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IT'S TIME TO
CHOOSE
YOUR
SIDE.

June 11-14



READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*Acts 22 -
Acts 26*



**Welcome
Robert & Reanna Lupo**

Robert will begin
his new work as our
Youth/Family Evangelist
on Sunday, June 11.

Gift Card Shower on Sunday, June 4 at 4:30 p.m.



By Dan Jenkins

It Is Not a Ritual, It Is a Path to Holiness

Because it happens every week, it is easy for the partaking of the Lord's Supper to become somewhat of a religious ritual and we fail to understand the part it plays in our spiritual growth. The abuse of this feast in Corinth brought dire consequences. "For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep" (1 Cor. 11:30). If one does not remember Jesus and discern His body as he partakes of the bread and cup, he eats and drinks damnation to his soul.

In the New Testament we remember Him, but in the Old Testament they remembered their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. From the time the Sabbath was given until the close of the Old Testament, there was not a weekly assembly, but a time when the Jews, their families, their Gentile neighbors, and even their animals stopped all activity and spent that day thinking about God delivering them from bondage. Tragically, by the time of the New Testament, it had become a day which involved the precise distance one could walk on that day, whether it was sinful to walk through a field of grain and eat the wheat in that field as they walked. It had become a day where one could water his donkey and help his ox get out of a ditch, but the Messiah was forbidden to heal on that day. It was so ritualistic that keeping the rites of that day became a symbol of righteousness!

What happens as we remember the Lord and visit the cross of our salvation?

The failure to keep that day holy by remembering their deliverance from Egypt was a primary reason for the Babylonian captivity that lasted seven decades. God described it this way: "Her priests have violated My law, and have profaned My holy things...and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbath, and I am profaned among them" (Ezek. 22:26). The sabbath was holy and so is the Lord's supper.

So, what happens to us as we remember, not the sabbath, but the Lord in His feast? Peter described those who were failing to add the "Christian Graces" to their faith when he says, "For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten he was cleansed from his old sins" (2 Pet. 1:9). The Lord's Supper is a weekly reminder of how He purged us from our sins and delivered us from the bondage of sin. It is a time we examine ourselves as we visit the cross. The Lord wanted Israel to remember deliverance from the bondage of Egypt every week and gave them a memorial day to ensure their spiritual growth. The Lord wants us to remember our deliverance from the bondage of sin every week and has given us a memorial feast to ensure our spiritual growth.

As you eat the bread and drink of the cup, never let it become a ritual. But let it be that time when you commune with Him around His table and visit the cross of our salvation.



By David Sproule

What Does the Bible Say About "Pride"?

There is much that man can say about the topic of "pride," but that can be very subjective to the person. The first definition for the word "pride" in the *Webster's New World College Dictionary* is "an unduly high opinion of oneself; exaggerated self-esteem; conceit; haughty behavior resulting from this; arrogance." Rather than focus on what man has to say, let us allow the Bible to do the speaking. God's Word has much to say about the topic of "pride." Consider the following verses straight from God.

What does pride do, according to the Bible? "A proud and haughty man...acts with arrogant pride" (Prov. 21:24). "The pride of your heart has deceived you" (Obad. 3). "...His proud countenance does not seek God" (Psa. 10:4). "He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife" (Prov. 28:25). Many, including God's own people, "acted proudly, hardened their necks, and did not heed [God's] commandments" (Neh. 9:16, 29). In a listing of sinful actions that are "not fitting" in the eyes of God, the Bible lists "wickedness...maliciousness...murder...evil-mindedness...haters of God, violent, proud" as practices which "are deserving of death" (Rom. 1:28-32).

What is the result of pride, according to the Bible? Jesus says that "pride" is one of the many "evil things [that]

come from within and defile a man" (Mark 7:21-23). "By pride comes nothing but strife" (Prov. 13:10). "When pride comes, then comes shame" (Prov. 11:2). "A man's pride will bring him low" (Prov. 29:23). "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18). "A haughty look, a proud heart...are sin" (Prov. 21:4). "Those who walk in pride [God] is able to put down" (Dan. 4:37). "Being puffed up with pride" will cause one to "fall into the same condemnation as the devil" (1 Tim. 3:6), for "the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world" (1 John 2:16).

What is God's view of and reaction toward pride?

The answers to these first two questions already give a glimpse, but what is God's view of and reaction toward pride? "God resists the proud" (Jas. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5). "The Lord hates...a proud look" (Prov. 6:16-17). "Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord...none will go unpunished" (Prov. 16:5). "For the day of the Lord of hosts shall come upon everything proud and lofty" (Isa. 2:12). "The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, [God] will not endure" (Psa. 101:5). "The Lord will destroy the house of the proud" (Prov. 15:25). "The Lord...fully repays the proud person" (Psa. 31:23).

The Bible has nothing good to say about "pride" — there is not a single redeeming quality to be found in it. Let us heed God's warning and humble ourselves before Him!



By Josh Blackmer

There's More to It Than Just Obedience

It is easy to get caught up in completing what is required of us. We have many different roles and each demand certain basic requirements in order to maintain good standing. When it comes to our service to God, there is more to it than that. On several occasions Jesus scorned the Pharisees for their legalistic focus and neglecting the weightier matters of the law (Matt. 23:23; 9:13; 12:6-7). Let us consider some weightier matters connected to our obedience.

The Bible teaches about the importance of not neglecting the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:24-25). There is more to it than just attendance. It is another opportunity to show our love to God (1 John 3:1). Consideration should be given to the elders that have the charge of shepherding the flock (Acts 20:28). There is an encouragement we receive by seeing the faith of others (Rom. 1:11-12).

We are also instructed to be giving of our means. There is a duty connected to our contributions (2 Cor. 9:6-7). There is more to it than just giving. Our giving reflects the blessing of God in our lives (2 Cor. 9:8). With our giving, God is glorified because thanks is given to God for the generosity to His saints (2 Cor. 9:12-13). As always, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

We might not think about it but we have been commanded to sing in our worship to God (Eph. 5:19). In this act of worship, we express our praise and gratitude to God (Heb. 13:15-16). While we sing, we are praying, exhorting, worshipping and teaching. "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Col. 3:16).

We must grow to obedience motivated by love, not obligation.

We have been commissioned to carry the greatest message to the World (Matt. 28:18-20). While we are in the process of doing it, we can lose sight of the magnitude of the work. We focus on contacts made and the number of baptisms, but it is more than that. We must remember that those without the gospel are lost (2 Thess. 1:8-9). God's message is the only saving message; any other adulterated version has no power to save (Rom. 1:16). Our level of involvement in evangelism correlates with our level of concern for souls. "Look to the right and see; for there is no one who regards me; there is no escape for me; no one cares for my soul" (Psa. 142:4).

We must consider the deeper reasons for why we do what we do. Seeing the deeper matters of what God desires removes obedience out of obligation and brings it to obedience for the love of God and our fellow man.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The chief of sinners was not saved by prayer

There is great power in prayer. Prayer can truly "avail much" (Jas. 5:16), but it cannot save an alien sinner from his sins. Consider the conversion of Saul of Tarsus.

Saul would later call himself the "chief" of "sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15). Was he saved from his sins by praying? In Acts 9, Jesus appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus. Jesus told Saul to "go into the city, and you will be told what you must do" (9:6). So, for "three days," Saul was blind, he was fasting, and he was praying (9:9, 11). After three days of such intense prayer, was he saved? He was not! When the preacher Ananias came to him, he said, "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (22:16). Saul still had his sins, even after praying. In order to be saved from his sins, he had to be baptized—the act by which you call on the Lord to save you.

"The Sinner's Prayer" is not found in the Bible, but a penitent believer being baptized is. Let's point people to God's plan to save, not man's. — DS



Confounding those who hear

"Immediately" after Saul of Tarsus became a Christian, "he preached the Christ...that He is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20). This wasn't just something that he went around saying to other people. Verse 22 states, "Saul...confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ." Those who did not believe in the deity of Jesus were stirred, amazed and confounded — not that Saul was merely saying that Jesus is the Christ but because he was "proving" it. The evidence he had of Christ's deity was "provable" and "confounding."

One may be inclined to think that the apostle had access to more and greater proof that Jesus is the Christ than we do. The truth is that he did not! In fact, you have more and greater proof than Paul did, as you have the full and complete revelation of God. The entirety of the Bible (with the Old and the New Testaments combined) provides overwhelming proof.

Get into the Bible. Use it to "prove" who Jesus is. Let the Bible (not you) "confound" others! — DS

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	having outpatient surgery on 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
Charles Hayes	continues to have procedures on his face
Carolyn Kemp	car accident, in the hospital with a broken wrist
John Kemp	recovering from car accident
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

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, now in assisted living, much better
Diane McArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, suffering with shingles
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, echocardiogram on July 23

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

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, 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.

Monday, June 5

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

Tuesday, June 6

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

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.

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.

Friday, June 9

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Please bring a potluck dish. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

Sunday, June 11

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 11-14

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Operation Creation."* There are classes for all ages.

Friday, June 16

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Joan Holloway. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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!

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. This year's theme is *"Operation Creation."* There are classes for all ages.

Friday, June 16

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Joan Holloway.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, June 4

- ♦ **No His Kids Class** this week.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 11-14

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is *"Operation Creation."* There are classes for all ages.

Friday, June 16

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Joan Holloway. 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.

Wednesday-Saturday, June 21-24

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Please keep the campers and preachers in your prayers. See David Sproule for details.

Sunday, June 25

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m.

A Chapter A Day

Keeps me on the Lord's way

READING THROUGH THE *New Testament* IN A YEAR

For the Month of *June*

<input type="checkbox"/> June 1	Acts 21	<input type="checkbox"/> June 16	Mark Your Bible
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<input type="checkbox"/> June 9	Mark Your Bible	<input type="checkbox"/> June 24	Day of Reflection
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<input type="checkbox"/> June 12	Acts 28	<input type="checkbox"/> June 27	Romans 11
<input type="checkbox"/> June 13	Romans 1	<input type="checkbox"/> June 28	Romans 12
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<input type="checkbox"/> June 15	Romans 3	<input type="checkbox"/> June 30	Mark Your Bible

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 28

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Sonia Davidson; Ms. Careen Ellis; Mrs. Celeste Hutchinson; Ms. Hannah Kinglocke; Mr. John Mayne; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. Noel Sinclair; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Mrs. Peggy Washington.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Theresa Debose, Jacksonville, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Candace Farmer, Chickamauga, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Meredith & Brook Hayes, Amarillo, TX; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mani Pagidipalli, India; and Mr. & Mrs. Joel & Sandra Perez, Ten Mile, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday, June 5th

Lance Collier
Haley Hall

Friday, June 9th

Stephen & Carolina Beliech (Ann.)
Casey & Aisha Commander (Ann.)
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Tuesday, June 6th

Sandy DeVall

Saturday, June 10th

Bill & Gai Ingram (Ann.)

Wednesday, June 7th

David & Daisy Lord (Ann.)
Ted Friesner
Maria Hackshaw

Kinsey Hayes

Phyiona Patterson

Amberdenise Puckett

 **Thank You** notes

I want to thank my PBL family for all the calls, texts and cards but what I loved the most was the prayers!

Allison Roman

News & Notes

Mark your calendars! Our **100th Anniversary Homecoming** is July 1-2. Please use the cards on the pews to share one of your favorite things about PBL—a special memory, a fun event or something you're thankful for from your time at PBL. You can also email these to office@pblcoc.org.

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, June 4

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer David Lord
Scripture Reading Paul Metzkes
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan Fuller
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Freddie Gadson

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Edward Gager
Cris Cuevas	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Gorman Ericksen	Gary Jenkins
Devin Eutsey	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Andres Fernandez	Simon Tyson

Sunday Evening, June 4

Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer David Brown
Scripture Reading Daniel Wagner
Singing
Lord's Supper Dirk Summerlot
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Eugene Williams

Serve at Table:

David Perez Leonard Williams

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Daniel Lord

Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, June 7

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Simon Tyson
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	May 28	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	182	163
Sun. AM Worship	276	265
Sun. PM Worship	105	120
Wed. Bible Study	132	121
Contribution	\$15,544	\$16,887

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,855

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

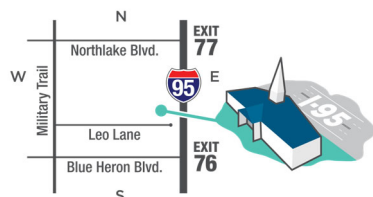
Ushers for this week: Addison Collins & Darin Summerlot
Safety Team for this week: Brandan Widner



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: **Cindy Nelson & Julie Charles**



*By Simon Tyson
(Summer Intern)*

Have You Become Complacent?

At the time of writing and publishing this article, the NHL playoffs are close to conclusion. As a hockey fan, it has been fun to watch teams push to do their best and to see close finishes to certain games. What can be extremely fun are the post-game interviews with players and coaches. One particular interview comes to mind that stunned those

who were listening from home.

For context, throughout the regular season, a regulation win is worth two points in the team's overall standings, whereas overtime losses are worth 1 point. This often motivates teams to push a close game to overtime in order to earn at least one point. In the playoffs, there are no standings or points, only a best of seven elimination. With this context, it is easy to understand why fans were outraged with a quote from a coach after back-to-back losses from his team, both in overtime: "Well, at least we got two points in the standings out of it." It was confusing considering that is not how playoffs work, and made the coach seem to not care that his team was possibly going to be eliminated soon. Why did he lack the urgency needed at such a crucial time?

While this interview can be something that gives us a laugh, allow me to lead us to ponder something: Is it possible

we have a similar attitude in the church? It is easy to fall under the temptation to sit back and be comfortable with where we are as a Christian. We could be studying our Bibles more, could be serving in various roles, etc. However, we become complacent and arrogantly think our work is good enough as is, and that we need not push ourselves to grow and mature. It is also possible as a non-Christian or a wayward Christian to lack the urgency needed to make our life right with God.

Why did he lack the urgency needed at such a crucial time?

The Bible tells us that the "complacency of fools destroys them" (Prov. 1:32). "He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich" (Prov. 10:4). May we not put on the attitude of a "fool" but rather an attitude modeling that of Paul's writings in 1 Corinthians 9:24-25: "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown."

We do not know how much time we have (see 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10). There is much work to do for the Lord, and the time to do it is now! May we not waste our time on earth or ignore the urgency of our service to God! May we never become complacent but always strive to serve Him faithfully to the best of our ability each day!