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New Bible Classes (SEPT. 25-NOV. 30)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (David Sproule):

The Book of Acts (Part 2)

The pivotal book in Bible study is the book of Acts in the New Testament, as it presents the glorious birth and growth of the church of Christ in rich and superb detail, and it sets forth God's marvelous plan of salvation for all men (in teaching and examples). This book is God's key to understanding and appreciating New Testament Christianity.

Adult 1 (Dan Jenkins):

The Life of David

Our lives will be changed by studying about the man whose heart was like the heart of God. By looking at the life of David, we will see events which shaped his heart. Reading the psalms which came from those trials will change us. Our hearts will become like the heart of the man who had the heart of God.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

Auditorium (Josh Blackmer):

The Book of Numbers

The book of Numbers covers the census process and the continued saga of the time in the desert. We will give an introduction to the book, then cover some important lessons we can learn in the book. As man interacts with God, there are some things that will always be true and helpful for our understanding.

Adult 1 (David Sproule):

A Short Note from Jesus' Brother

It is only about 600 words in the English Bible, but it is packed with treasures and riches beyond measure. From its grand and desperately needed theme, to its severe warnings against false teachers, to its strong urge to faithfulness of God's people, to its beautiful doxology of praise to God, this short, inspired letter is not short on truths and applications for us today!



By Dan Jenkins

As Long As I Am in This Body

In the closing verses of John, Jesus foretold the nature of the death of Peter. He reminded Peter of that time when he was young and could dress himself and was free to go wherever he wanted. He then said, "But when you are old another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

The Holy Spirit then adds these comments, "This He said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God" (John 21:18-19). Tradition says that Peter was crucified, but, at his request, he was crucified upside down for he did not feel worthy to die like Jesus.

We are not sure of the details of Peter's death, but we do have his writings shortly before he died. "Knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as the Lord Jesus Christ showed me" (2 Pet. 1:14). They show us how he used the short time he had.

Note how Peter regarded his own body. It was just a tent. It was not his eternal dwelling. Some who pay so much attention to keeping the body fit and healthy, getting proper exercise and eating the proper food, fail to realize that while bodily exercise profits, godliness is "...profitable for all things, having promise for the life that now is and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4:8). Paul speaks of how in this tent we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed in heavenly garments (2 Cor.

5:1-2). We must never forget that our body is simply a tent which we lay aside in death.

With death approaching, what was Peter doing with the time he had left? He was spending time with those who already knew truth and was not negligent in reminding the saved of these matters, so that they could continue to be established in the truth they already knew (2 Pet. 1:12).

He was spending time "as long as I am in this tent" to always remind them and to stir them up by that reminding (2 Pet. 1:12-13). There is a grave danger in the lives of Christians today of a vital truth. As they mature, they reach a point when they think they no longer need Sunday Bible classes, Sunday evening service and Wednesday classes. Failure to continue to study the Bible or to think we already know it is so dangerous. Peter knew the Christians to whom he was writing already knew what he was telling them, but he also knew that hearing truths again and again strengthens us.

Peter saw that how he spent his life would impact the lives of those after he brought glory to God in how he died. "I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease" (2 Pet. 1:15). In death we leave behind a treasure of eternal truth that will remind others.

Think about it. What are you doing "as long as you are in this tent"?

As death approached, what was Peter doing with the time he had left?



By David Sproule

It's All a Matter of Authority (Part 1)

In every facet of your life, it is essential to recognize and respect authority. (By the way, the downfall of our society has much to do with the failure to accept and apply this principle. But, that's another article.) Authority. It's the thing that everybody loves to hate, but it's the thing that when it's absent leads to utter chaos.

Consider authority in the home. It must exist and it must be recognized and respected. Children need to understand that there is authority in the home, and it's not them. When authority is not accepted and submitted to in the home, chaos results.

Consider authority in the school. It must exist and it must be recognized and respected. Students need to understand that there is authority in the school, and it's not them. When authority is not accepted and submitted to in the school, chaos results.

Consider authority in the workplace. It must exist and it must be recognized and respected. Employees need to understand that there is authority in the workplace, and it's not them. When authority is not accepted and submitted to in the workplace, chaos results.

Consider authority in the courtroom. It must exist and it must be recognized and respected. Attorneys, clients,

jurors and observers need to understand that there is authority in the courtroom, and it's not them. When authority is not accepted and submitted to in the courtroom, chaos results.

Yes, in every facet of your life, it is essential to recognize and respect authority. So, what about in religion? Does it apply there? Oh, yes! And even more so because of the weight of the authority and the value of what is at stake. And here is what every single one of us, without exception, must understand—there is authority in religion, and it's not us!

There is authority in religion, and it's not us!

Jesus Christ alone has "all authority" (Matt. 28:18). You've probably heard that a thousand times, but hear it again. When Christ declares that He has "all authority," that means that you and I have none. God said, "Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you" (Act 3:22). Did you see that? ALL things! That's ALL authority! And those who choose not to "hear" Him and rebel against His ALL authority will be "utterly destroyed" (3:23). You see, that's what happens when authority is not accepted and submitted to in all facets of life—chaos results.

Do you believe in God? Do you believe that Jesus is God's Son? Do you want to go to heaven? Then it requires that you recognize and respect the ALL authority of Christ! Where do I find His authority today? Read next week's article.



By Josh Blackmer

The Tale of Two Hearts (Part 2)

“A wonderful fact to reflect upon, that every human creature is constituted to be that profound secret and mystery to every other” (Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*). We don’t know how people will respond to information. We speak and share what is needed and pray for the best possible outcome. However, that is not always the case. One could take the blame for the reaction, thinking, “If I had only said it this way.” Yet, in the end, it is a heart condition that either accepts or rejects the good news of the gospel. This is highlighted in the events that unfolded around Stephen’s death.

The book of Acts tells us that Stephen “was performing great wonders and signs among the people.” Many tried to debate him, “but they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking” (Acts 6:8-10). Some men were paid to bring false charges against him, saying that he had blasphemed God, and he was taken before the Jewish council (Acts 6:11-15).

There, in front of the council, with no doubt an audience gathered, Stephen begins to preach. He spoke of the promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Acts 7:1-8). He spoke of Joseph and the famine and the process that got God’s people into Egypt (Acts 7:9-16). He spoke of the bondage, deliverance

and time in the wilderness under Moses’ leadership, as well as the apostasy of the golden calf (Acts 7:17-44). He spoke of the kingdom God established through David and the coming of the Righteous one that they rejected (Acts 7:45-53). His message was highlighting their disobedience to God’s message like those of their fathers before them, saying, “you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it” (Acts 7:51-53). While this was a harsh message, it was inspired and prescribed by God.

Be careful that our hearts do not harden to the truth.

As we know, the response was not a favorable one. “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him” (Acts 7:54). Stephen was allowed a vision of heaven with Christ standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:55-56). Stephen knew heaven was attentive to what was unfolding in that moment. It was then that the people stoned Stephen (Acts 7:57-60). Yet he died with a grace like our Lord, not laying any blame at their feet.

We examine these two hearts from Acts chapter two and seven to show the response of hearts to the message that we are commanded to preach. Some will have soft and receptive hearts. Others have hard hearts and maybe even respond aggressively. This doesn’t change the task at hand. Nor should we change the message to fit the fickle hearts of men. The power of the gospel is in its purity and great sealing sacrifice.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Work out your own salvation

It is a wonder that some folks have not pulled a muscle (spiritually speaking) in all of the contortions that they have gone to in an effort to explain away what a Bible verse teaches. Philippians 2:12 is one of those verses. The verse begins with the word “Therefore.” Therefore what? “Therefore, my beloved,” based upon the exemplary humility of Jesus, which was expressed in His obedience (2:5-8), “as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling...”

In a fundamental misunderstanding (and misrepresentation) of what the Bible teaches about “works,” they want “work” to be a 4-letter word that cannot be spoken in a conversation about salvation. However, what did the Bible just say to these Christians? “Work out your own salvation.” How do I do that? Paul just told us—“obey,” just like Jesus was humble and obeyed.

Can I earn my salvation? No, of course not! But my salvation is conditioned on obeying the one who offers it to me! – DS



The easiest and hardest seats in the church

The easiest seat in the church? What do you think it is? It’s the “Monday Morning Church Member Seat.” It’s the seat that many members recline in on a Monday (or even Sunday afternoon), as they question, judge, deride and even laugh at decisions the elders make and actions they take. This chair is so easy, and sometimes it’s a big chair that can fit lots of people.

The hardest seat in the church? What do you think it is? It’s the seat that the elders sit in 1440/24/7/365 (not just on Sundays when they make an announcement). It’s the seat that is stained with tears and sweat of shepherds, who are striving daily to lead their flock of sheep to the Chief Shepherd (1 Pet. 5:1-4), knowing that they will be held accountable (Heb. 13:17).

The people sitting in the easiest seat don’t have all the information the elders have! They don’t have the responsibility either! Rather than recline and ridicule, it would be much more productive for them to rise up, respect and rush to the throne of God for these men (1 Thess. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:7). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

David Brown	recovering from an outpatient procedure
Mary Coombs	dealing with health issues
Glen Dawson	at home and under Hospice Care
Dan Johnson	in Promedica (room 609), awaiting second amputation
Robin Landen	dealing with several health issues, severe blood disorder
Richard Lerro	undergoing medical tests
Blake Leslie	received a stem cell infusion from Abigail
Gwen Lyons	recovering from surgery on her ankle
Cheryl Milton	undergoing radiation treatments
Maurine Reed	at Hamlin Place on Hypoluxo Road for rehab
Jettie Sweetenburg	awaiting tests on the spot on her lung
Betty White	recovering from neck surgery and 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 Holloway
Glen & Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Terri Hahn	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, dealing w/dementia and other issues
Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, diagnosed with prostate cancer
Lamatron Gadson	Freddie Gadson's sister, under Hospice Care
Corinne Gardner	Dave Holaday's daughter, diagnosed with melanoma
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, back in the hospital
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, rehab on her broken femur
Bobby Tucker	Eva Fulton's brother, bleeding on his brain
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, undergoing tests, very weak

**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, September 25

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume next week.

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

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

Saturday, October 1

- ◆ **Knock-On-Your-Neighbor's-Door Day.** Use materials in the lobby and invite your nearest neighbors to worship on Sunday.

Sunday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 2 (cont.)

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Monday, October 3

- ◆ **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 plates/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday-Saturday, October 7-8

- ◆ **Ladies' Fall Encampment at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Your Shape." Visit www.cfbiblecamp.org for more details and to register.

Sunday, October 9

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **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

Saturday, October 1

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

Monday, October 3

- ◆ **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 plates/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday, October 21

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

Monday, November 7

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



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, September 25

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ◆ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume next week.

Friday, September 30

- ◆ **Area-Wide Youth Kickball** at 7:00 p.m. at the Jupiter-Tequesta church building. Come and play kickball with the Jupiter-Tequesta and Stuart youth! Chick-Fil-A will be catered for dinner. Bring drinks. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

Monday, October 3

- ◆ **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 plates/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Thursday-Sunday, October 6-9

- ◆ **RUSH Weekend at FHU.** Cost is \$50 per person plus money for food. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - October 2022

October 2 ^(A) October 9 ^(C) October 16 ^(A) October 23 ^(S) October 30 ^(L)

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Michael Ellis	Willie Smith	Dan Fuller	Jeff Leslie	Novel Brown
Scripture Reader	James Green	Robert Mariano	Freddie Gadson	Lawrence Williams	Tim Fry
Presiding at Table	Johnny Davis	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	Kirk Crews	Willie Smith
Serving at Table	Jimmie Banks Kirk Crews Gorman Ericksen Michael Erickson Graysen Hayes Hunter Hinton Luther Robinson Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder Ivan Villard	Tim Cox Tim Fry Namdidie Ikon Todd Juckett Richard Kelley Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Vincent Rogers Tyler Williams	Troy Alberga Ed Buonadonna Cris Cuevas Devin Eutsey Andres Fernandez Gary Jenkins Daniel Lord Chuck Reeves, Jr. Dirk Summerlot Eugene Williams	Lance Collier Gorman Ericksen Michael Erickson Jeff Goodale James Green Kameron Heitler Hunter Hinton Islay Rodriguez Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder	Victor Colage Namdidie Ikon Richard Kelley Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Robert Mariano Nicholas Pietro Vincent Rogers Nahum Villard Tyler Williams
Closing Prayer	Paul Metzkes	Philip Porter	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Mike Archer	Taylor Reeves

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Opening Prayer	John Hoelzer	Ricky Smith	Paul Metzkes	Johnny Davis	
Scripture Reader	Jim Davis	Richard Watson	Daniel Wagner	John Hoelzer	
Presiding at Table	Jeff Goodale	Novel Brown	David Brown	Michael Ellis	
Serving at Table	Connor Goodale Kameron Heitler	Trey Higbee Nicholas Pietro	Cody Price Leonard Williams	Jim Davis Connor Goodale	
Closing Prayer	Kane Campbell	Richard Lerro	Addison Collins	Joe Maloney	

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Lawrence Williams	Nahum Villard	Brandan Widner	Jimmie Banks	Seth Watson
Usher	Lance Collier Islay Rodriguez	Victor Colage Seth Watson	Edward Gager Daniel Swayne	Kane Campbell Marty Williams	Tim Cox Tim Mahlbacher

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox	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
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 18

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Kecia Campbell; Miss Lauren Erickson; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Malou Hammock; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mrs. Tangela Jackson; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mrs. Susan Shelt; and Ms. Cecilia Tipton.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Linda Baker, Centreville, VA; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL; Mr. Ronnie Gootam, Memphis, TN; Mr. Scott, Jacob & Colton Kelley, Plantation, FL; and Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL.

Thank You notes

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, September 25th
Markell Crawford
Dan Fuller

Wednesday, September 28th
Graysen Hayes

Monday, September 26th
Betty Davis
Ophelia Holmes
Gary Jenkins
Vincent Rogers

Thursday, September 29th
Angelica Fernandez

Saturday, October 1
Louise Phillips
Robin Stone

Thank you very much for all that you have done for us during our recovery from surgeries. The unbelievable number of encouraging cards, phone calls and texts meant so much to us. Not only did we receive cards from adult members, but also from groups of the young people. This was a great boost for our mental state. Above all, your never ceasing prayers are very much appreciated. We will never forget your kindness! We send our love to all.

Sam & Peggy Simpkins

I appreciate so much all of the visits, call and cards that I have received during my surgery and recovery. The prayers are definitely making a big difference, so please do not stop. Thank you!

Dan Johnson



Directory Changes

Juna Dorcelly placed membership on Sunday, September 18.

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, September 25

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.
Scripture Reading Daniel Lord
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan Fuller
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Bob Higbee

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna Edward Gager
Addison Collins Gary Jenkins
Devin Eutsey Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Andres Fernandez Brandan Widner
Freddie Gadson

Sunday Evening, September 25

Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading Daniel Wagner
Singing
Lord's Supper Paul Metzkes
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Daniel Swayne

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga Leonard Williams

Wednesday Evening, September 28

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Graysen Hayes
Family Prayer Johnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	Sept. 18	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	180	176
Sun. AM Worship	261	243
Sun. PM Worship	123	116
Wed. Bible Study	138	138
Contribution	\$18,189	\$16,231

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$46,632

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

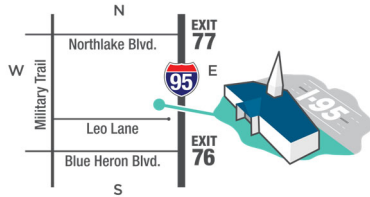
Ushers for this week: Cody Price & Eugene Williams
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



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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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Questions Surrounding
The Second Coming

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**NEW BIBLE CLASSES
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SUNDAY MORNINGS
Revelation

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
Christian Living