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New Bible Classes (MAY 21-JULY 26)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (Dan Jenkins):

The Book of Ruth

We often overlook "unimportant" women in the Bible who actually are truly important. We overlook women like Lois, Eunice, Hannah and Jael. These Jewish women were used by God to accomplish His work. However, one Gentile woman stands out. Ruth forsook the idols of Moab to become a follower of God. There is much to be learned by studying her life.

Adult 1 (David Sproule):

How to Detect a False Teacher

Nearly every book of the New Testament contains some kind of warning against false teachers. That should tell us something. Along with those warnings are given the means by which to discern teachers of truth from teachers of error. How can we do that? Why does this matter? What should we do when a false teacher is detected? Let's study this together.

Adult 3 (Kirk Crews):

Young Adults: Good Lessons from Bad Guys

We spend a lot of our time in Bible class studying "heroes." They are good, righteous, encouraging individuals, and we can model our lives after them. But sometimes we can also learn from people who fail. Together, we will dive into some lesser-known, unsavory characters in the Bible with the objective of identifying what good lessons we can learn from them.

SEE PAGE 8 FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

NEW BIBLE CLASSES FOR JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH

SUNDAY MORNINGS

How to Live Right in a World So Wrong

(Simon Tyson)

WED. NIGHTS (Starting June 28)

Worship That Pleases God

(Robert Lupo)

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*Acts 17 -
Acts 21*

Congratulations, Graduates!



Kinsey Hayes

High School: Homeschool & FHU Dual Enrollment

Awards: Associates of Arts degree from Freed-Hardeman University, summa cum laude

Hobbies: hanging out with friends, listening to music

PBL Memories: Upward Bound, Paraguay Mission Trip, Leadership Training Camp

Future plans: Attend Freed-Hardeman University, study kinesiology



Alice Nelson

High School: Homeschool & FHU Dual Enrollment

Activities in School: Theater and tennis

Awards: Dean's List and President's List; Associates of Arts degree from Freed-Hardeman University

Hobbies: making and listening to music, watching movies, and spending time with friends

PBL Memories: mission trips, Spring Formals, VBS, making lifelong friends, and listening to amazing lessons and classes

Future plans: Attend University of Central Florida to acquire Film degree; become film director or fashion photographer



Cody Price

High School: Homeschool

Activities in School: Beach volleyball, golf

Hobbies: playing volleyball, hiking, surfing, reading, traveling

PBL Memories: camp, VBS, holiday parties

Future plans: Attend University of Florida online; acquire real estate license; play beach volleyball professionally; travel the world

Recent College Graduates: (if known)

Sabrina Clayton (Florida Atlantic University)

Bree Solis (Freed-Hardeman University)

Other High School Graduates:

Marco Carmona

Karly Stone





By Dan Jenkins

Put a String on Your Finger to Remind You

I am not sure where the idea originated, but it has been around for decades. If there was something really important you needed to remember, you were told to put a string (or ribbon) on your finger to remind you. I am sure other cultures may have similar figures of speech and times have changed in our world. More recently we talk about putting it on our calendar or putting a reminder on our cell phone.

It is remarkable that the Jews evidently did something very much like this. When Moses gave the law, he told the Jews to do two things to keep God's word before them. They were to write them on the gates and doors of their houses or to write God's words and put them in containers and wear these containers on their hands or around their heads, just above their eyes.

Moses said, "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your doors" (Deut. 6:8-9—in the New Testament these containers or frontlets are called phylacteries—Matt. 23:5). They did not put strings on their fingers, they wore them before their eyes.

Evidently, they also wrote words on their hands. Have you not at some time or another used a pen to write important

numbers or details on your hand when you could not find paper you might use? Isaiah indicates the Jews did this when he described how and where God wrote His message.

What was that message that was so important that He wrote it down on His hand? It was written in that part of Isaiah where he told the Jews that they were headed for captivity, and he then began to give a detailed description of the coming of the Messiah. When they were in captivity, they might have felt that God had forgotten them. Such was not the case for after the captivity of the Messiah, the suffering Servant would come.

What was that message God wrote? Perhaps if we knew what He wrote it might help us know and understand our God even better. What was that message? Read these words slowly and carefully. "Yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands" (Isa. 49:16). God had written the name of His people on the palms of His hand!

God had not forgotten Israel, and He has not forgotten us! It was not a string on a finger—it was your name written on the palm of His hand. As I thought about all of this, I could not help but remember the words of Thomas about not believing in Jesus unless he saw the nail prints in His hand. As you think about the fact that God remembers us, look at the hands of Jesus. Figuratively, your name is beside those wounds in His hands!

The Jews, like most people, had a way to remember important things



By David Sproule

Hey Graduates, Don't Graduate!

This is the time of year when graduation notices start coming in the mail, graduation parties are being hosted, graduation pictures start to flood social media and graduates start to move on with their lives to bigger and better things. Congratulations to all of the graduates out there! Now, I just have one plea to make of you—**DON'T GRADUATE!** Please!

At the root of the definition of the word "graduate" is the concept of "completing" something or "finishing" something. When you finish school, you walk away from it (often with great celebration). Graduates, while you have finished some things and while you are walking away from some things, please, oh, please, don't finish, walk away and graduate from those things that are of eternal worth!

Don't graduate from God's truth! Oh, some people will find "their own truths," but there is only one objective truth given to us by God that will set us free and chart our course to heaven (John 8:32)! Don't graduate from it!

Don't graduate from your faith! You are going to be challenged. People in authority will mock you because you believe in God and Jesus and the Bible. Don't worry about them! The evidence that backs your faith and is the foundation of it is indestructible (Rom. 1:20; Acts 1:3; Heb. 3:4; 11:3).

Move on with their lives to bigger and better things

Don't graduate from the church! Some people, maybe even fellow "Christians," are going to try to convince you that the church is "optional" and that you are ok (maybe even better off) without it. Don't believe them for a second! They're wrong! You need the church and...the church needs you (Matt. 6:33; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 4:16; Heb. 10:24).

Don't graduate from godly living! "Just live any way that you want! You only live once! You do you!" That's what some folks will try to convince you to believe. The truth is that the very best life on this earth is the faithful Christian life! You will be more blessed (Eph. 1:3; John 13:17) and more fulfilled (John 10:10) by living the godly life than any other life (Tit. 2:11-14)!

Don't graduate from Jesus! You might think that you can't see Him, so He must not be real. He is more than real! He is your Friend (John 15:14), your Savior (1 John 4:14), your Advocate with God (Heb. 2:17-18; 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2), your life (Col. 3:4) and your only hope (1 Tim. 1:1). You need Him more than you need anything else!

Don't graduate from heaven! You can miss out on a lot of things in this life and still survive, but don't miss heaven! Set your sights and your mind on heaven (Col. 3:1-2), long for Jesus' return every day (Phil. 3:20) and live in such a way that heaven will be your eternal home (2 Pet. 1:11; 2 Cor. 5:10).

Leave school, but don't leave what truly matters!

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Ashley Blumhof	pulled a ligament in her side and is in a lot of pain
Mattie Cox	outpatient surgery postpone until June 6
Carolyn Cullom	fell and is dealing with back pain
Mike Erickson	recovering from a car accident and is in a lot of pain
Maria Hackshaw	recovering at home from a car accident
Charles Hayes	continues to have procedures on his face
Loretta James	home from the hospital and doing better
Cheryl Milton	home from the hospital and doing better

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



Ally Alberga, upon the passing of **her mother, Joan Alberga**, on Wednesday, May 24.

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	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, has not been doing well
Mila Buonadonna	Ed & Jeannie's newborn granddaughter, in the NICU
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, now at home and doing better
Frankie Lyons	Gwen Lyons' mother, still in rehab and is improving
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, recovering at home
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, echocardiogram on July 23





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 28

- ♦ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Monday, May 29

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on June 5.

Tuesday, May 30

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

Wednesday, May 31

- ♦ **Kick Start Your Summer Series** at 7:00 p.m. Gale Nelson will be speaking on "I Want to Pray Like Paul." Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium for class.

Saturday, June 3

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, June 3 (cont.)

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.

Sunday, June 4

- ♦ **Gift Card Shower for Robert & Reanna Lupo** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Preferred gift cards are Publix, Walmart and Amazon. Every member is invited to come and welcome Robert and Reanna to the work at PBL!
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Wednesday, June 7

- ♦ **Kick Start Your Summer Series** at 7:00 p.m. Terry Frizzell will be speaking on "I Want to Pray Like Nehemiah." Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium for class.
- ♦ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, June 3

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Wednesday-Friday, June 7-9

- ♦ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, June 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Daisy Lord. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 11-14

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, May 28

- ♦ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Bring your Bible, drinks and desserts. Parents are welcome. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday, June 3

- ♦ **Young Families Summer Picnic for Grades 5 & Under** at 4:00 p.m. at Lilac Park. See Ivan or Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, June 4

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

Sunday-Wednesday, June 11-14

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - June 2023

June 4 ^(A)

June 11 ^(A)

June 18 ^(L)

June 25 ^(C)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	David Lord	Kirk Crews	Willie Smith	Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reader	Paul Metzkes	Jeff Leslie	Ricky Smith	Dan Fuller
Presiding at Table	Dan Fuller	Jeff Goodale	Richard Watson	Gary Jenkins
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Cris Cuevas Gorman Ericksen Devin Eutsey Andres Fernandez Edward Gager Bill Ingram, Jr. Gary Jenkins Chuck Reeves, Jr. Simon Tyson	Connor Goodale James Green Hunter Hinton Jack Holoman Islay Rodriguez Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder Cristian Suarez Lawrence Williams Marty Williams	Tim Cox Tom Garrison Namdidie Ikon Richard Kelley Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano John Patrick Taylor Reeves	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Devin Eutsey Andres Fernandez Freddie Gadson Edward Gager Bill Ingram, Jr. Chuck Reeves, Jr. Brandan Widner
Closing Prayer	Freddie Gadson	Kane Campbell	Douglas Alvarenga	Bob Higbee

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Ivan Villard	Robert Lupo	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	David Brown	Johnny Davis	Philip Porter	Daniel Wagner
Scripture Reader	Daniel Wagner	Jim Davis	Rick Hall	Daniel Lord
Presiding at Table	Dirk Summerlot	John Hoelzer	Novel Brown	Darin Summerlot
Serving at Table	David Perez Leonard Williams	Lance Collier Kameron Heitler	Silas Balfour Tyler Williams	Islay J. Rodriguez Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer	Eugene Williams	Joe Maloney	Tim Fry	Simon Tyson

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Brandan Widner	Mike Damron	Nahum Villard	David Lord
Usher	Addison Collins Darin Summerlot	Jimmie Banks Michael Erickson	Victor Colage Seth Watson	Cris Cuevas Eugene Williams

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Rick Hall	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 6-8 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,
May 21

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, May 28th

Margie Hardin
Peggy Simpkins
Gorgeous Symonette

Thursday, June 1st

Cynthia Ingraham
Melinda Price

Monday, May 29th

Grace Judge

Friday, June 2nd

Macener Assad & Juna Dorcely (Ann.)
Juna Dorcely

Tuesday, May 30th

Dianne Halenda
Jené Williams

Saturday, June 3rd

Sabrina Clayton
Connor Goodale
Daniel Swayne

Wednesday, May 31st

Douglas Alvarenga

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Prince Almando; Ms. Joan Bailey; Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Ms. Anaya Chinnery; Ms. Lillian Cunningham; Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Sonia Davidson; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Ms. Ca-reen, Jody & Kay Ellis; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Johnetta Ervin; Ms. Stephanie Flournoy; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Claudia Ham-mond; Ms. Jacqueline Looseau; Mr. Ryan Lord; Mr. Keith Mackey; Mr. Don McClintock; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mr. & Mrs. Radhame & Ria Nunez; Mrs. Liz Otero; Ms. Annie Polack; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Ms. Janice Simpson; Mr. Noel Sinclair, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; Ms. Martie Veverka; Ms. Ashley Viau; Ms. Shatoria Walker; Ms. Shalonda Warren; and Mrs. Peggy Washington.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Wendy Barnes, Columbus, OH; Miss Terry Anne Bobseine, Vero Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Andres & Angelina Fernandez, Lake Placid, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Janie Flournoy, Lauderhill, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Leslie Higbee, Bryan, TX; and Mr. & Mrs. Shaun & Emily Tyson, Portland, TN.

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, May 28

Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Singing Gary Friedly
Contribution..... Phil Porter
Scripture Reading.....Orlando Lolo
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Tom Garrison

Serve at Table:

Douglas Alvarenga	Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon	Robert Mariano
Todd Juckett	John Patrick
Richard Kelley	Taylor Reeves
Steward Lynch	Nahum Villard

Sunday Evening, May 28

SingingStephen Beliech
Opening Prayer..... Ricky Smith
Scripture ReadingTim Fry
Singing
Lord's Supper..... Novel Brown
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer..... Trey Higbee

Serve at Table:

Silas Balfour Tyler Williams

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, May 31

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation..... Jeff Goodale
Family Prayer Kirk Crews

Our Record

Attendance	May 21	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	210	163
Sun. AM Worship	316	265
Sun. PM Worship	156	120
Wed. Bible Study	107	121
Contribution	\$14,491	\$16,887

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$12,761

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

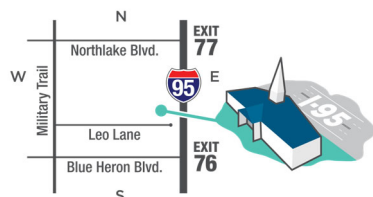
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Vincent Rogers
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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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: **Johnny Davis**

When Conflicts Arise

By Simon Tyson (Summer Intern)

It is easy to fall into the misconception that Christians will never have disputes within the church. While we should strive for no divisions amongst our brothers and sisters (1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11), there will be times when, despite our best efforts, strong disagreements will arise. What should our response be when Christian conflicts arise? Consider the story of Paul and Barnabas.

In Acts 15:36-41, Paul and Barnabas planned to visit brethren in each city and see how they were. A disagreement over taking John became so sharp that they went their separate ways, taking new partners with them (Acts 15:39-40). Knowing the history of Paul and Barnabas makes this story even sadder, considering Barnabas would have been akin to a mentor to Paul. They would have been extremely close thanks to the missions they went on together (e.g., Acts 13).

It is important to note two big things from this passage. Firstly, even though they disagreed, they did not sin. The conflict did not lead to something they would regret more later. Secondly, they did not let this cause them to stop serving the Lord! They continued to work just as planned but now separately. Likewise, later in the New Testament, we see they settled their dispute (Gal. 2; Col. 4:10). May our disagreements never cause us to lose track of what is most important in our lives or cause us to sin against our brethren and God!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES (Starting June 28)

Auditorium (David Sproule):

Jesus' Family

By means of His incarnation, Jesus took on human flesh with a human family. All of a sudden, the Son of God had an "earthly father," an "earthly mother" and "earthly brothers and sisters." What do we know about these people? What lessons can we learn? Then, by means of His death and resurrection, Jesus now has "spiritual brothers and sisters." Are you one?

Adult 1 (Various Ladies):

Ladies: First Sisters

While we did not live in the early days of Christianity, the inspired record found in the book of Acts invites us to take a closer look at many lives that were touched by the gospel in those years. There were both good and evil women from whom we can draw practical and insightful lessons, which can encourage us in our own daily experiences in the twenty-first century.