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READING THROUGH THE New Testament

IN A YEAR



#### **Prayers During the Sermon**



In a recent evangelistic sermon, I heard David Sproule speak to those assembled and told them that he had been praying specifically for them. As I listened, I thought of the great impact it would have if every Christian did this. At that point of the sermon, I began to pray the same prayer.

Have we not all sung, "While we pray and while we

plead; while you see your soul's deep need; will you not my brother come?" However, is this true? How often do we sing these words, telling the lost who are in the assembly that we are praying and pleading with them to respond? Is it possible that we may never have been praying that the lost might respond and told them that is precisely what we were doing?

That decision made it so much easier to follow what was being said. I began to listen to the message from the viewpoint of the lost and in my prayers I became part of their lives.

When the church began, they were forbidden to preach or teach anyone about Jesus. It had to be exciting as they had seen the church grow into thousands of members. Consider what they did. They came together to pray for those who were teaching others, that they might boldly present God's message (Acts 4:32). Can you imagine how this impacted those who prayed, whenever they next listened to the gospel being preached to the lost?

Almost every preacher has had to deal with those who listen to the sermon to find some misspoken word. Every week, when they exit, they usually tell the preacher how he could have improved the lesson. When individuals do this week after week you wonder how much they are truly worshiping during the preaching of the sermon. Constructive criti-

> cism is so helpful, but constant critiques of every sermon is so discouraging.

On the other hand, those comments and private emails are one of the greatest joys. Words like: "Thank you for this lesson, it really helped me"; "Thank you for the way you used the Bible, I am a better person because I heard it"; "I want you to know that I was praying for you today"; "Thank you.

My friend was not here to hear this message, but I am sending a copy of it."

Be honest. Be sincere. Be that person like Barnabas who helped Paul so much, but he did not have to be in the forefront to encourage.

So let me suggest you just do what I did. Pray for the preacher and the lost during a sermon. It changed me. So, when he preaches a lesson directed to Christians, do not pray for others, pray for yourself!



#### A Chapter a Day

On Sunday, January 1, the 2023 theme for Palm Beach Lakes was introduced to the congregation, and it seems to have been received with excitement and readiness. The design is for the congregation to read through the New Testament together this year—a chapter a day.

Sometimes it is good to read through the whole Bible

in a year—taking about three chapters per day for 365 days. It can also be beneficial to try to read through the whole New Testament in a shorter timeframe of 30 days—reading about nine chapters per day. But the focus for Palm Beach Lakes this year is to take our time walking through the New Testament together, gathering all we can, one chapter at a time. If a person reads five chapters per week, he will end up reading 260 chapters in a year. That happen

will end up reading 260 chapters in a year. That happens to be the exact number of chapters that are in the New Testament.

To assist in the study this year, our elders have provided a copy of a study guide that includes some helpful information for each day's reading. There are three helpful notes per chapter, which explain some aspect of the persons, places, doctrines or concepts in that chapter. There are some suggested markings to make in your Bible, to assist in later readings and study. There are three review questions for each chapter, which are designed to capture a key element in each chapter, and can be used to engage children in the study, as well. Each day has a verse for meditation and prayer that comes from that day's chapter. Each week ends with a time of reflection, to look back on what has been read and to consider further studies that would be beneficial. The study guide is not the end-all or essential, but it is simply an aid in the effort of reading, understanding and enjoying Bible study.

The main thing is to spend time in the Word each day. The goal this year is for both individual and collective growth. The collective growth will only be seen if there is individual growth. What does that mean? The more each individual Christian spends with God in His Word, the more like Jesus he becomes. Individually, he benefits. But, when a whole church is spending time with God in His Word (particularly in a collaborative effort of reading the

same sections of Scripture), they all become more like Jesus, and the whole church benefits collectively. The early church was healthy because they collectively "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42).

Will you do your part? Will you take a few minutes every day to read one chapter? Find what works for you. Use the study guide in a way that fits you. There's nothing rigid about it. The main thing is to spend time in the Word each day. "A chapter of day keeps me on the Lord's way!"

"While we pray and while we plead..." We sing it, but do we ever do it?



#### **Conservative or Liberal?**

The classifications of conservative or liberal are used to try to categorize the way people think about political, moral, and Biblical concepts. These two ideas are seen as being at odds with one another. When it comes to spiritual matters, we need to be both of these to be godly and pleasing to

Him.

To be conservative is usually associated with maintaining traditional values and opposed to radical changes. In like manner we need to conserve those things that can't be changed. We need to conserve truth. The church is the "pillar and support of truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). Paul said that they were "not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending our-

selves to every man's conscience in the sight of God" (2 Cor. 4:2). We are also instructed to "stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught" (2 Thess. 2:15). The psalmist wrote concerning God, "Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being," and we should also (Psa. 51:6). It is clear that we should be concerned about conserving the pattern and set boundaries that God has ordained for us. Where God has spoken, we should not turn to the left or the right. We conserve what is truth. We shouldn't take away from it or make it more burdensome. The Scribes and Pharisees went too far with their ideas of conservation. They "taught as doctrine the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9). They would also "tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders" (Matt. 23:2-4). This is going beyond what God has established and binding where God has not bound.

Being liberal can be a good thing. It just depends on what we are liberal with. If we are liberal with truth, boundaries set by God, or the practices and examples set by the early

church, then that isn't good. Many have gone down the path of loosing where God has not loosed. However, if we are liberal with the things that God is liberal with, we find ourselves in the right place. God is liberal in love (John 3:16), grace (Rom. 5:20), patience and mercy (Rom. 9:22-24), forgiveness (Eph. 1:7), kindness (Titus 3:4-6), goodness (Psa. 31:19-20). These are all attributes that we need to be liberal

with, just as our heavenly Father (Luke 6:36; Matt. 6:15; Gal. 6:10). These are not easy things to do. It is easier to blame others, burn bridges, and cut people off in the name of righteousness. That is not the example we have from our Lord.

As we think about conservatism and liberalism, there are times that we need to be both and neither. If we let godliness be our guide, we find ourselves in more navigable waters—not trying to keep in step with the whims of men but with the absolutes of God in His word and His nature.

#### Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

#### There's always another side

When hearing someone share one side of some incident or situation, it can be so easy to be drawn into their version of things and believe that is the only way of seeing things. It is so very critical when listening to someone at a time like that to remind yourself of two things.

First, there is a very good chance that YOU do NOT need to be hearing whatever is being said. There is a reason that God condemns slander (2 Tim. 3:3) and that He prescribes dealing with matters one-on-one (Matt. 18:15). It may be that you need to tell this person, "You don't need to be telling this to me. You need to go and talk to that person directly."

Second, there is a very good chance that there is another side to this story that you are not hearing and would change your perspective and your conclusions. There is a reason that God said, "The first one to plead his cause seems right," and "He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him" (Prov. 18:17, 13). May God help us to be careful when others speak! -DS

#### Doing right is not always easy

There is a difference between right and wrong. The world, under the influence of the evil one, may try to convince you otherwise, but the God who made us defines right and wrong, and He puts within us the sense of right and wrong. Although children do not have "knowledge of good and evil" (Deut. 1:39), as they mature, they grow to both know it and distinguish it.

> When Jesus came, He was determined to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). Whatever was "right," He was going to do it, even when His good friend (John) didn't think He really needed to do at least one "right" thing. Some folks to-

day (maybe even friends or family) may not think that "a certain right thing" is all that big of a deal, but if God does, then it should be a big deal to you.

Doing right is not always easy. But, it puts you in good company—with Jesus and His faithful followers. And, most importantly, it should be a constant reminder to you that only "the RIGHTeous" will enter into "eternal life" (Matt 25:46). It is always right to do right! Always! – DS



Let godliness be

our guide in all

things.

# Keep in Your Prayers

#### **Pray for These PBL Members**

Mary Brown	blood clot in her right leg
Patricia Hackshaw	recovering from major surgery
Gwen Lyons	had her ankle surgery postponed again
Owen Miley	recovering from back surgery
Cheryl Milton	recovering at home
Don Seay	at Luxe Rehab in Jupiter (room 127)
Sam Simpkins	surgery for 3 cancerous tumors on his bladder on Feb. 8
Jettie Sweetenburg	lung cancer, chemo & radiation treatments

#### **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	Ine
Josie Dawson	Da
Zula Garrett	Bet
Terri Hahn	Joy
Margie Hardin	Lei
Loretta Holaday	Ric
Joan Holloway	

Inell Ingram
Daniel Johnson
Betty Matter
Joyce Parker
Leigh Puckett
Ricky Smedley



#### **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
Frank Daniels	Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, recovering from melanoma surg.
Diane McArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, still dealing with heart issues
Chelsea McLean	Brad Dubuisson's sister, undergoing chemo for cancer
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, ongoing health issues
Mary Pietro	Nicholas Pietro's mother, radiation on 15 brain tumors
Lillie Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, dealing with spreading cancer

# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, January 8

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

#### Monday, January 9

- Monday Night Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- 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, food to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

#### Tuesday, January 10

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

#### 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.

#### Saturday, January 14

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

# Young Adults

#### 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, food 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.

#### Friday, January 27

Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Allison Roman. 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.

#### <u>Sunday, January 15</u>

 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.

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#### Saturday, January 28

- Widows & Widowers Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell.
- Palm Beach Lakes

#### 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.
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Week 1	Jan. 1-7	Matt. 1-5
Week 2	Jan. 8-14	Matt. 6-10
Week 3	Jan. 15-21	Matt. 11-15
Week 4	Jan. 22-28	Matt. 16-20
Week 5	Jan. 29-Feb. 4	Matt. 21-25
Week 6	Feb. 5-11	Matt. 26-Mark 2
Week 7	Feb. 12-18	Mark 3-7
Week 8	Feb. 19-25	Mark 8-12
Week 9	Feb. 26-March 4	Mark 13-Luke 1
Week 10	March 5-11	Luke 2-6
Week 11	March 12-18	Luke 7-11
Week 12	March 19-25	Luke 12-16
Week 13	March 26-April 1	Luke 17-21
Week 14	April 2-8	Luke 22-John 2
Week 15	April 9-15	John 3-7
Week 16	April 16-22	John 8-12
Week 17	April 23-29	John 13-17
Week 18	April 30-May 6	John 18-Acts 1
Week 19	May 7-13	Acts 2-6
Week 20	May 14-20	Acts 7-11
Week 21	May 21-27	Acts 12-16
Week 22	May 28-June 3	Acts 17-21
Week 23	June 4-10	Acts 22-26
Week 24	June 11-17	Acts 27-Rom. 3
Week 25	June 18-24	Rom. 4-8
Week 26	June 25-July 1	Rom. 9-13

Week 27	July 2-8	Rom. 14-1 Cor. 2
Week 28	July 9-15	1 Cor. 3-7
Week 29	July 16-22	1 Cor. 8-12
Week 30	July 23-29	1 Cor. 13-2 Cor. 1
Week 31	July 30-Aug. 5	2 Cor. 2-6
Week 32	Aug. 6-12	2 Cor. 7-11
Week 33	Aug. 13-19	2 Cor. 12-Gal. 3
Week 34	Aug. 20-26	Gal. 4-Eph. 2
Week 35	Aug. 27-Sept. 2	Eph. 3-Phil. 1
Week 36	Sept. 3-9	Phil. 2-Col. 2
Week 37	Sept. 10-16	Col. 3-1 Thess. 3
Week 38	Sept. 17-23	1 Thess. 4-2 Thess. 3
Week 39	Sept. 24-30	1 Tim. 1-5
Week 40	Oct. 1-7	1 Tim. 6-2 Tim. 4
Week 41	Oct. 8-14	Titus 1-Heb. 1
Week 42	Oct. 15-21	Heb. 2-6
Week 43	Oct. 22-28	Heb. 7-11
Week 44	Oct. 29-Nov. 4	Heb. 12-James 3
Week 45	Nov. 5-11	James 4-1 Peter 3
Week 46	Nov. 12-18	1 Peter 4-2 Peter 3
Week 47	Nov. 19-25	1 John 1-5
Week 48	Nov. 26-Dec. 2	2 John-Rev. 2
Week 49	Dec. 3-9	Rev. 3-7
Week 50	Dec. 10-16	Rev. 8-12
Week 51	Dec. 17-23	Rev. 13-17
Week 52	Dec. 24-0	Rev. 18-22

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





**Julio & Flo Aristy** no longer have a home phone number. They are only using their cell phones.

Teresa Williams is moving to Wisconsin this week.



### January 29



Sunday, January 1

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Miss Tytianna Cox; Mr. Cy Cox; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Collin Kato; Mr. Don McClintock; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; and Mrs. Jessalyn Taker.

**<u>OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS</u>**: Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Julie Aldrich, Sunrise, FL; Mrs. Joyce Blake, Stone Mountain, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. Keith Hatchett, Port Orange, FL; Miss Clova James; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Lindsey McPherson, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Astrid Menendez, CA; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Jerrold & Melissa Pedigo, Murfreesboro, TN; and Miss Kimone Reid.



<u>Monday, January 9th</u> Matthew & Kasandra Jones (Ann.) Brenda Collier

<u>Tuesday, January 10th</u> Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona Sloan Davis

Wednesday, January 11th Aisha Commander <u>Thursday, January 12th</u> Addison Collins Barbara King

Friday, January 13th Linda Allen

Saturday, January 14th Silas Balfour Mary Coombs Robin Davis Cindy Summerlot

#### **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, January 8

Cinging	Conv Friedly
	Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper	Dion Hayes
Singing	
Opening Prayer	Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reading	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Singing	-
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	David Holaday
Serve at Table:	
Andy Anderson	David Perez
Ed Buonadonna	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Devin Eutsey	Islay Rodriguez, Jr.
Andres Fernandez	Daniel Swayne
Gary Jenkins	Brandan Widner
Service Coordinator:	Ushers for this
Eugene Williams	<u>Safety Team</u> fo

#### Sunday Evening, January 8

SingingStephen Beliech Opening PrayerDan Fuller Scripture ReadingAddison Collins Singing				
Lord's Supper David Lord Contribution Singing				
Sermon				
Singing Closing PrayerDirk Summerlot				
Serve at Table: Daniel Wagner Leonard Williams				
<u>Audio</u> this week: David Brown <u>Computer</u> this week: Cris Cuevas <u>Video</u> this week: Edward Gager				

<u>Ushers</u> for this week: Bob Higbee & Dan McLeod <u>Safety Team</u> for this week: Darin Summerlot

#### Wednesday Evening, January 11

Singing	 Ivan Villard
Invitation	 David Lord
Family Prayer	 Dan Fuller

Our Re	cord
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Attendance	<u>Jan. 1</u>	Dec. Avg				
Sun. Bible Study	143	160				
Sun. AM Worship	251	251				
Sun. PM Worship	127	110				
Wed. Bible Study	145	125				
Contribution \$	17,902	\$16,261				
2023 Weekly Budget: \$TBA						
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBA						

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## Upcoming Events

January 29 Mission Sunday

February 11 Sweetheart Banquet

March 5-8 Gospel Meeting with Jeff Jenkins Theme: "God's Glorious Plan for Us"

April 20 Ladies' Day

May 6 Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men Theme: "Disabling the Devil's Devices"

May 14 Promotion Sunday