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Dan Fuller	685-4454
Paul Metzkes	870-8042
Phil Porter	575-4782
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*Chairman for the Month of Augu	st

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Josh Blackmer	319-1418

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Novel Brown	
Victor Colage	
Lance Collier	
Kirk Crews	
Mike Erickson	
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Jeff Goodale	
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A Marriage Seminar

with Wayne & Tami Roberts



SEPTEMBER 16-17

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Friday, September 16 Saturday, September 17

Save the date! Bring your mate! 7:00-9:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Wayne & Tami Roberts Houston, Texas

Rejecting the Counsel of God



The first psalm describes the character of those who are blessed by God. "He does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly." The implication of these words is that if one does walk in the counsel of the ungodly, he is cursed. The psalmist has in mind walking in the counsel of ungodly men and the blessed-

ness of those who walk in the counsel of the godly men. Think of how this is magnified when we think of the importance of walking in the counsel of the godly One. When every copy The New Testament speaks often about this.

The counsel of God is revealed in the Bible. Paul described the breath of this counsel when he said, "I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). Messengers of God must speak the truth (1 Pet. 4:11); they must

speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15); and they must speak the entirety of God's will. Even if men reject what is taught, the messenger is still innocent. Paul said, "I am innocent from the blood of all men, for I have not shunned..." (Acts 20:26).

The counsel of God cannot be changed by any person on earth. David said, "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89). The English Standard Version emphasizes the word settled. "Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens." God has revealed His counsel in His words and decrees the blessing of those who follow it. It is remarkable that men so often choose to reject His counsel.

The New Testament affirms this truth even more emphatically. It speaks of the unchangeable character, the immutability, of His counsel (Heb. 6:17). Those who seek to change His counsel are condemned by God. Paul reveals how the curse of God awaits every man, every angel and even Paul himself if they perverted the gospel he had preached (Gal. 1:8-9).

This counsel of God is spoken of by the Holy Spirit in His discussion of the greatness of John the Baptist and the message he brought. He said that all the people who heard John, even the tax collectors, . . . justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John." What about those who were not baptized by John? "But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will (the Greek word is counsel) of God for

themselves, not having been baptized by him" (Luke 7:29-30).

Let me urge you to devote time in your life to read about His will, His counsel in your life. When every Bible is burned up with the fires of heaven consuming the earth, there will be one copy that remains to be used by the Judge of all mankind to measure our lives (Rev. 20:12). That counsel is firmly fixed in heaven, it is immutable. To reject its teaching on any topic, even the baptism revealed by Jesus, is to reject the counsel of God. Think about this!



The Bible Is Hard to Understand? (Part 2)

While some have suggested over the years that the Bible is hard to understand, perhaps we should see what the Bible has to say about that. Luke wrote about the life of Christ to a man named Theophilus so that he "may **know** the certainty of those things in which [he was] instructed" (1:4).

Jesus Himself said, "You shall **know** the truth" (John 8:32). In the Old Testament, Moses wrote of gathering "all Israel" together "every seven years." At that time, the leaders were to "read this law before...men and women and little ones...that they may **hear**... **learn...observe**...and that their **children**...may **hear** and **learn**" (Deut. 31:9-13). The Bible states that it can be and it was understood. We saw in the last article that God is the one who gave us both the Bible and our minds, and He said that our minds could understand the Book that He gave us (Eph. 3:3-4; 5:17).

So, if the Bible is capable of being understood, what can a person do to understand the Bible? Let's make a list.

- 1. Truly believe in God (Heb. 11:6).
- 2. Truly believe that the Bible is God's Word (2 Pet. 1:20-21).
- 3. Trust the Word of God (1 Thess. 2:13; Psa. 119:42).
- 4. Show reverence for the Word of God (Psa. 119:10-11, 97).
- 5. Have a love for the truth (2 Thess. 2:10; Prov. 23:23).

- 6. Have a desire to know the truth (John 7:17; Matt. 5:6).
- 7. Have a willingness to study (Acts 17:11).
- 8. Put true diligence into your study (2 Tim. 2:15).
- 9. Expect to understand it (Eph. 3:3-4; 5:17; 2 Tim. 3:14-15).
- 10. Pray about it (1 John 5:14; Matt. 7:7-8; Jas. 1:5; 4:2).

Now that you've made these pre-reading preparations:

1. Read it.

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who gave us

both the Bible

and our minds

- 2. Keeping reading it. Don't stop.
- 3. Compare various reliable translations (KJV, NKJV, ASV, NASB, ESV).

4. Skip over any parts that you don't understand. Come back to those later.

5. Read it over and over. My grandfather told me that he read through the Bible 50 times and saw things the 50th time through that he had not seen before.

- 6. Use the easy-to-understand parts to help shed light on the not-as-easy parts. Let the Bible be its own commentary.
- 7. Mark in your Bible, especially noting in the margin other verses in the Bible that help to explain that verse.

Is there more you can do? Certainly. But the best way to understand the Bible is to read it. Don't take someone else's word for what it says. Read it. Understand it yourself. Then, apply what it says to your life.

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of the Bible is burned up, one copy will still exist to judge us!



Hold On to the Good

At the end of his first letter to the church in Thessalonica Paul gives them this charge. "Examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good (1 Thess. 5:21). In that context, he gives them many things that we can examine and hold on to.

By Josh Blackmer

Hold on to your leaders. Honor and cherish them (1 Thess. 5:12-13a). Good leaders are a blessing to any congregation and should be appreciated (Heb. 13:17).

Hold on to peace (1 Thess. 5:13b). Who wouldn't want to live in peace? But it is something that must be maintained (Rom. 12:18; 14:19).

Hold on to those who are struggling with their faith (1 Thess. 5:14). The importance of working with and helping struggling brethren shouldn't be understated (Gal. 6:1).

Hold on to a kind spirit or "right-doing" (1 Thess. 5:15). Paul told them not to repay evil but to seek good for all people (Rom. 12:21).

Hold on to happiness and a sense of well-being (1 Thess. 5:16). The command here is to rejoice always. That requires remembering what we can rejoice about (John 16:22).

Hold on to prayer (1 Thess. 5:17). To pray always may seem impossible in the format that we normally see. That

doesn't mean that our days can't be filled with conversations with God (Phil. 4:6-7).

Hold on to gratitude (1 Thess. 5:18). To give thanks to God for all that He has done is easy to do, but we often forget (Psa. 50:14).

Hold on to the spiritual life and its values (1 Thess. 5:19). Are we working on the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)?

Hold on to sound doctrine (1 Thess. 5:20). They received direct revelation from God, yet some rejected it. For us it is written, yet sit often rejected (2 Tim. 3:16)

Hold on to a discerning mind (1 Thess. 5:21a). We must seek to have a Berean attitude in discerning truth and what is right (Acts 17:11).

Hold on to the good (1 Thess. 5:21b). There might be a lot of bad, but we must learn to focus on the good.

Hold on to a hate for sin, not sinners (1 Thess. 5:22). Literally the command is to abstain from evil. Often, we confuse that with people. We need to do our best to help them see the good (Jude 23).

In the last five verses, he speaks about other things they can hold on to: blessing, hope, faith, a sense of value, the fellowship, the charge, grace. What are we holding onto in our lives? Is there anything that we could let go of?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

He was already dead

After a night of anguish, mockery, lies, beatings and fake trials, Jesus was sentenced to execution by crucifixion by the spineless governor Pilate at 6:00 a.m. (John 19:14). He bore His cross to travel from the Praetorium to Golgotha (John 19:17). Apparently, the weight of the cross was too much for His battered, weakened and anemic body to bear, so they laid the

cross on Simon a Cyrenian (Luke 23:26). They nailed Jesus' precious hands and feet to the cross at 9:00 a.m. (Mark 15:25), and He was suspended on those iron spikes for six grueling hours, until 3:00 p.m. (Matt. 27:45-50). The Roman executioners came to break the legs of the helpless victims on the crosses (in order to

hasten their deaths), but "when they came to Jesus…they did not break His legs" (John 19:33). The reason? "They saw that He was already dead." Instead, they "pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out" (19:34).

The vile Jews finally got what they wanted. But, in that moment, they (and we) got what they needed. He was already dead! May that thought never get comfortable in our heads! – DS



Jesus and the apostle Peter had a necessary and even therapeutic conversation in John 21. Peter had vehemently denied Jesus three times while his Savior and Friend stood on trial. So, in this conversation, Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love Me?" (21:15-17). Much is often made about the fact that Jesus used two different Greek words in asking Peter of his

love. However, let's simplify this.

Forget the fact, for a moment, that Jesus changed from asking, "Do you *agapao* Me?" to asking, "Do you *phileo* Me?" And just think about this. What would you do if Jesus asked you, "Do you love Me?" What would you do if

Jesus asked you three times, "Do you love Me?"

Now, it's not going to be verbal, but Jesus is asking you today, "Do you love Me?" What's your answer? After we sin, Jesus asks, "Do you love Me?" What's your answer? In the midst of our pain and hurt, Jesus asks, "Do you love Me?" When He hasn't heard from us in a while, He asks, "Do you love Me?" What's your answer? Jesus wants to know, "Do you love Me?" - DS



What are we

holding on to?

Keep in Your Prayers

Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	still has a blood clot and awaiting surgery on her knee
Glen Dawson	remains very weak from his treatments and illness
Dan Johnson	Gardens Medical Center (room 381), awaiting 2nd surg.
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering at home from her recent fall
Robin Landen	dealing with several health issues, severe blood disorder
David Lord	recovering at home
Gwen Lyons	recovering at home
Cheryl Milton	slowly improving from her post-surgery infection
Maurine Reed	at Hamlin Place on Hypoluxo Road for rehab
Rose Walker	recovering from sinus surgery
Betty White	recovering from an eye procedure

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 He
Glen & Josie Dawson	Inell In
Dianne Frye	Daniel
Terri Hahn	Betty N
Margie Hardin	Joyce P
Loretta Holaday	Ricky S

lolloway ngram Johnson Matter Parker 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, still undergoing tests



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

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.

Monday, August 29

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

Tuesday, August 30

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

Sunday, September 4

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

Friday-Sunday, September 9-11

• Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebring Parkway each night at 7:00 p.m. (Friday-Saturday). Melvin Otey will be speaking on "Meditations on the Christ."

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.

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.



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• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.

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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).



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

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Men's Worship Service Assignments - September 2022

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	September 4 ^(L)	September 11 ^(A)	September 18 ^(C)	September 25 ^(A)
Morning Worship	Service			
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Goodale	Tim Cox	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Scripture Reader	Dan Fuller	Graysen Hayes	Orlando Lolo	Daniel Lord
Presiding at Table	Freddie Gadson	Jeff Leslie	Richard Watson	Dan Fuller
Serving at Table	Troy Alberga	Lance Collier	Victor Colage	Ed Buonadonna
-	David Brown	Jim Davis	Tim Fry	Addison Collins
	Ed Buonadonna	Michael Ellis	Trey Higbee	Devin Eutsey
	Addison Collins	Gorman Ericksen	Namdidie Ikon	Andres Fernandez
	Bill Ingram, Jr.	James Green	Todd Juckett	Freddie Gadson
	Cody Price	Kameron Heitler	Richard Kelley	Edward Gager
	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Islay Rodriguez	Tim Mahlbacher	Gary Jenkins
	Dirk Summerlot	Jim Rogers	Taylor Reeves	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
	Brandan Widner	Joseph Snyder	Willie Smith	Brandan Widner
	Eugene Williams	Marty Williams	Tyler Williams	
Closing Prayer	David Holaday	Mike Archer	Robert Mariano	Bob Higbee

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Ivan Villard	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer	Darin Summerlot	Michael Ellis	Richard Lerro	Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reader	Paul Metzkes	Johnny Davis	Tom Garrison	Daniel Wagner
Presiding at Table	Dion Hayes	Joe Maloney	Philip Porter	Paul Metzkes
	Devin Eutsey	Tom Garrison	Silas Balfour	Troy Alberga
Serving at Table	Leonard Williams	Luther Robinson	Rick Price	Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer	Daniel Wagner	John Hoelzer	Novel Brown	Daniel Swayne

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Daniel Lord	Buzz Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Todd Juckett	Edward Gager	Scott Studer	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Daniel Swayne	Kirk Crews	Seth Watson	Darin Summerlot
	Andres Fernandez	Jimmie Banks	Rick Hall	Cody Price
Usher	Edward Gager	Michael Erickson	Vincent Rogers	Eugene Williams

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)						
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Rick Hall		

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 WILL BE BACK Soon this week

It's sgirl!

Congratulations to **Brad & Krystian Dubuisson** upon the birth of their **daughter**, Ariyah, on Friday, August 12 weighing 8 lbs, 13 oz.



Sunday, August 28th Darin & Cindy Summerlot (Ann.)

Monday, August 29th Jordan Beasley

<u>Tuesday, August 30th</u> Dion & Misty Hayes (Ann.) Mary Brown

Wednesday, August 31st Dan & Luann McLeod (Ann.) Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro (Ann.) Wednesday, August 31st (cont.) Trey Higbee Cherylann Wineinger

Friday, September 2nd Ashley Alfaro Johnny Davis Owen Miley Jessica Ramirez Nahum Villard

<u>Saturday, September 3rd</u> Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts (Ann.)



Sunday, August 21

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Malou Hammock; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Isaiah Johnson, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. Morris McDaniel; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

<u>OUT OF TOWN VISITORS</u>: Ms. Nellie Clayton, Lauderhill, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; and Mr. & Mrs. Max & Jane Thomas, Eustis, FL.



There are no words to express the depths of our feelings of gratitude for the love you have shown to us in Judie's recent back surgery and recovery. The love you have shown to us is seen in the tall stack of cards you sent, the food you brought to us for an entire month and your loving words of encouragement when we have talked with you. Thank you for all of your prayers and for all you have done.

Dan & Judie Jenkins

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Thank you for all the acts of kindness and thoughtfulness shown to me during the passing of my sister, Dorothy Spivey. I want you to know how much your calls, cards and prayers are appreciated and what a difference they made in my life. Please continue to keep my family in your prayers

Bereather Williams

Those to Serve

If you are <u>unable to serve</u>, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, August 28

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	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Phil Porter
Scripture Reading	Ricky Smith
Singing	
Lord's Supper	Willie Smith
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Orlando Lolo
Serve at Table:	
Tom Garrison	Nicholas Pietro
Namdidie Ikon	Taylor Reeves
Richard Kelley	Vincent Rogers
Steward Lynch	Nahum Villard
Robert Mariano	Tyler Williams
Service Coordinator	Ushers for this

Sunday Evening, August 28
SingingStephen Beliech
Opening PrayerNovel Brown
Singing
Lord's SupperTim Fry
Contribution
Scripture Reading Richard Lerro
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Richard Watson
Serve at Table:
Silas Balfour Trey Higbee

Wednesday Evening, August 31

Graysen Hayes
Paul Metzkes
Taylor Reeves

Our Record						
Attendance	<u>Aug. 21</u>	July Avg				
Sun. Bible Study	190	150				
Sun. AM Worshi	p 248	238				
Sun. PM Worshi	p 103	111				
Wed. Bible Stud	y 148	124				
Contribution	\$18,500	\$16,751				
2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220						
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$37,801						

Service Coordinator: Tim Cox <u>Ushers</u> for this week: Victor Colage & Tim Mahlbacher <u>Safety Team</u> for this week: Seth Watson

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