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Welcome New Members

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Reeves, Emma Group 2

Baptized June 22


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Cuevas, Cris Group 2

Identified August 14


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Dubuisson, Krystian Group 4

Identified August 14

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Zamora, Allen & Francis Morales Group 4

***Emma & *Mateo**

Identified August 14



By Dan Jenkins

“For Thine is the Kingdom” . . . Really?

So many individuals know the words of the prayer Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount. It begins by addressing God with the words, “Our Father which art in heaven. . .” and ends with “For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen” (KJV—Matt. 6:9-13). What can be so easily overlooked is the prayer of David as he discussed the building of the temple by his son, Solomon. He said, “Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power and the glory, and . . . the kingdom” (1 Chon. 29:11).

What does the expression “Thine is the kingdom” really mean? Look at the NKJV rendering of the words of David, “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory. . .Yours is the kingdom, O Lord.” The kingdom is God’s. Thine (Yours) is the kingdom!

Now when we understand that John the Baptist, Jesus, the twelve and the seventy proclaimed that the kingdom of God was at hand, about to come in the first century (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:7; Luke 10:9), should we be surprised that Jesus taught His disciples to pray, “Thy kingdom come”? Jesus said that the kingdom would come with power in the lives of those who heard His words (Mark 9:1). We know what that kingdom is. Those in the early church had been translated into the kingdom (Col. 1:13). Jesus said the kingdom would come in the first

century. What came? That which came was the church.

Now note how the prayer the Lord gave said that the kingdom belongs to God! He said that kingdom is Yours (Thine). He planned it and the blood of Emmanuel bought the church (Acts 20:28). It is His and His alone! He is the King over the kingdom. He is the head over the church (Eph. 1:22-23). Look again at the prayer. The kingdom belongs to Him forever.

O the folly of any mortal, whose very life is dependent on the breath God gives him, to usurp the right of the King to govern His kingdom, to rule His church. But isn’t that what has been done in Christendom?

The whole basis of denominational division is that God has abdicated His throne and given the kingdom to mortals and the right to change anything in the church any man desires. God did not give men the right to change His rules for His kingdom about worship, the Lord’s Supper, congregational singing, church organization, baptism, and a host of other matters. Where is the authority for all these changes? Does it come from a church synod, the reverend pastor, the church board, etc.?

Read the Bible. Let God be King over your life. Let’s return to the way He designed His kingdom, the church. Let’s not just say the words, “Thine is the kingdom.” Let’s give the kingdom back to Him.

God has not abdicated His throne and given it to mortals to control



By David Sproule

The Bible Is Hard to Understand? (Part 1)

How many times have you heard it said? Or maybe you were the one saying it? “The Bible is too hard to understand.” People have been saying that for years. But, is that true? Should we set the Bible aside and dismiss it as an incomprehensible book? Or have we maybe been misinformed and the Bible can actually be understood? Let’s consider this.

First of all, who is saying that the Bible is hard to understand? I have known people over the years who had not read the Bible but were making claims about the Bible. If you haven’t read the Bible, then how do you qualify to offer any evaluation of it? Or maybe you are one who has tried to read it but you have found it hard to understand. Why is that?

Sometimes things we have heard cause us to think the Bible is hard to understand. Some have said over the years that “only the clergy could understand it.” That conditions the mind of the average person to think, “Well, then I won’t be able to understand it.” Perhaps you’ve started to read the Bible but didn’t expect to understand it. Again, the mind is already closed to the possibility and is preconditioned to “not” understand.

If you are one who has thought the Bible is “too hard to understand,” can I ask you a sincere question—How much

have you read? What parts have you read? When someone who has never read the Bible asks me where they should start, I usually tell them to start with the book of John, then read Acts after that, and then go back to Genesis or to Matthew. John is easy to understand and it’s all about Jesus. After reading through John, can you still say, “The Bible is hard to understand”? I’ve never met anyone who could still claim that.

Admittedly, some parts of the Bible are difficult to understand, such as reading about animal sacrifices, or reading the names of people and places that we don’t recognize, or reading figurative language that is not familiar to us. Peter made a statement about Paul’s epistles and said, “in which are some things hard to understand” (2 Pet. 3:15-16). Someone might say, “Well, there you go! Even Peter said it was hard.” But wait? Notice that Peter says it was “SOME” things hard to understand. Not all. Not most.

Here’s something we need to grasp. God gave us the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16), and He said that it could be understood. Paul wrote, “when you read” what he had written, “you can understand my insight” (Eph. 3:3-4). We can understand what Paul understood and such is expected (Eph. 5:17; John 8:32).

So, let me encourage you to open your Bible. Expect that you will understand it. Ask God to help you. Then, start with the book of John and enjoy reading about Jesus.

God gave us the Bible and He said that it could be understood



By Josh Blackmer

“Excellent, Except for the Verbs”

Averell W. Harriman, a wealthy philanthropist, an integral part in the Post War international efforts, and Governor of NY also once served as a diplomat to France. When he was asked about the fluency of his French, he replied, “It is excellent, except for the verbs.” It is easy to see the comedy of this statement; however, it is no laughing matter when it comes to our lives as Christians. We might be excellent so far as the nouns and adjectives are concerned: doctrine, faith, good, faithful. The question might be, “But where are the verbs?” Go, do, teach, serve, give, pray, visit, attend, love, study, and so on are all actions that can ensure that we are not unfruitful in our service to God.

We sometimes get into the mindset that “going to church” and “being a good person” are the extent of our reasonable service (Rom. 12:1). Yet, when you think on it, going to meetings and being a good person isn’t any different than the Boy Scouts of America, Shriners or Kiwanis Clubs, and any other civil service organization. Christ did not die to set up another nonprofit organization or club. We know that intellectually, but we don’t always live it. Paul charged Titus to “set in order” the things that remained (Titus 1:5). Chief among those things was establishing an eldership in every congregation on the island. Paul closes the letter with this also, “Our people

must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful” (3:14). The context of this statement was specifically seeing to the needs of some evangelists that were to be traveling in their area. We need to shift our thinking about good deeds away from philanthropy and towards eternity. I will say that there are times when those things overlap but, the focus needs to be on removing the physical need to get to the greater spiritual need (Luke 5:20-26).

Learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs.

A changed mindset and a shift in a paradigm for a group starts with us individually. Try asking yourself two questions. What are the pressing needs around me? What steps can I take to meet those needs? This puts you in the active engaging role of fruitful Christianity. If I were to see the needs around me and ask the question, “Why isn’t anyone doing this for me/them?” that is victim Christianity. If I see a need in my life or another’s and I ask the question, “Which church or person will do this for me/them?” that is consumer Christianity. We are trained to be consumers and taught to be victims by society. Christ has empowered us to not fall for those weak ways of thinking. A Cretan was known as a “lazy glutton” (Titus 1:12). We can’t afford to be either in our service to the Lord. Look around. What are the pressing needs in your life, in your home, in the congregation, in the lives of those you come in contact with? What will you do about it?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Proof that Jesus loved the Father

The thought of whether Jesus loved the Father may have never crossed your mind. It may be one of those obvious things—“Well, of course He loved the Father! That’s just a given!” But, do we have any evidence of it?

Note carefully what Jesus said in the last verse of John 14. “But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do” (14:31). We can know that Jesus loved the Father by the fact that He obeyed the commands of the Father.

Now, take that and apply it to us. What is the evidence of our love? Is there any proof that we love the Lord? Jesus said just a few verses earlier: “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word” (14:23). Jesus loved the Father and, therefore, kept His commands. We love the Lord and, therefore, keep His commands. Jesus ties those two loves together in John 15:10. So, does God know that you love Him? He told us the way He wants to be loved. Think about it. – DS



“Oh, no! Not a 1931 ban!”

There is a battle going on right now in the courts over one state’s 1931 ban on abortion. Can’t you hear the arguments in your imagination? *“Oh, c’mon! That is ancient history! We’ve grown as a nation since then! We are so much more advanced now! We’ve got move on beyond our foolish, closed-minded past!”* Is a 90-year-old ban on abortion all that naïve?

What about a 2,000-year-old ban? Jesus banned abortion in the New Testament (Mark 7:21; 10:19; Rom. 1:29; Gal. 5:21; 1 Pet. 4:15). What about a 3,500-year-old ban? God banned abortion in the Old Testament (Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17; Prov. 6:16-17). “If men...hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely...if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life” (Ex. 21:22-23). What about a 6,000-plus-year-old ban on abortion? Murder has been prohibited from the beginning, with the “blood” of those who are killed “crying out to God” (Gen. 4:8-10).

Whatever a state or nation or individual decides about abortion, God has already ruled on it! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Christene Bean	recovering at home from hospitalization
Jordan Beasley	recovering at home
Linda Coe	ultrasound on her leg to see if the clot has dissolved
Glen Dawson	remains very weak from his treatments and illness
Dan Johnson	Gardens Medical Center (room 381), awaiting 2nd surg.
Robin Landen	dealing with several health issues, severe blood disorder
David Lord	St. Mary's Medical Center, undergoing rehab
Gwen Lyons	Woodlake Rehab Center (room 111), rehab on ankle
Cheryl Milton	slowly improving from her post-surgery infection
Maurine Reed	JFK Medical Center, undergoing tests
Rose Walker	sinus surgery on August 19

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Peggy Simpkins	chemo, rare cancer
Henry Williams	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

Lamatron Gadson	Freddie Gadson's sister, under Hospice Care
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, hospital, congestive heart failure
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, rehab on her broken femur
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, swelling in hands and legs

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 21

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, August 22

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

Tuesday, August 23

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

Saturday, August 27

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ◆ **Family Group 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, August 28

- ◆ **Tavaro Hanna Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Friday, September 9

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Skye Brown. 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.

Saturday, September 10

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This year's theme is *"The Measure of Women: God's Standard vs. Man's Standard."* Please RSVP by August 31. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, September 11

- ◆ **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, September 9

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Skye Brown. 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.

Saturday, September 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Monday, September 12

- ◆ **Men's Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & 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.

Friday-Saturday, September 16-17

- ◆ **Marriage Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts** on Friday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. until noon. Childcare will be available. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer for childcare (for Grades 5 & under only).



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, August 21

- ◆ **RUSH Sign-up Deadline (October 6-9 at FHU)**. Cost is \$50 plus money needed for about 10 meals/snacks.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, August 28

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Please bring desserts and drinks. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, September 9

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Skye Brown. 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, September 11

- ◆ **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 b Ashley Alfaro b Johnny Davis b Owen Miley b Jessica Ramirez b Nahum Villard	3 a Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts
4 a Gary & Doris Friedly b Nate Nelson b Marty Williams	5	6 b Derrick Banks	7 b Ariana Aristy b Bill Ingram, Jr. b Scott Lewis b Daniel Wagner	8 b Trinity Franck b Verdell March	9 ☆ Ladies & Lattes b Jennifer Walker	10 ☆ Young Adult Devo ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens b Debi Watson
11 ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss	12 ☆ Men's Meet b Darin Summerlot	13	14 b Josh Blackmer b Taylor Hayes	15	16 a Justilien & Adelene Honore b Peggy Hall	17 b Mike Ellis b Robert Lupo b Lisa Metzkes b Sadie Myrie
					Marriage Seminar (16th-17th)	
					Jr./Sr. High Service Project (16th-17th)	
18 ☆ Wedding Shower for Caila Buonadonna & Todd Juckett b Marcia Kelley	19 b Justilien Honore	20	21	22 b Luann McLeod	23	24 ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon a Johnny & Betty Davis b Sabrina Swayne
25 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship b Markell Crawford b Dan Fuller	26 b Betty Davis b Ophelia Holmes b Gary Jenkins b Vincent Rogers	27	28 b Graysen Hayes	29 b Angelica Fernandez	30	

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 14

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Jasief Canton; Ms. Misty Corrado; Mrs. Glenda Dixon; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Malou Hammock; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mrs. Tangela Jackson; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Quintel & Trellini Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez; Ms. Cecilia Tipton; Mr. Garfield Walks; Miss Charleigh Ward; and Ms. Machel Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Walt & Hazel Arthur, Nashville, TN.



We rejoice with three individuals who were recently baptized!

Janice Cooley was baptized on Friday, August 12.

David Perez was baptized on Saturday, August 13.

David Whipple was baptized on Tuesday, August 16.



Sunday, August 21st

Josie Dawson
Bettye King

Monday, August 22nd

Nicole Freseman

Tuesday, August 23rd

Orlando & Lilly Lolo (Ann.)
Skye Brown
Vita Chery
Tom Garrison

Tuesday, August 23rd (cont.)

Inell Ingram

Wednesday, August 24th

Sandi Hanna
Turkessa Staley

Saturday, August 27th

Daniel Lord
Allison Snyder
Whitney Williams

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 21

Singing Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper Kirk Crews
Singing
Opening Prayer Jeff Leslie
Scripture Reading Michael Ellis
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jimmie Banks

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier Joe Maloney
Gorman Ericksen Islay Rodriguez
Michael Erickson Jim Rogers
Kameron Heitler Joseph Snyder
Hunter Hinton Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, August 21

Singing Stephen Beliech
Lord's Supper John Hoelzer
Singing
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading Lawrence Williams
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jeff Goodale

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale Luther Robinson

Wednesday Evening, August 24

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Daniel Lord
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 14	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	181	150
Sun. AM Worship	248	238
Sun. PM Worship	108	111
Wed. Bible Study	138	124
Contribution	\$13,701	\$16,751

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$34,521

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

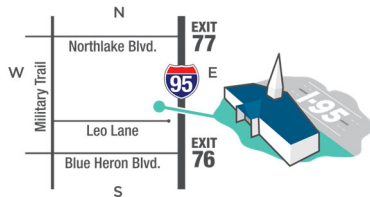
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Graysen Hayes
Safety Team for this week: TBD



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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: June Pack & Johnnie Green

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).

Upcoming Events

August 28

Tavaró Hanna Mission Report

August 28

Shepherds Praying

September 16-17

Marriage Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts
Theme: “His Shoes. Her Shoes.”

September 25

New Bible Classes Begin for Adults, Jr. High & Sr. High

October 18

“Coming Home” Sunday

October 29

Congregational Work Day

October 30

Fifth Sunday Finger Foods