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New Bible Classes (DEC. 18-FEB. 22)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (Dan Jenkins):

Decoding Justification By Works

It may seem strange that Paul says that salvation is "...not of works" (Eph. 2:8), while James says that "...a man is justified by works" (James 2:24). The Holy Spirit gave both of these statements to these inspired men. Many find this so hard to understand. This class will reveal what the Holy Spirit says about grace, faith and works.

Adult 3 (Kirk Crews):

Young Adults: Life Lessons from Jesus

We all learn differently, but for most of us, a picture is easier to follow. No one understood that better than Jesus. Over one-third of Jesus' teachings are in the form of parables. Parables have often been defined as "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." Together, we will look at Jesus' parables with one objective – what does this mean for me?

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

Auditorium (Josh Blackmer):

The Book of Deuteronomy

Moses gave the law to Israel a second time before entering the Promised Land. This book is a beautiful treatise on devotion and faithfulness to God. We will go through it as an overview with an eye for those principles and concepts that are still valid for us today. What was written for our learning holds many spiritual treasures.

Adult 1 (Traci Sproule):

Ladies: God With Us

Our Lord keeps His promises. He promised Moses, and then Joshua: "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." This study will examine a series of Bible characters whom the Scripture specifically says, "the Lord was with." Let us draw comfort and encouragement from learning how God was with these Bible heroes, and how He is with us today.



By Dan Jenkins

A Faith Greater Than the Faith of Martyrs?

The writer of Hebrews could so easily see the dangers faced by those Jewish Christians. The nation that killed God's Son turned its wrath on the church almost from the day it began. Jesus had warned them about the trials that were coming. Obviously, they persecuted those Gentiles who had become followers of Jesus, but their persecution was even more fierce on the Christians addressed in this epistle.

They had begun their walk with Jesus and faced many trials which came their way. Hebrews chapter ten describes this: "After you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings...you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations." The author then adds, "You became a companion of those who were so treated" (10:32-33).

How did they emotionally respond to all of this? "You joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods" (10:34). Earthly possessions are meaningless when viewed from the eternal truth about our existence. They could so easily give up that which was temporal. "Knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven."

Living faithfully on this earth for many years is so difficult. We understand the faith of those who are martyrs for the

cause of Christ. At that last moment they reached deep within their souls and their faith sustained. What we may have done is overlooked the depth of the faith of those who face not a momentary trial, but serve Him for years and years. We rightly honor the faith of martyrs, but perhaps it takes a deeper faith to serve Him for years and years.

When this letter was written their devotion was weakening. Look again at this chapter and the admonition given to them. "Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God you may receive the promise...if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in Him" (10:35-38).

Now make the application in your life. How long have you been a Christian? Where is your faith in Him compared to what it once was? Remember how joyfully you served Him at first? Remember your routine of daily Bible study and prayer? Remember the joy of partaking of the Lord's Supper and being part of worship, praising His name? Is it possible that we have become "tired" because the journey seems so long? It is not that we have walked away from Him, but have we lifted our anchor and are we slowly drifting away (Heb. 2:1)? God help us to remember to view our life on this earth as being only a moment compared to eternity!

Living faithfully on this earth for many years is so difficult and we can get "tired"



By David Sproule

"Six Days" Is Not Complicated

In a variety of ways, certain skeptics of the Bible attempt to take some of the simplest teachings of the Bible and complicate them to mean something they do not, and they seek to use their so-called "scholarship" to convince individuals that their conclusions are sound. This is true of a variety of Bible teachings, but consider for a moment the days of creation.

On the very first page of the Bible, readers learn about the creation of the universe and everything in it. The Bible plainly teaches that all of this transpired over a period of six days. Unfortunately, those who consider themselves "to be something" take the simple and argue that it is not so simple. Attempts have been made to identify the "days" in Genesis 1 as long eons of time and not actual 24-hour, literal days. But read the text for what it says.

In verse 5, God defines what a day is. "So the evening and the morning were the first day." The Bible uses these words numerous times in a literal way just as we use them today. A "day" is made up of two parts: evening (a time of "darkness") and morning (a time of "light"). A simple, unbiased Bible reader will understand this to be a 24-hour day.

Verse 5 also begins to number the days—"the first day," "the second day" (1:8), "the third day" (1:13), etc. Ex-

cept in areas of figurative, prophetic language, when "day" is preceded by a numeral in the Old Testament, it is always a 24-hour period. God was numbering the days for us.

In verse 14, God distinguished the word "days" from the word "years." If the "days" of creation were actually "years" (as some suggest), then what does the word "years" mean? These words are used in the very same way that we use them today. If not, the passage is nonsensical.

If there was eons of time after the creation of the grass, herbs and trees on the third day, how did those plants and vegetation survive the years upon years of darkness (with no light) and the eons of time before insects were created to pollinate them? They could not have survived.

The text in Exodus 20:8-11 is God's clear commentary on the creation. It is so easy to understand. "Remember the Sabbath day" (a 24-hour period). "Six days you shall labor," for six 24-hour periods. "The seventh day is the Sabbath," which is a 24-hour period. Having used the word "day" three times with a literal, 24-hour meaning, God then says, "For in six days the Lord made" everything. Those were six, literal, 24-hour days. The Bible makes that very plain! Only man could try to make that complicated!

There are no eons of time in the literal, 24-hour days of creation! The Bible makes that so simple to understand!

There are no eons of time in the literal, 24-hour days of creation!



By Josh Blackmer

Properly Placed Assurances

Paul, in his address to the Areopagus, spoke of the need for all men to repent and that a day has been appointed for judgment; those statements came with the assurance or proof in the resurrection of the Christ (Acts 17:30-31). We overlook the gift of having an assurance from God. We want assurances when it comes to things we buy or promises made. With God, these assurances are a blessing.

We can come to realize this assurance as Christians. It is produced by faith as we “draw near with a true heart in full assurance” (Heb. 10:22). It is made complete in hope. “Show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end” (Heb. 6:11). It is confirmed by love. “Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him” (1 John 3:18-19). It is the effect of righteousness. “And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever” (Isa. 32:17). It is made abundant in an understanding of the Gospel, “that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ” (Col. 2:2).

Every saint should strive to this level of confident assurance.

We are not just given assurances about judgment. God has made assurances about many things. We have the promise of our election (1 Thess. 1:4), our redemption (Job 19:25), our adoption (1 John 3:2), our salvation (Isa. 12:2), of eternal life (1 John 5:13), the great love of God (Rom. 8:38-39), union with God and Christ (Eph. 5:30), peace with God (Rom. 5:1), the preservation of God (2 Tim. 1:12), answered prayer (1 John 3:22), comfort in affliction (Psa. 73:26), support in death (Psa. 23:4), resurrection (Psa. 17:15), and a crown of life (Jas. 1:12). We can rely on these promises “without wavering, for he who promised is faithful” (Heb. 10:23).

There have been others who relied on the divine assurances of God. David spoke of his assurance that God was guiding him to glory (Psa. 73:24-26). Paul was confident in God’s deliverance and preservation during his trials. “The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen” (2 Tim. 4:18).

Every saint should strive to arrive at this assurance to make your calling and election sure (2 Pet. 1:10-11). We should do all we can to “hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end” (Heb. 3:14). “Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward” (Heb. 10:35). Rest and take comfort in the assurances the God has granted to us.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Inflation-proof gift

Inflation makes shopping a challenge. That is true of regular shopping for groceries and everyday merchandise. But it is also true of holiday shopping. “Stuff” costs a lot! But there are many gifts that you can give that are inflation-proof. Consider just one.

There is a gift that you can give to everyone, even to those who are unthankful (Luke 6:35). There is a gift that you can give to persons of all ages, old and young (1 Tim. 5:1-2). There is a gift that you can give any time of year, as it is good for all seasons (Gal. 6:9-10). There is a gift that you can give that never goes out of style or gets old (Luke 10:34; Acts 28:2). There is a gift that you can give that will not cost you anything (Prov. 15:1; 31:26).

This holiday season, give kindness (Eph. 4:32)! Give kindness to members of your family and to your church. Give kindness to your coworkers and your neighbors. Give kindness to the stranger at the checkout line and to the delivery person. Give kindness to all, imitating your God! – DS



Jesus knew all along

The book of John teaches us much about the knowledge of Jesus. He was more than just “a man”! He was truly God in the flesh! And the depth and expanse of His knowledge not only proves His deity but also His amazing love.

Jesus “knew all people” and “knew what was in man” (John 2:24-25). Jesus “knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him” (6:64). Jesus “knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world...He knew who would betray Him” (13:1, 3, 11). Jesus “knew that they desired to ask Him” (16:19). Jesus knew “all things that would come upon Him” (18:4). Jesus knew “that all things were now accomplished” (19:28).

How would you like to know every man’s hateful thoughts toward you? What would you do if you did? Jesus knew man, He knew their hearts and He knew the vicious death and separation that awaited Him. Still, He came, He stayed, He loved, He died, He “finished” His task. Thanks be to God! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Betty Davis	dealing with a chronic cough
Maria Hackshaw	dealing with severe back pain
Dan Johnson	at Promedica, recovering from double amputation
Owen Miley	recovering from back surgery
Cheryl Milton	recovering at home
Joel Ramirez	recovering at home
Maurine Reed	back at Hamlin Place
Betty Sanders	undergoing medical tests
Don Seay	has been discharged from the hospital
Isolyn Sinclair	undergoing tests on her eye
Jettie Sweetenburg	awaiting test results on the spot on her lung
Jonah Watson	tonsillectomy and eardrum patch on December 13

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Robin Landen	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Inell Ingram
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Terri Hahn	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
Louie Bone	Betty Davis' brother, fell and is having seizures
Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
Shirley Griffin	Mary Porter's mother, under Hospice Care
Diane McArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, still dealing with heart issues
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, ongoing health issues
Mary Pietro	Nicholas Pietro's mother, dealing with spreading cancer
Lillie Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, dealing with spreading cancer

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

Monday, December 12

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume in January.

Tuesday, December 13

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Class & Potluck** at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins. Bring a potluck dish to share.

Saturday, December 17

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

Sunday, December 18

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

Sunday, January 1

- ◆ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. Let's start the new year together!

Monday, January 9

- ◆ **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.

Friday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 15

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Friday-Sunday, January 20-22, 2022

- ◆ **Youth & Family Camping Trip** at Fisheating Creek. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby by January 15. Cost is \$25 per person.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, December 18

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults. Kirk Crews will be teaching the young adult class on "Life Lessons from Jesus."

Saturday, January 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

Monday, January 9

- ◆ **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.

Friday-Sunday, January 20-22, 2022

- ◆ **Youth & Family Camping Trip** at Fisheating Creek. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby by January 15. Cost is \$25 per person. We will worship with the Clewiston congregation that Sunday. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, December 11

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

Sunday, December 18

- ◆ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ◆ **No His Kids Class.** Will resume on January 8.

Saturday, December 31

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High New Year's Eve Hangout** at 9:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

Sunday, January 8

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo & Potluck** after morning services to go over the 2023 calendar and Robert Lupo's arrival. Please bring a potluck dish and drinks to share. Josh will answer any questions you have about the youth work at PBL.
- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ☆ Every Member Present Sunday a Julio & Flo Aristy a James Green & Michelle Franck b Sarah Rodgers	2 a Gary & Jacqui Jenkins b Michael Archer b Ellen Gager b Joseph Snyder	3 b Jacqueline Creary b Natalie Perez	4 a Joseph & Anthioda Charles	5	6 b Bobby Ingraham b Joe Maloney	7 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Willie & Giselle Smith b Lucy Bond b Sandy Colage
8 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo & Potluck ☆ His Kids Class	9 ☆ Men's Meet a Matthew & Kasandra Jones b Brenda Collier	10 b Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona b Sloan Davis	11 b Aisha Commander	12 b Addison Collins b Barbara King	13 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting b Linda Allen	14 b Silas Balfour b Mary Coombs b Robin Davis b Cindy Summerlot
15 ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated ☆ His Kids Class	16	17	18	19	20 b Julie Charles	21 b Edward Gager
Youth/Family Camping Trip (20th-22nd)						
22 ☆ His Kids Class b Andrea Leslie	23 b Luther Robinson	24 b Keila McLeod b Marisa Reeves	25	26 b Jimmie Banks b Winifred Patterson	27 ☆ Ladies & Lattes b Christene Bean b Ed Buonadonna	28 b Joyce Parker
29 ☆ Mission Sunday ☆ His Kids Class	30 b Dick Haines	31 b Charles Hayes b Mary A. Jackson				

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
December 4

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Mr. Terrence Breaux; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Don McClintock; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mrs. Liz Otero; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mrs. Susan Shelt; and Ms. Cecilia Tipton.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; and Ms. Susan Keefer, Green Valley, AZ.



Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

To Our PBL Family,

Words are not enough to express our gratitude for all of the acts of love you have demonstrated during this most difficult time. We are so blessed to be part of the Lord's church here at PBL.

The Williams & Lerro Family

We are thankful to our brothers and sisters at PBL for all the kindness shown to our mom, Bonnie Arthur, over years of shared service there. Thank you to the leaders who prepared and served graciously so that our family could enjoy a post-service meal on the day of mom's funeral service. We were filled with delicious food and sweet fellowship.

Walt & Hazel Arthur

Sunday, December 11th
Tasha Ellis

Monday, December 12th
Charlene Knowles
Brandan Widner

Wednesday, December 14th
Tim Fry

Wednesday, December 14th (cont.)
Patricia Hackshaw
Daisy Lord
Juliette Mauvais

Friday, December 16th
Allan Zamora & Francis Morales (Ann.)



Directory Changes

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, December 11

Singing..... Dion Hayes
Lord's SupperRichard Watson
Singing
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading..... Taylor Reeves
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing PrayerRicky Smith

Serve at Table:
Tim Cox Steward Lynch
Tim Fry Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon Robert Mariano
Todd Juckett Nahum Villard
Richard Kelley Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, December 11

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening PrayerNovel Brown
Scripture Reading Willie Smith
Singing
Lord's Supper Victor Colage
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Trey Higbee

Serve at Table:
Silas Balfour Nicholas Pietro

Audio this week: David Brown
Computer this week: Cris Cuevas
Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, December 14

Singing..... Jimmie Banks
Invitation..... Dirk Summerlot
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

Our Record

Attendance	Dec. 4	Nov. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	171	186
Sun. AM Worship	252	251
Sun. PM Worship	133	119
Wed. Bible Study	140	134
Contribution	\$18,682	\$16,951

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$62,046

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

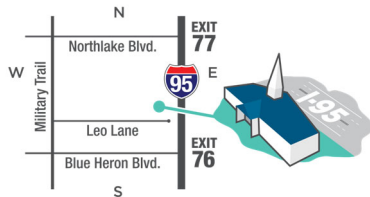
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Vincent Rogers
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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: **Bob, Jennifer & Trey Higbee**



MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD

January 29

NEW BIBLE CLASSES FOR JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH

(DEC. 18-FEB. 22)

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Issues Young People Face

(Josh Blackmer)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Pentateuch

(Dan Fuller)