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22nd Annual  
**Leadership Training Camp**  
for Young Men & Young Women



Vivian Blackmer, Graysen Hayes, Trey Higbee, Troy Alberga, Idara Ikon

**The design of the camp every year:** To instill within our young people the confidence and skills necessary to take an active role in the work of the church, now and for the rest of their lives.

**The emphasis of this year’s camp:** An practical overview of the 15 Periods of Bible History in learning “The Story of the Bible.”

**Another outstanding camp this year! Thanks to all who helped!**



By Dan Jenkins

## The Debt We Owe Paul

When one reads Paul's words to the Gentile church in Colosse, he has a renewed appreciation for the work that Paul did and just how important it was that Gentiles become equal members with the Jews in the church Jesus established. Take time to read the closing verses of chapter one to see how

Paul viewed his place in the kingdom. These same verses show the way all of us should see our place in the kingdom.

Paul saw himself as a minister of Christ who had been entrusted with a stewardship of the gospel to take the gospel to the lost (verse 25). When the church met in Jerusalem to discuss circumcision (Acts 15), the end result was that they "...saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me (i.e., Paul), as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter" (Gal. 2:7). Paul devoted the rest of his life to establish the church in Gentile cities.

Paul saw that completion of his work would fully reveal that the mystery of the gospel, hidden for many generations, and would take the riches of that gospel to the Gentiles (verses 26-27). Paul was chosen by God to be the one whose work focused on getting the message to the Gentiles. When the church began, it at first did not see the gospel was for every creature. Paul's work showed how wrong they were.

Paul saw that it was God's will "...to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles" (v. 27). Under the Old Testament the Gentiles were described as being "...strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope" (Eph. 2:12). Look at these verses in Colossians to see how all of this changed. "Christ in in you, the hope of glory."

Paul saw his work as preaching Christ, "warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom" (v. 28). The end result was "...that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (v. 28).

**Without Paul's work, we would be without hope, without Christ and lost**

What does this have to do with those who are members of the church at Palm Beach Lakes? Had the early church failed to realize that Gentiles were to be part of God's family, we would still be without hope, without Christ and separated from the promises God made. Paul did his work and now all men see that heaven's plans include us!

One other matter. Do we not also share in Paul's work of getting the hope of the gospel of Christ to all men? Is it not also our ministry to preach Christ, to warn every man and to teach them in wisdom? Are we not, in this respect, like Paul and our task to take the gospel into our world, and to do all we can to present every man look like Jesus, to be perfect in Christ? Paul did his work—let's do ours!



By David Sproule

## Baptism Frees One from Sin—Simple As That!

It is amazing how determined so many folks are to deny the clear Bible teaching that "baptism now saves us" (1 Pet. 3:21), to the point that they argue nonsensically against passages that plainly teach the essentiality of baptism for salvation. One of their favorite passages is Romans 6.

Advocates for the false doctrine of "baptism is NOT essential for salvation" like to suggest (adamantly) that Romans 6 teaches that Bible is merely an "outward sign of an inward grace." They think that because one is united in the "likeness" of Christ's death, burial and resurrection when he obeys that "form of doctrine," that baptism is somehow relegated to an outward expression of already being saved. As is usually the case when someone misuses a passage of Scripture, the text of Romans 6 teaches just the opposite of what they want it to teach, and it teaches quite strongly that sin is only removed when a penitent believer is baptized.

The word "sin" is found 60 times in the book of Romans, and 17 (28%) of those are in Romans 6. This chapter has a lot to say about sin, and interestingly enough, this is the chapter that discusses baptism. The word "death" is found 24 times in the book, and 8 (33%) of those are in this chapter, including the reality that "the wages of sin is death" (6:23). Therefore, this is a key chapter to understand how to escape

the eternal consequences of sin, and it inseparably ties baptism to that process.

Baptism is the only way "into Christ" (6:3). It is only "in Christ" where one finds "redemption," "forgiveness of sins," "salvation" and "eternal life" (Eph. 1:7; 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 John 5:11). Baptism is essential for salvation!

Baptism is the only way "into His death" (6:3). It was in His death where He shed His blood (John 19:34), which provides the "remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7). If one does not get "into His death," he cannot be saved. Baptism is essential for salvation!

**Baptism is essential for salvation!**

Baptism is the only way to be "raised" to "walk in newness of life" (6:4). One cannot be a "new creature" "in Christ" (2 Cor. 5:17) until that "old man" is "done away with" in baptism (6:6). Baptism is essential for salvation!

Baptism is the only way for "the body of SIN" to "be done away with," to "no longer be" a slave "of SIN," to be "freed from SIN," to remove SIN's "dominion over you," and to be "set free from SIN" (6:6, 7, 14, 17, 18, 22). If one is not baptized so that at that very moment he might be freed from SIN and its eternal consequences, then baptism has no purpose!

Paul was reminding these Christians about the eternal and remedial blessing found in their baptism—they were freed from their sins! Is that why you were baptized?



By Josh Blackmer

## Fearless Trust In God (Psalm 27)

There have been many periods of mankind’s history on this earth. Throughout the highs and lows, there have always been faithful obedient people despite the cultural and societal backdrop. Good times and bad, flush and lean, the faithful keep their trust in God. David writes a psalm that has at its heart the concepts that the faithful must have in order to ride the tides of mankind’s disobedience to God. If these same sentiments can be ours, they will keep our trust in God.

First, David focuses on who God is to him (Psa. 27:1-3). The phrase “He is my” repeats in verse one and sets the tone for these verses. To David, God was his light, salvation and defense. Then no matter what arose against him, David said he would be fearless and confident (Psa. 27:3). It is evident that God is those same things for us, but do we know that like David did when he took the five smooth stones from the brook as he approached Goliath (1 Sam. 17:40)? In the same way, we need to fill ourselves up with a confidence in God based on what we know about Him.

Second, David has an ask of God, a certain expectation. “One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my

life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple” (Psa. 27:4). In the time of David, he would’ve been talking about the tabernacle, if he was talking a physical place. To be near the tabernacle was to be near the physical presence of God. For us, we see this in the church. The church is the household of God (Eph. 2:19). The church is the tabernacle of the Lord, and we are his royal priesthood (1 Pet. 2:5-9). There is a sense in which this can be seen as looking forward to the promise of heaven. Both of these concepts can be used to draw courage. Standing with our brethren in the church we find courage. We can find courage in the face of danger and indifference knowing that we will be renewed in heaven (2 Cor. 4:16).

**There is courage in a certain expectation.**

Third, David asks for God to hear him. There is a conversation between God and David. David asks to be heard. God tells David to seek His face. David responds saying he will always seek God’s face, for his mother and father have abandoned him, but God hasn’t (Psa. 27:7-10). Likewise, we find strength knowing that the throne of heaven hears us (Heb. 4:16).

Lastly, he asks to be instructed of the Lord, to be lead on a level path (Psa. 27:11-14). His word helps us traverse this life. He ends the psalm with this thought. “Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the LORD” (Psa. 27:14). There is courage in a certain expectation.



By Robert Lupo (Summer Intern)

## How a Faithful Wife Can Save Her Husband

What would you do for your husband? Do you love him? Do you care for him? God gave women a very special role in life, to be a helper, comparable to her husband (Gen. 2:18). God created women to complement a man and to be his partner in life. Through women, children are born, families are raised, nations are built, and God’s plan of salvation was fulfilled (Gen. 3:15; Matt. 1:20-21). Since Eve, women have brought life to the world by the will of God.

Are you bringing life to your marriage? I’m not talking about excitement or happiness, but eternal life. Are you actively working to make your husband’s salvation sure (2 Pet. 1:10)? If you love your husband, then his salvation must be your highest priority.

In 1 Samuel 18 and 19, we read about David’s first wife, Michal. She was the daughter of Saul and fell in love with David (1 Sam 18:20). Saul saw that she loved him and used their marriage as an opportunity to have David killed. In chapter 19, Saul sent his messengers to David’s home to kill him. Michal became aware of the plot, and because she loved her husband, she warned David and let him down from a window so he could escape. Michal saved David’s life.

**Are you actively working to make your husband’s salvation sure?**

In Ephesians 5:23, Paul states, “the husband is the head of the wife as also Christ is the head of the church.” This parallel shows that husbands must take the lead role in the salvation of his household. But, there are times when the wife may need to rescue her husband. When speaking of women married to an unbeliever, Paul states, “For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife...For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband?” (1 Cor. 7:14, 16).

The world is filled with temptations and stressors that test the resolve of even the most faithful men. It requires a wife like Michal to save her husband from the world. David was saved because his wife was watchful, gave him warning and provided him a way of escape.

A Christian wife must be watchful for her husband, understand the dangers he faces and give him warning. Don’t allow your husband to wander from the faith. Warn him and encourage him so he might repent (Ezek. 3:18). Then, provide for him a way of escape. Help him return to the Lord. Be a servant to him, pray for him, and be an example to him of good works. Peter wrote, “Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives” (1 Pet. 3:1). Do you love your husband? Is his salvation your priority? Help him make his salvation sure.

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Jordan Beasley</b>	Gardens Medical Center with covid
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	undergoing treatments for stage 4 lymphoma
<b>Judie Jenkins</b>	having back surgery on June 30
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	struggling with health issues
<b>Robin Landen</b>	now at home, dealing with a blood disorder, very weak
<b>Diane Leslie</b>	recovering from knee replacement surgery
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	recovering from her cancer surgery
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	having colon cancer surgery on June 30
<b>Sam Simpkins</b>	surgery on June 29 for his kidney and bladder cancer
<b>Guadalupe Tipton</b>	recovering from surgery on a liver cyst
<b>Betty White</b>	recovering from her neck surgery
<b>Teresa Williams</b>	recovering from her second cataract surgery
<b>Wesley Williams</b>	under Hospice Care at his son's home in Miami

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	multiple health issues
<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
Glen & Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Joyce Parker
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Russell Beliech</b>	Stephen Beliech's brother, recovering from back surgery
<b>Thelma Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's mother, congestive heart failure
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
<b>Quinntavais Smith, Jr.</b>	Willie & Giselle's grandson, having ear surgery on July 6

*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, June 26

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m. There will be a separate class for the ladies.

## Monday, June 27

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

## Tuesday, June 28

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

## Wednesday, June 29

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Terry Casey will be speaking on *“The Fruitful Life.”* Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Sunday, July 3

- ◆ **Mount Dora Coin Can Deadline.** Please return all coin cans to the church office by July 3.
- ◆ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium. Age 3 thru Grade 5 meet in the Family Room.

## Sunday, July 3 (cont.)

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

## Wednesday, July 6

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Douglas Alvarenga will be speaking on *“The Prayerful Life.”* Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

## Friday, July 8

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier. Bring a potluck dish to share. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

## Sunday, July 10

- ◆ **New Member’s Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

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

### Friday, July 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Daisy Lord. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Friday, July 15

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God’s word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

### Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ◆ **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 Josh Blackmer or Gary Jenkins for details.

### Saturday, July 30

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Darin & Cindy Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Friday, August 19

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.



## Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

### Sunday, June 26

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m. There will be a separate class for the ladies.

### Sunday, July 3

- ◆ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium. Age 3 thru Grade 5 meet in the Family Room.

### Sunday, July 10

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

### Sunday, July 17

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

### Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ◆ **Jenkins/Blackmer Week at CFBC** for Age 10-Grade 12. Campers, please register online: [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org)

# PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Men's Worship Service Assignments - July 2022

July 3 <sup>(C)</sup>

July 10 <sup>(A)</sup>

July 17 <sup>(A)</sup>

July 24 <sup>(L)</sup>

July 31 <sup>(A)</sup>

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Dan McLeod	Kirk Crews	Robert Mariano	Dirk Summerlot	Michael Ellis
Scripture Reader	Gary Jenkins	Jerry Pittman	Victor Colage	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Jim Rogers
Presiding at Table	Dan Fuller	Michael Ellis	Stephen Beliech	Paul Metzkes	Kane Campbell
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Andres Fernandez Bill Ingram, Jr. David Lord Chuck Reeves, Jr. Gary Seames Dirk Summerlot Daniel Swayne Brandan Widner	Gorman Ericksen Michael Erickson Jeff Goodale James Green Graysen Hayes Kameron Heitler Hunter Hinton Jeff Leslie Jim Rogers Marty Williams	Tim Cox Trey Higbee Namddie Ikon Richard Kelley Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Willie Smith Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Devin Eutsey Freddie Gadson Edward Gager Gary Jenkins Daniel Lord Chuck Reeves, Jr. Benny Rodgers Brandan Widner	Lance Collier Kirk Crews Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Hunter Hinton Joe Maloney Luther Robinson Islay Rodriguez Joseph Snyder Lawrence Williams
Closing Prayer	Freddie Gadson	Mike Archer	Philip Porter	David Holaday	James Green

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard	Dan McLeod	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Opening Prayer	Eugene Williams	Ivan Villard	Tim Fry	Dan Fuller	
Scripture Reader	Daniel Wagner	John Hoelzer	Novel Brown	Daniel Swayne	
Presiding at Table	Dion Hayes	Johnny Davis	Richard Watson	Darin Summerlot	
Serving at Table	Devin Eutsey	Jimmie Banks	Silas Balfour	Gary Seames	
	Jonathan Swayne	Connor Goodale	Richard Lerro	Jonathan Swayne	
Closing Prayer	Paul Metzkes	Joe Maloney	Ricky Smith	David Lord	

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown	David Brown
Computer	Daniel Lord	Buzz Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard	Ivan Villard
Video	Scott Studer	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman	Jerry Pittman

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Darin Summerlot	Lawrence Williams	Seth Watson	Bob Higbee	Jimmie Banks
Usher	David Brown	Lance Collier	Rick Hall	Andres Fernandez	Michael Erickson
	Edward Gager	Joseph Snyder	Vincent Rogers	Eugene Williams	Marty Williams

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox	Rick Hall (AM) Josh Blackmer (PM)

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 7-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
June 19



We rejoice with **Emma Reeves** who was baptized on Wednesday, June 22 after services.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Miss Angela Chance; Mr. Cristhian Cuevas; Mr. Tom Garrison; Mr. Z Gordon; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Ms. Pierre Louis Yoléne; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Suzette McQueen; Ms. Malita Robinson; and Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mrs. Joyce Blake, Stone Mountain, GA; Mrs. Lauren Campbell, Spring Hill, TN; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL; Mrs. Kristen Dye, Carrollton, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller, Plantation, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. Jonathan Jenkins, Melbourne Beach, FL; Mr. Scott, Colton & Jacob Kelley, Plantation, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Lindsey McPherson, Nashville, TN; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Austin & Hollie Metzkes, Brentwood, TN.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*

Tuesday, June 28th

Reanna Lupo  
Cheryl Milton

Friday, July 1st

Andres & Angelica Fernandez (Ann.)

Saturday, July 2nd

Richard & Debi Watson  
Alex Contreras  
Misty Hayes

Wednesday, June 29th

Steven Livergood  
Dorothy Savage

Thursday, June 30th

Edward & Ellen Gager (Ann.)



**Directory Changes**

**Jim & Robin Davis** no longer have a home phone number. They are only using their cell phones.

**Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter** moved to Lake Placid.

**Robert Swayne** has moved back to Tennessee.

**David Thorpe** has moved to Jacksonville, FL.

**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, June 26**

Singing..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer .....Richard Watson  
Scripture Reading.....Robert Mariano  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Phil Porter  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer .....Taylor Reeves

Serve at Table:

Stephen Beliech      Steward Lynch  
Josiah Blackmer      Tim Mahlbacher  
Trey Higbee            Vincent Rogers  
Namdidie Ikon        Nahum Villard  
Richard Kelley        Tyler Williams

**Sunday Evening, June 26**

Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer .....Novel Brown  
Scripture Reading ..... Richard Lerro  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Willie Smith  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Tim Fry

Serve at Table:

Silas Balfour            Nicholas Pietro

**Wednesday Evening, June 29**

Singing..... Ivan Villard  
Invitation..... Josiah Blackmer  
Family Prayer ..... Johnny Davis

**Our Record**

Attendance	June 19	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	162	181
Sun. AM Worship	252	268
Sun. PM Worship	113	124
Wed. Bible Study	148	126
Contribution	\$14,184	\$15,178

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$29,935

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

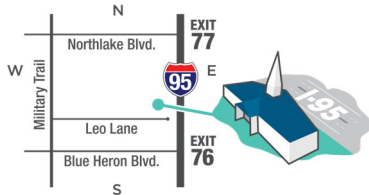
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Ricky Smith  
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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: Joy & Jane Watson

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### “But God, we used a new cart!”

During the reign of King David, he wanted to bring the ark of God back from Kirjath Jearim, where it had been “since the days” of Saul (1 Chron. 13:1-3). They planned a celebratory time of great joy, including making sure that they secured “a new cart” upon which to transport the ark (13:7). Why does the Bible give us the detail that it was “a new cart”? The fact that they transported the ark on a cart at all demonstrates their disobedience. Why tell us it was “new”?

The Bible does not say this, but sometimes wording used in the Bible makes the mind turn. Perhaps they had reasoned among themselves, “Let’s find the very best cart that we can! No expense will be spared! It’s for the ark of God, after all!”

You know that its “newness” and beauty did not matter one iota! Wrong is wrong, no matter what it looks like! Perhaps that’s part of the lesson we are to learn. If our service to the Lord looks good to us but not to Him, then disastrous consequences await (Matt. 7:21-23)! – DS



### You don’t have to understand it for it to be true

Sometimes people approach the Bible with great skepticism. That’s ok. They should question things. But after researching the Bible and coming to know its true Divine origin (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 1 Cor. 2:10-13), one must conclude that since the Bible proves itself to be from God, then everything in the Bible is from God, and therefore, absolutely true.

Now, whether I fully understand something the Bible says does not affect its truthfulness one bit. For example, read Colossians 2:9. The Bible says about Christ, “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” Some folks want to argue with that and say that there is no way that Jesus could possess the fullness of God in His human form, and so they try to explain it away. Ok, well, what does the verse say? What does Colossians 1:19 say? Or what does John 1:1-14 say? He truly was “God with us” (Matt. 1:23)!

Even if your finite mind cannot grasp it, if the Bible says it, that settles it! Truth is not determined by our understanding! – DS