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New Bible Classes

NOVEMBER 21 THRU JANUARY 26

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

<i>Genesis (Part 2)</i>	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
<i>New Testament Lessons from Old Testament Characters</i>	Kirk Crews (Adult 1)
<i>Young Adults: The Work of the Holy Spirit</i>	David Sproule (Adult 3)
<i>Jr. High & Sr. High: How to Study with a Friend</i>	Josh Blackmer

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

<i>Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong</i>	Josh Blackmer (Auditorium)
<i>One-on-One Encounters with Jesus</i>	David Sproule (Adult 1)
<i>Ladies: Peace Perfect Peace</i>	Judie Jenkins (Adult 2)
<i>Jr. High & Sr. High: 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus</i>	Ivan Villard

Let us "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18)!



By Dan Jenkins

And the Word Was God and More!

Sometimes individuals ask as to why we have four different accounts of the life of Jesus. Why did God not simply reveal in one book all that Jesus did? One of the reasons is that each of the gospels has a different audience and a different purpose as they write.

Luke's audience was Theophilus, whom he addresses as "most excellent." This was a special term used in the first century to give honor to nobility within the government. Both Festus and Felix are addressed in this way (Acts 23:26; 24:3; 26:25). Why did Luke write this gospel? Read his opening words. There were many (obviously, not just Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) who were trying to write what they remembered about Jesus, but Luke says that he had a "...perfect understanding of all things from the very first..." and he was writing to give to Theophilus a precise account in the exact order it happened (Luke 1:1, 4).

Why is John so different from the other gospel accounts? Because his purpose is not to focus on chronology, but he selects seven miracles to accomplish his purpose. "Truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30-31).

Now focus on John's opening paragraph. There is no mention of Jesus' birth, the shepherds, the wise men or Herod. John wanted his readers to be fully convinced that Jesus is the Christ. He goes back to the beginning, to the time before there was the heavens and the earth. Jesus was there. The Word was there; He was with God (Deity), and the Word was Deity. The rest of this book is designed to magnify the Word so that everyone might be fully convinced that Jesus is God.

As you read, look at every book, chapter, verse, paragraph, and every word

In that paragraph Jesus is introduced as the One in who was life (1:4). Adam, the first life was created through Jesus ("without Him nothing was made that was made"), but He is even more. His is not just physical life, He is the One through whom all who believe may have eternal, spiritual life (20:31).

But He is even more. He was "...the light of men" (1:4). The world into which He came and this Light "shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it" (1:5).

He is even more. He is "the true light which gives light to every man" (1:9). He is the "...only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (1:14). While Moses gave the law, "...grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (1:17).

As you read your Bible, slow down! Look carefully at every book, every chapter, every paragraph, every sentence, every word! There are heavenly treasures in every word!



By David Sproule

The Church Has Problems

It seems that there are some folks who are bent on focusing on so-called "problems" that a church has. *"Well, you know, that church has leadership problems. That church has problems with gossip. That church has problems keeping their young people. That church has financial problems.*

That church has problems with race relations. That church has problems keeping their members happy. That church has problems with what some of their teachers teach." And so on, and so on it goes! There are some "Professional Church Inspectors" out there who carry a badge in one hand and a magnifying glass in the other and are determined to find, broadcast and criticize whatever so-called "problems" they think a particular church (i.e., congregation) has.

Can I ask you a question: "What benefit do such folks bring to the Lord's church? What good do such folks produce for the cause of Christ?" Think about that for a minute and we'll come back to it.

Here's the reality. Here's the big, not-so-secret truth about the church. Are you ready? Feel free to share this with everyone you know. *The church is made up of people, and people have problems.* Isn't that profound? Honestly, that should not surprise us at all. Now, consider this.

There are some "Professional Church Inspectors" out there

Every congregation that we read about in the New Testament had problems. Some of them were bigger and more noticeable than others, but they all had issues they were dealing with, and some of those issues even characterize those churches in our minds today. What church was dealing with division over following preachers like Paul, Apollos and Cephas? What church was struggling with second coming doctrinal issues? What church had left its first love? What church was lukewarm? We don't know these problems because there was a "Profession Church Inspector" going around and finding some sense of satisfaction in pointing out all of their flaws. We know this because the Bible reveals them to us, along with the inspired teachings to help them overcome their issues.

Are you a "Professional Church Inspector"? If so, have you ever gained any great benefit from holding such an office? Has your shaking finger and sharp tongue ever won a lost soul to Christ or built up the kingdom of God? What is your goal, if you champion this critical effort?

Let me encourage all of us to actually DO something that can benefit the cause of Christ. Let us focus ourselves on things above, let us find positive things happening in the Lord's church and shine a light on them, let us encourage and build up every Christian we know, let us pray for our elders, let us forgive, let us emulate Christ. And let us not be "the problem."



By Josh Blackmer

Slavery in the New Testament

It has been estimated that one third of the Roman population were slaves. Slavery was a common part of everyday life. If you went to the doctor, visited an accountant or bought goods in the markets, all of those jobs could've been done by slaves. There were slaves in every section of labor.

Some worked in mines and quarries, in homes, farms, as soldiers, gladiators and prostitution. One could become a slave for various reasons: prisoners of war, children of slaves, you could be sold into slavery, orphans or abandoned children were often raised as slaves. You could also sell yourself into slavery because of debts, to get an education, or to be owned by a prestigious house. Slavery was not based on the color of one's skin. Anyone could be a slave, and anyone could own a slave. There were possibilities of buying one's freedom. Does that mean slavery is good? Of course not, but condemning slavery would have made millions of people homeless and on the streets. The Roman empire would have been in an uproar. Many slaves were slaves by choice. A whole society would've crumbled by trying to make such a drastic change. However, Christianity had within it the seeds of its demise.

In the New Testament, Paul taught more than any other directly on the subject of slavery. Mutual respect and concern were emphasized because both slave and master have

the same Lord (Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:22-4:1). The letter of Philemon was written to a slave owner about his runaway slave. In this letter, Paul tells Philemon to receive Onesimus not just as a slave, "but more than a slave, a beloved brother" (Phile. 1:16). The Bible teaches that if you can earn your freedom, you should but that becoming a Christian doesn't mean you are free (1 Cor. 7:21-24). Being a slave has no bearing on salvation or your status before God (Gal. 3:28). Christian slaves are permitted to object to a master's order based on conscience but must patiently endure the punishment (1 Pet. 2:19-20).

Slavery is horrible and a blight on any society.

Indirectly, the New Testament has much to say about slavery. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" sets the first principle to erode slavery (Matt. 7:12). To "love your neighbor as yourself" would undermine the concept of slavery (Mark 12:31). It also condemns kidnapping (1 Tim. 1:8-10). Widows and orphans were to be supported by the church to prevent their sale into slavery (Jas. 1:27). The idea that "while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith" should have motivated those in the church to help keep brethren from slavery (Gal. 6:10).

Slavery is horrible and a blight on any society. It was Christianity that changed the concept of our responsibilities to our neighbors and eventually ended slavery.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

How long, Lord?

The prophet Habakkuk cried out to the Lord in a fashion that may sound like something we might say to Him. "O Lord, HOW LONG shall I cry, and You will not hear? WHY do You show me iniquity, and cause me to see trouble?" (Hab. 1:2-3). From the people's perspective (that's key), God was allowing evil to go unpunished and unchecked in Judah. "How long will you remain idle, God?" Have you ever thought, "HOW LONG, O Lord, are you going to continue to let this happen? WHY do You not do something?" That's OUR perspective.

Notice what God said in response to Habakkuk. "Look among the nations and WATCH—Be utterly astounded! For I WILL WORK a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you. For indeed I AM RAISING up the Chaldeans..." (1:5-6).

God told His people what "I WILL" do for you (future). God told His people what "I AM" doing for you (present). May God help us to trust HIS perspective and to WATCH what He WILL and IS already doing to help us! — DS



Make it plain

As the prophet Habakkuk was questioning God, the Lord responded with direct and precise instructions. Following the prophet's second interrogation, look at what the Lord told him. "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it" (Hab. 2:2). Think about that. The Lord wanted the prophet to record the vision that he would receive from heaven, and then the prophet was to make it known to others, so that they could respond to it.

The Lord said, "Make it plain." Do not add to it. Do not take from it. Do not make it your own message. Do not complicate it. Make it plain, so that men may understand. The Lord said, "So that he may run who reads it." The message from heaven would require immediate action, so don't get yourself or your words in the way of that response.

Apply that today. People around us need to hear the saving message from heaven. Our responsibility is to make it plain, so that they may respond appropriately. Keep the focus on the message and not on us! — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Brown	awaiting treatment options
Novel Brown	doing some better with his knee
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing a chemo treatment for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	awaiting more test results
Patricia Hackshaw	having a procedure on Nov. 18
Joan Holloway	in Waterford Rehab, visitors welcome
Cynthia Ingraham	being tested for kidney and breast issues
Rosa Nash	undergoing radiation treatments for cancer
Gary Seames	recovering at home
Peggy Simpkins	diagnosed with rare cancer, awaiting treatment options
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments, recovering from procedure on arm

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
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, recovering from hernia surg.
James Mahlbacher	Tim Mahlbacher's father, multiple health issues
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, dealing with health issues
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, having a procedure on Dec. 2
Laura Schubert	Nick Pietro's sister, treatments for breast cancer
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, awaiting surg. on breast cancer

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, November 21

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Monday, November 22

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume in January.

Tuesday, November 23

- ◆ **No Tues. Morning Bible Study.** Will resume in January.

Wednesday, November 24

- ◆ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Thursday, December 2

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring food. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Tuesday, December 7

- ◆ **Year-End Get Together at Dan & Judie Jenkins' home** at 10:45 a.m. for anyone who has ever attended the Monday Night or Tuesday Morning Class.

Sunday, December 19

- ◆ **Guest Speaker, Robert Lupo** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Friday, December 31

- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring your favorite games to play and some personal snacks for you and your family. Singing in the New Year will begin at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 2

- ◆ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. Let's start the new year together!

Sunday, January 9

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

Sunday, January 23

- ◆ **Baby Shower for Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at BuyBuyBaby and Babylist.com. *It's a girl!*

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Thursday, December 2

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Friday, December 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, December 31

- ◆ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Singing in the New Year will begin at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 2

- ◆ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. Let's start the new year together!

Sunday, January 9

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Thursday, December 2

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Saturday, December 4

- ◆ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. There will be food, crafts and games. Please RSVP and sign up to bring food: <https://signup.com/go/udmrMJI>. See Ivan or Amber Villard for details.

Saturday, December 11

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, January 9

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 ☆ Ladies' Soup Supper b Pat Brown b Steward Lynch	3	4 ☆ Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under b Guadalupe Tipton
5 b Troy Alberga b Adrienna Gadson b Hunter Hinton b Janice Osborne	6 b Cara Blackmer	7 ☆ Year-End Get Together at the Jenkins' for Monday & Tuesday Classes b Jeannie Buonadonna	8	9 a Michael & Jean Archer	10 ☆ Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party b Carolina Medina	11 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party b Tasha Ellis
12 b Charlene Knowles b Brandon Widner	13	14 b Tim Fry b Patricia Hackshaw b Daisy Lord b Juliette Mauvais	15	16	17	18 a Ted & Karen Friesner a Rick & Melinda Price
19 ☆ Guest Speaker, Robert Lupo, for Bible Class a Victor & Sandy Colage b Patricia Patterson b Mary Quinn b Angie Seames	20 b Eugene Williams	21 b Casey Bound	22 b Devin Eutsey	23 a Sam & Peggy Simpkins b Kinney Dozier b David Lord	24	25
26	27 a Benny & Sarah Rodgers	28 b Dick Kelley b Ken Tipton	29 a Vince & Lovella Rogers a Ricky & Sarah Smedley b Linda Coe b Teresa Williams	30	31 ☆ New Year's Eve Gathering	

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
November 14

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Monday (November 22nd)
Elizabeth Carter
Rose Jean-Baptiste
Rosemarie Joseph

Thursday (November 25th) cont.
Sue Hoelzer

Tuesday (November 23rd)
Dick & Marcia Kelley (Ann.)

Friday (November 26th)
Orlando Lolo

Thursday (November 25th)
Kevin & Leesa Schenk (Ann.)

Saturday (November 27th)
Brent & Andrea Leslie (Ann.)
Gary Friedly

It's Boy!

Congratulations to **Ramon & Ashley Alfaro** upon the birth of their son, **Petronillo**, on October 20 weighing 6 lbs., 4 ounces.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. David Caudill; Mr. Addison Collins; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Hayley Hunt; Mr. Je'veon Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mr. Brett Norman; Mrs. Liz Otero; Ms. Amanda Raymond; Mr. & Mrs. Austin & Jamie Reeves; Mr. Donald Seay; Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Grace Shaw; Ms. Melissa Shaw; Mr. & Mrs. Quintel & Trellini Smith; Duncan Talbert; Garfield Walks; and David Whipple.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Fritz Gerald Exantus, West Park, FL; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Pete & Kristi Harker, New Market, AL; Mr. Colton Kelley & Mr. Jacob Kelley, Plantation, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Astrid Menendez, CA; Mr. & Mrs. Rand & Maggie Morgan; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Mary Reeves, Jackson, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. John & Beverly Stanglin, Gladewater, TX.

Thank You  notes

A very special "thank you" is extended to all of those who helped to make the 25th Annual South Florida Lectureship such a great success, including those who helped with registration and greeting, those who taught our children's classes, those who helped coordinate our breakout sessions, and those who worked so hard in preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning up after the delicious Corn Roast! What a great family and "team" we have at Palm Beach Lakes!

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, November 21

Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Singing.....Gary Friedly
Contribution..... Jerry Hopkins
Scripture Reading..... Kirk Crews
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Ivan Villard

Serve at Table:

Kane Campbell Kameron Heitler
Lance Collier Hunter Hinton
Gorman Ericksen Jeff Leslie
Max Fonrose Luther Robinson
Graysen Hayes Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, November 21

Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
SingingKen Tipton
Contribution..... Mike Ellis
Singing
Scripture Reading..... John Hoelzer
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing PrayerJoe Maloney

Serve at Table:

Kane Campbell Lance Collier

Wednesday Evening, November 24

Singing..... Thanksgiving
Invitation Thanksgiving
Family Prayer Thanksgiving

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 14	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	101	166
Sun. AM Worship	286	232
Sun. PM Worship	105	111
Wed. Bible Study	143	148
Contribution	\$16,377	\$16,173

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$61,378

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

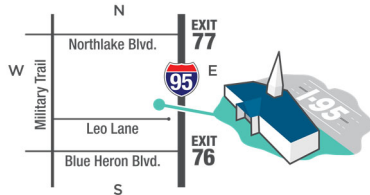
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks & Jim Rogers
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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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: Levi Nelson, Lucas Villard, David Bound

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9).


4. Be immersed in water


“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

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

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