living in adultery, “It is not lawful for you to have her” (Matt. 14:4). Preaching the truth cost him his life (Mark 6:19-28).



By Josh Blackmer

Will Your Anchor Hold?

The song “Will Your Anchor Hold?” is asking the question of your resolve. It also points to the anchor that has been afforded to us as servants of God. We have a confidence that none other can possess. However, it is conditional.

The reason for our confidence is mentioned in Hebrews 6:13-20. This passage begins by examining the example of Abraham (Heb. 6:13-15). God made a promise to Abraham. “Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, ‘By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice’” (Gen. 22:15-18). On this occasion, we see the faith of Abraham because of his obedience. “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; it was he to whom it was said, ‘In Isaac your descendants shall be called.’ He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type” (Heb. 11:17-19).

We need a hope that is sure and steadfast.

Hebrews also references the best-case scenario for men making an oath as well (6:16). We know that everything we say should be considered as binding as an oath. “Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil” (Matt. 5:36-37).

God was able to make an oath by something stronger. “In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us” (Heb. 6:17-18). We are those that “have taken refuge,” and we are those that have “hope set before us”! This hope is “an anchor of the soul” and “sure and steadfast.” This is all conditional “if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end” (Heb. 3:6).

Don’t let your mind leave this thought without answering the question, “Will my anchor hold?” We have that anchor that enters the veil, the figure of God’s presence. We have also been promised help. “Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16). This is something that we have as children of God.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Your choices impact others

Sometimes we may think that what we do and how we live only impacts us personally, so if I make certain choices or behave a certain way, that’s my problem and no one else’s. Such a concept is completely foreign to reality and, for sure, foreign to Scripture.

For example, did you know that whether a man is qualified to serve as an elder or as a deacon in the church is directly affected by the choices and behavior of others? Specifically, the wives of elders and deacons “must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things” (1 Tim. 3:11). A man may meet all of the other qualifications given by God, but if his wife is not qualified, then he is not qualified.

Of course, our choices on a daily basis have an impact on lots of folks—for good and for bad. My actions can either cause others to be “sharpened” (Prov. 27:17) or they can cause others to “stumble” (Rom. 14:13). May God help us to be ever conscious of our influence on others! – DS



How’s the fishing going?

There are some people who absolutely love fishing. Some of my best friends through the years have been avid fishermen, for whom I have great respect and admiration.

The reality is that all of my Christian friends are fishermen. When Jesus called His disciples, He said, “I will make you fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). What a vivid description of the purpose and work of those who follow Christ. Fishing requires significant time, preparation, determination and patience. Of course, not every fish bites and often times no fish bite. But that’s ok, because the joy is in the fishing. Just as fishermen are not called “catcher-men,” fishers of men sometimes don’t “catch” any interested souls either. Why do fishermen go out to the water, knowing they may not catch anything? Because they love and desire to simply fish.

Have you found and experienced the joy of living the Christian life before others, talking to lost souls about Jesus and offering to study God’s Word with them? How’s the fishing going? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Joyce Barnhouse	recovering at home from pacemaker replacement surg.
Johnny Davis, Jr.	immunotherapy treatment for kidney cancer
Andy Fernandez	in Gardens Medical Center for observation
Sue Hoelzer	surgery on her broken wrist (9/2), melanoma surg (9/7)
Joan Holloway	in rehab at Chatsworth, moving to Brookdale soon
Grace Judge	dealing with lung issues again



The family of **Les Sawyer**, who passed away on Friday, August 27.

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
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	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Betty Matter
Dianne Frye	Connye Plouffe
Margie Hardin	Les Sawyer
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joe Holland	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Lorraine Allen	Lisa Metzkes' sister, dealing with covid
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, dealing with health issues
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, recovering from a procedure
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, recovering at home

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, September 5

- ♦ **Joey Treat Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **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, September 6

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

Tuesday, September 7

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

Friday-Sunday, September 10-12

- ♦ **Scrap the Weekend at CFBC.** For more details or to register, visit www.cfbiblecamp.org.

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.
- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **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.

Sunday, September 19

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Friday-Sunday, September 24-26

- ♦ **Grief Workshop with Ron & Don Williams.**

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Young Adults

Tuesday, September 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at Panera on Northlake Blvd. See Casey Bound 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

- ♦ **Young Adult Bowling** at 4:30 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Debi Watson. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, September 12

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

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.

Saturday, September 25

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Canoeing** at 8:30 a.m. at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Cost is \$20 per person. Meet at the concession stand. Please bring your own lunch, drinks, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses and anything else for the day. Parking is \$6 per vehicle, so please carpool. Sign up in the Lobby by Wednesday, September 22.

Friday, October 1

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



IN MY
RELATIONSHIP

WITH

MY BRETHREN

SEPTEMBER

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



Sunday,
August 29

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Linda Allen; Ms. Jennifer Anderson Hunter; Mr. Cy Cox & family; Ms. Robyn Landen; and Miss Tessa Mack.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. Scott & Colton Kelley, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Rena Wagner, Scotts Hill, TN; and Miss Scarlett Williamson, Farmington Hills, MI.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



Sunday (September 5th)
Chuck & Trish Clark (Ann.)

Wednesday (September 8th)
Trinity Franck
Verdell March

Monday (September 6th)
Derrick Banks

Thursday (September 9th)
Jennifer Walker

Tuesday (September 7th)
Ariana Aristy
Bill Ingram, Jr.
Scott Lewis
Daniel Wagner

Friday (September 10th)
Debi Watson

Saturday (September 11th)
Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss (Ann.)

I would like to say thank you to my church family for the prayers and many cards and other expressions of love and comfort that were sent our way during the passing of my mother. May the Lord bless you all.

In Christ,
Joe Maloney & Family

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Dear Palm Beach Lakes Family,

Again I come to you with a heart filled with thanks and love for the many prayers, cards, flowers and all acts of love shown to me and my family, especially my mom, during the recent passing of my sister. I am blessed beyond words to have such a loving family. I love you all!

Debora & Silas Lynch

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, September 5

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Scripture Reading Willie Smith
Singing
Lord's Supper Tim Cox
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Erickson

Serve at Table:
Tim Fry Robert Mariano
Rick Hall Rick Price
Namddie Ikon Taylor Reeves
Orlando Lolo Nahum Villard
Tim Mahlbacher Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, September 5

Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Singing
Lord's Supper Stephen Beliech
Contribution
Singing
Scripture Reading Morris McDaniel
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Richard Lerro

Serve at Table:
Tim Fry Trey Higbee

Wednesday Evening, September 8

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Ivan Villard
Family Prayer Dan Fuller

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 29	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	138	146
Sun. AM Worship	214	234
Sun. PM Worship	118	101
Wed. Bible Study	144	126
Contribution	\$16,461	\$15,422

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$45,217

Service Coordinator:
Bob Higbee

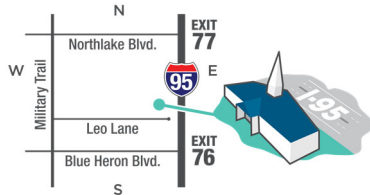
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Vince Rogers
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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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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*Facing Life's Issues
of Grief and Loss*

September 24-26

w/ Ron & Don Williams