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# Which Bible Classes Are YOU Attending?

## SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

<i>Bible Questions &amp; Answers</i>	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
<i>Megachurches in Light of Scripture</i>	David Sproule (Adult 1)
<i>Young Adults: Survey of the Old Testament</i>	Josh Blackmer (Adult 3)
<i>Fundamentals of the Faith</i>	Dan Fuller & Willie Smith (Conference Room)

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

<i>Exodus &amp; Leviticus (Part 1)</i>	Richard Watson (Auditorium)
<i>Short Course in the Restoration Movement</i>	Dan Jenkins (Adult 1)

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



By Dan Jenkins

## The Word Was Preached With Accompanying Signs

Who has not heard of the story of Jonah and his three days and nights in the belly of the big fish? It is one of the most amazing events in the scriptures and even many non-believers know about it. We sometimes focus on Jonah's preaching as the only reason the men of Nineveh repented in sackcloth and ashes. What else caused this pagan city to repent?

It was more than just the message he delivered. He walked the streets of that massive city giving them the message God had given to him. "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown" (Jonah 3:4). The message was from God, but was there any way that any person could know that God was the source of the message?

The answer to this question is found in Luke 11:30). "For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be a sign to this generation." Jesus said that Jonah was more than just a preacher to the Ninevites—he was a sign. We noted in last week's article that a sign is far more than an event which happens. It is a sign from God, and it has no earthly explanation.

How Jonah was a sign is not specified. Those sailors who tossed Jonah overboard and seeing the storm stop immediately saw truth and worshiped God. When that storm first

came, they threw their cargo into the sea and reversed their course to return home (Jonah 1:13). There was no need to continue the journey. Is it possible they arrived, and their words prepared the way for Jonah? Is it possible that Jonah's appearance showed he had been in that fish? Or was it some other way? Jonah was not just a preacher; he was a sign!

The miracles performed by the early Christians were a sign they were more than just "preachers." Jesus said that those who believed and were baptized would perform miracles (Mark 16:16-18). After Jesus ascended, "...they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the words through the accompanying signs" (Mark 16:20).

Why were there miracles in the exodus from Egypt? God was confirming His words with accompanying signs. Why did Jesus perform miracles? God was confirming His words with accompanying signs.

The Bible said that those signs would cease (1 Cor. 13:8-10). While we might think that more would believe today if they saw signs, think of the words spoken to the rich man in Hades. He wanted a miracle to be shown to his brothers. Was he right? "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded though one rise from the dead" (Luke 16:31). A failure to understand how God used signs can lead one to believe "lying wonders" today (2 Thess. 2:9).

**God gave real signs, and they accompanied His revelation of real truth**



By David Sproule

## Please Respect the Elderly

Oh, how I wish this article could get into the hands of everyone under the age of \_\_\_\_\_. What age would you put in the blank representing those who need to read about respecting the elderly? Let's go with this arbitrary number—Oh, how I wish this article could get into the hands of everyone under the age of 65. Friends, we are in desperate need of greater respect in our land. There is a massive dearth of proper respect for all people, but especially for those who are older. Let's consider this matter.

How many of us have been guilty of showing disrespect toward those who are "elderly"? (You decide what "elderly" is.) Perhaps they are moving too slow—at the store, in the checkout line, on the road. Perhaps they can't see or hear you very well. "Hah? What'd'ya say?" Perhaps they are forgetting things that they should remember or used to know. Perhaps they are saying the same thing over and over. Perhaps they are saying things that you wish they wouldn't, which maybe is annoying you or embarrassing you. Perhaps they're not respecting your space or your time or your efforts. How do we respond? Are we respectful? Are we disrespectful?

There is an interesting and short (only two verses) episode in the life of the prophet Elisha, which occurred right after Elijah ascended into heaven and Elisha took his place (2

Kgs. 2:23-24). As Elisha "was going up the road" to Bethel, "some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, 'Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!'" Can you imagine children mocking an older man like that? *Oh? You can?* The next verse is even more memorable: "So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the Lord. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths." If we learn nothing else from this episode, it is the danger of not showing respect for those who are older (or bald).

Both the Old Testament and the New Testament gave instructions (i.e., commandments) to God's people on this matter. "You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God" (Lev. 19:32). "Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders... and be clothed with humility" (1 Pet. 5:5). Of course, this applies to relationships both inside and outside the church. For those relationships inside the church, Paul instructed, "Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father...older women as mothers" (1 Tim. 5:1-2).

Unfortunately, many elderly folks could be reciting Dangerfield's old catchphrase, "I don't get no respect!" As children of God, let us "esteem others better than ourselves" (Phil. 2:3-4), and let us especially include in that responsibility our treatment of those who are older.

**"I don't get no respect!"**



By Josh Blackmer

## Are You Pleased With God?

It is a simple question, but it might lead to a complicated answer. When we are not pleased or happy with something we change it. We modify the item, situation, the circumstances and even ourselves so that we would be happy with the outcome. Now consider God. Has mankind been completely satisfied with His message? Or have we tried to change it in some way to please the created instead of the Creator? What would God need to do in order for us to be satisfied with Him? Let's consider some biblical examples of those displeased with God. Maybe we can come to learn that God's will for man is right no matter how we feel about it.

Moses was displeased because of the responsibilities placed on him (Num. 11:10-11). David was displeased because of God's absoluteness in killing Uzzah (2 Sam. 6:1-8). Naaman was displeased because he valued his own opinion, "Behold I thought" (2 Kgs. 5:1-14). The rich young ruler was displeased because he wanted to hold onto the world and its goods (Matt. 19:16-22). Those that crucified Jesus were displeased because of His portrayal of holiness (Matt. 27:22-23).

Many are displeased with God's mandates about: the home (Eph.5:22-33); marriage (Matt. 19:1-12; 2 Cor. 6:14);

children (Eph. 6:4); worship (John 4:23); and personal responsibility (Phil. 2:12). There are many other things that are not written in this article, but these are written that you may see the general displeasure mankind has with God. Hopefully we do not find ourselves named among that number.

God knew that some would be displeased with the divine order and would wish to change it. So, He commanded men not to change it (Deut. 4:2; Gal. 1:8,9; Rev. 22:18,19).

When Jesus taught about prayer, He included praying that God's will be done, not our own (Matt. 6:10).

In what should be properly considered the Lord's prayer in John, Jesus prayed that men might come to know God. "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" (John 17:3). Paul wrote concerning the will of God as "that which is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom. 12:2).

Do you love God? Are you pleased with Him? "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him" (Deut. 7:9-10). Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

**If you love Me,  
you will keep My  
commandments.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Got your belt?

When you consider "the whole armor of God" with which the Christian is to arm himself, the first piece identified by Paul in Ephesians 6:14 is "the belt of truth" (ESV). The NKJV says, "Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth." The NASB says, "...having belted your waist with truth." The soldier's belt truly held everything together. Without it, he could not engage.

As Christians, we are to "fasten," "gird" or "belt" our waist with "truth." Without God's truth, we are not equipped for spiritual conflict. God's truth purifies (1 Pet. 1:22), sanctifies (John 17:17), makes us free (John 8:32) and keeps us anchored in the doctrine of Christ (Eph. 4:14-15), keeping our minds on target (1 Pet. 1:13) and keeping us from being entangled with the affairs of this world (2 Tim. 2:3-4).

How do we gird ourselves with truth? Study it (2 Tim. 2:15). Love it (2 Thess. 2:10). Know it (John 8:32). Walk in it (3 John 3-4). Obey it (1 Pet. 1:22). Do not stray from it (Jas. 5:19). So, do you have your belt of truth on? Is it bound tight? – DS



### Got your breastplate?

After belting your waist with God's truth (note that His truth holds everything together), God calls upon us to ensure that we have armed ourselves with "the breastplate of righteousness" (Eph. 6:14). A breastplate was designed to protect the center mass, particularly a soldier's heart. If the enemy could penetrate there, all hope was lost.

In order for our breastplate to do its job of protection today, we must "hunger and thirst for righteousness" (Matt. 5:6). Do you? It cannot be just a passing taste. We must "seek first...His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). Do you? It cannot be a close second. We must not just coast along, but we must "pursue righteousness" (1 Tim. 6:11). Are you pursuing it? To be accepted by God, we must faithfully and diligently "work righteousness" (Acts 10:35). Are you?

So many things are after our hearts today! What can protect them? The righteousness of God! May God help us to "hold fast" to it (Job 27:6)! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Christene Bean</b>	surgery on her neck on May 13 at Gardens Medical Ctr.
<b>Casey Bound</b>	recovering from successful ACL surgery
<b>Gloria Boyd</b>	has been in rehab after a couple falls
<b>Linda Coe</b>	having knee replacement surgery on June 13
<b>Eva Fulton</b>	recovering at home
<b>Cynthia Ingraham</b>	having cancer screening every three months
<b>Bill Ingram, Sr.</b>	Jupiter Medical Center (room 424), pneumonia
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	surgery on May 26 for upper gum and sinus cancer
<b>Angie Seames</b>	diagnosed with early-stage frontotemporal dementia
<b>Sam Simpkins</b>	surgery postponed until June 29
<b>Giselle Smith</b>	dealing with a number of health issues
<b>Willie Smith</b>	back at home, still dealing with severe pain
<b>Betty White</b>	surgery on June 6 to repair a dislocated disc in her neck

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	multiple health issues
<b>Johnny Davis, Jr.</b>	chemo, kidney cancer
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	chemo, stage 4 lymphoma
<b>John Loftis</b>	back pain, weakness
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	multiple health issues
<b>Peggy Simpkins</b>	chemo, rare cancer
<b>Henry Williams</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joan Holloway
Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Thelma Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's mother, fell and broke her foot
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
<b>Betty Story</b>	Glen Dawson's sister, major stroke, now doing better
<b>Steve Stout</b>	Jackie Stout's brother, recovering from surgery

*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, May 15

- ◆ **A Day of Prayer for CFBC.** Please keep CFBC in your prayers (their mission and vision, the campers, volunteers and staff, and the board members).
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Monday, May 16

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

## Tuesday, May 17

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

## Friday, May 20

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word.

## Saturday, May 21

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.

## Saturday, May 21 (cont.)

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.

## Sunday, May 22

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

## Tuesday, May 24

- **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. This is for all PBL members and families who live between Blue Heron Blvd. and Southern Blvd.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Friday, May 20

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word.

### Saturday, May 21

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.

### Saturday, May 28

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.

### Wednesday-Friday, June 1-3

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for details.

### Sunday-Wednesday, June 5-8

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for more details.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Friday, May 20

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word.

### Saturday, May 21

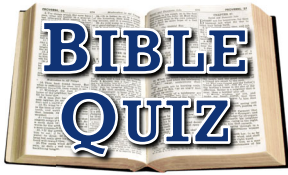
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- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

### Saturday, May 28

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.



# Sweet Dreams

1. Who told Pilate that a worrisome dream made it clear that he should have nothing to do with Jesus?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Which Old Testament prophet prophesied of the first-century time when old men would dream dreams?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Who was told in a dream that his wife's child was of the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was warned in a dream to not return to Herod the king? \_\_\_\_\_
5. To what country was Joseph told in a dream to take Mary and baby Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
6. After returning to Israel, into what region did Joseph turn aside to live after a dream? \_\_\_\_\_
7. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a great statue, what four metals composed the statue?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a great tree, who was symbolized by the tree? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What four beasts did Daniel see coming up from the sea in his dream in Daniel 7?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What unlikely object overturned a tent in a dream of one of Gideon's soldiers? \_\_\_\_\_
11. When God asked Solomon in a dream what he desired, what did Solomon ask for?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. For what three Egyptian officials did Joseph interpret dreams? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Who irritated his brothers by telling them of his dreams? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Who slept on a stone pillow at Bethel and had a dream of a stairway to heaven? \_\_\_\_\_
15. By what dreamy nickname did Joseph's brothers call him after hearing his dreams? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
May 8

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Cristhian Cuevas; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Ms. Carrie Matter; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. Bill Cline, Pensacola, FL; Mrs. Wanda Cole, Powder Springs, GA; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL; Ms. Dorcas Francois, Corpus Christi, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Leslie Higbee, Bryan, TX; Mr. Scott Kelley, Plantation, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Ms. Sixtoria Phillips; Ms. Jackie Price, Paducah, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Allison Simons, Paducah, KY; and Mr. Kevin Vanderwende, Maryville, TN.



**Directory Changes**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Sunday, May 15th  
Pete Brown

Wednesday, May 18th (cont.)  
Joan Holloway  
Rick Price

Wednesday, May 18th  
Josh & Cara Blackmer (Ann.)  
Rick & Peggy Hall (Ann.)  
Jerry & Lorena Pittman (Ann.)

Friday, May 20th  
Loretta Harmon



On **Sunday, May 22**, there will be a **High School Graduates Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

**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, May 15**

Singing ..... Dion Hayes  
Opening Prayer ..... Novel Brown  
Scripture Reading ..... Victor Colage  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Philip Porter  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:  
Tim Fry                      Tim Mahlbacher  
Namdidie Ikon            Nicholas Pietro  
Richard Kelley           Taylor Reeves  
Steward Lynch           Vincent Rogers  
Orlando Lolo               Tyler Williams

**Sunday Evening, May 15**

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Opening Prayer ..... Stephen Beliech  
Scripture Reading ..... Richard Watson  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Ricky Smith  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Rick Hall

Serve at Table:  
Silas Balfour              Trey Higbee

**Wednesday Evening, May 18**

Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
Invitation ..... Ivan Villard  
Family Prayer ..... Victor Colage

**Our Record**

Attendance	May 8	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	194	181
Sun. AM Worship	291	292
Sun. PM Worship	118	122
Wed. Bible Study	146	126
Contribution	\$16,232	\$20,218

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$29,696

Service Coordinator:  
Mike Damron

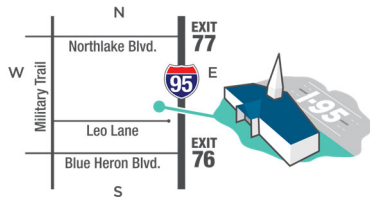
Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Nahum Villard  
Safety Team for this week: Rick Tibbetts



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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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## 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).