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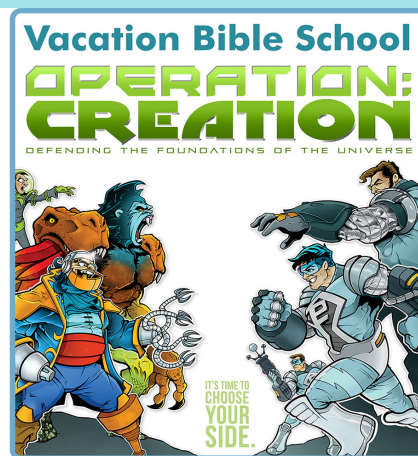


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READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*Romans 4 -
Romans 8*



By Dan Jenkins

God's Personal Message to You

As one reads the Bible or listens to sermons, he learns great truths. He learns the truth about the origin of the created world, and this knowledge becomes the basis of faith. He reads about the lives and struggles of godly men and is filled with awe when he sees their faith and how it sustained them. Yet, sometimes he just wishes that God would give him a personal message.

He studies the scheme of redemption and what sin does and how it brings bondage. He reads and sees how the blood of Jesus surpasses the blood of bulls and goats. He comprehends that His precious blood is the basis of salvation and the great price Jesus paid when He died such a horrendous death. He marvels at all of this and there is no doubt it impacts his life and the decisions he makes, yet he may still wish that God would give him a personal message.

He reads the Bible and sees those messages God personally gave to Noah about the building of the ark and the coming flood. He reads about God's messages to Abraham about Ur and later about offering Isaac. He may not want to receive the message about his own son that Abraham received about his son, yet he thinks how wonderful it would be to receive a personal message from God.

Have you ever wished that God had come and personally spoken to you?

Perhaps this story will help you, if you have ever had thoughts about God giving you a personal message. A Christian who I know so well tells the story of how he now looks at such messages. His first two children were born just fourteen months apart, and one night as he was telling them bedtime stories, he said to them, "I want to tell you something so important. Are you aware that when God wrote the Bible, He put in it one special verse for you? So, when you read this part of the Bible and this one verse remember that God put this in the Bible especially for you."

Their eyes were wide with excitement to know what personal message God gave just for them. That verse? "Obey your parents...for this is right" (Eph. 6:2). The truth is that this verse is in the Bible as a personal message to children!

The man then thought, "Are there any verses in the Bible God put there especially for me?" What about loving your wife like Christ loves the church? What about training your children in the teachings of God? It then dawned upon him that every verse, chapter, book, event, parable, discourse and every word is God personally speaking to him!

When you arrive at this point in your life, it will change how you study. This holy book is God's message, written personally to you and it gives you all you need to know. You do have a personal message from God—read it!



By David Sproule

This Little Light of Mine

It has been proven that one of the greatest memory devices is to set something to music. In preparing for tests, some people will try to take the information they are attempting to memorize and create a rhyme that they can sing. God created our minds as fascinating machines, and He tied our memories somehow to song. When little kids are trying to remember the order of the books of the Bible, often they will sing the song. When not-so-little "kids" are trying to remember the names of the apostles, they will often sing the song. I applaud those parents who have recordings of church hymns and children's Bible songs that they play for their children around the house and in the car. It gets those spiritual concepts "stuck" in their heads (and in their hearts).

Think about how many Bible verses are set to songs. Glenn Colley and his family set hundreds of Bible verses to song for "little kids" to learn. Jeff Miller, from Apologetics Press, did the same thing. Think about how many "good ole VBS songs" are actually a Bible verse. What a great way for our children to learn the Word of God and to get it hidden in their hearts and written on their souls! One old classic is "This Little Light of Mine." Think about the words of this song.

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!" Jesus

told His followers that this is our responsibility (Matt. 5:14-16). We are to be a "light" in a world of darkness (Eph. 5:8), and of course, our "little" light is merely reflecting the true "light of the world," who is Christ Himself (John 1:5; 3:19; 8:12; 12:46). Our responsibility, as Jesus commanded, is not to "shine our lights" but to "let it shine." Living right in a world so wrong just becomes part of who we are on a daily basis.

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"All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine!" It is easy to "let it shine" on Sundays, when around other lights, but that is not where the benefit of the light is so desperately needed. I need to "let it shine" all around my workplace, my school, my neighborhood, my social organizations, my family, etc. Everywhere "in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation," our "lights" must shine (Phil. 2:15).

"Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!" Jesus said to not "put it under a basket, but on a lampstand" for the benefit of all (Matt. 5:15). I must not be ashamed of my light for Christ (2 Tim. 1:12)! I must not mis-prioritize my life so that my light does not shine (Matt. 6:33). I must live, so that all can see the light and glorify God (5:16)!

"Don't let Satan [blow] it out! I'm gonna let it shine!" "Resist the devil" (Jas. 4:7). "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation" (Matt. 26:41). The "roaring lion" wants to blow your light for Christ out (1 Pet. 5:8). Don't let him!



By Josh Blackmer

Last Message, Beware!

What do you say when you are leaving? Maybe it will be a while before you see someone again or you may never see them again. What words or concepts are most important to share?

Paul had a similar encounter with the elders of Ephesus, when he called them down to Miletus to meet him. Paul told them that they “would no longer see his face” (Acts 20:25). He validated that the message he had given them had been the truth (Acts 20:20, 26-27). He encouraged them to be on guard for the “church over which the Holy Spirit had made them overseers” (Acts 20:28), that they should be on the alert for “savage wolves” that would come into the flock (Acts 20:29-30). He then used himself as an example of one that would labor in the congregation. He also reminded them of the servant example of Christ, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

Peter understood that his departure was at hand, “knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me” (2 Pet. 1:14). He was “diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind” (2 Pet. 1:15). There were things that he wanted the church to be able to remember, which is important because they didn’t have copies

of the Bible in their homes or on their phones. The teachings they had access to were from the copies the church had of letters, those that had spiritual gifts in the first century, and what they remembered from the teachings they heard. For this reason, he speaks about the validity of his message. He didn’t use “cleverly devised tales,” but he was “an eyewitness of His majesty” (2 Pet. 1:16). He reminded them that he heard the voice of God on the mount of transfiguration (2 Pet. 1:17-18). He taught them about the nature of inspiration, the operation and origin of the message. Mankind is not the origin of the message. God is the origin of the message with the Holy Spirit as the operation, “men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Pet. 1:19-21). He then contrasts what they taught and how the inspired message was transmitted with false prophets and false teachers. “But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves” (2 Pet. 2:1).

It is worth noting that two apostles, when given the opportunity for a last message, spoke about future dangers facing the church. We must be alert to the ravenous wolves, to false teachers, and so-called prophets that twist the truth. “Not everyone who says, ‘Lord, Lord’” is teaching truth or is known by the Lord (Matt. 7:21-23).

We must stay alert.



By Robert Lupo

What Can You Expect from Me?

I imagine there are many questions you might have for a new family/youth evangelist. The chief question among our particular church family would be, “Do I call you Robert now, or can I keep calling you ‘Bobbo’?” If you’re still wondering, please call me whatever sounds right to you. But, you probably have much more important questions. So, this is what you can expect from me at Palm Beach Lakes.

In 2 Timothy 4:2, Paul wrote to his son in the faith to reassure him of his mission as an evangelist. While his words were directed at Timothy, the purpose of the letter shows that his words apply to all ministers of the gospel of Christ. Though my focus is on the youth, my mission is the same as Timothy’s.

First, I must preach the word. My basic work is to be a proclaimer, and my subject is the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:26-27). While there are many books out there that offer solid advice for young people and their families, that is not where I should be focused. I must teach the wisdom of God and not of man (1 Cor. 2:2-5).

Second, I must be ready in season and out of season. There will be times where preaching is easy and times when preaching is difficult. There will be times when I might be discouraged. Regardless of the times, I have a duty to fulfill my

ministry (2 Tim. 4:5).

Third, I must convince, rebuke and exhort with all longsuffering and teaching. God has given preachers a sacred charge to maintain sound doctrine. Knowing the Scripture is not enough. I must be able to prove the Biblical interpretation. This means I cannot present any private interpretation but the meaning that the text demands (2 Pet. 1:20-21). Furthermore, I must teach the Word of God with longsuffering. Discipleship takes time to develop. So, I must be patient as I stand for the truth, call out falsehood, and plead with our youth and their families to seek a closer and more faithful relationship with God.

So, what can you expect from Robert (or, Bobbo) as a preacher? Expect that I will strive to keep the charge that has been laid before me. I love this church with all of my being. I thank God that He has given me a deep love and ability to relate with younger people. I pray that I will meet all the expectations that He and the congregation have for me. My work is simple—do the work of an evangelist.

So, my question is, “What does God expect of you?” Our youth program cannot be successful if it is a one-man operation. If you are not already involved in our youth events or mentorship, have you met God’s expectations? Who knows if your decision to serve might change the lives of our youth?

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Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	having severe pain in her hip and needs replacement
Linda Coe	may be able to finally have her knee surgery on July 11
Dick Kelley	dealing with some health issues
Carolyn Kemp	car accident, in the hospital with a broken wrist
Gwen Lyons	cataract surgery postponed until July 25
Don Seay	recovering at home from hospitalization
Willie Smith	dealing with some health issues
Amy West	having major surgery at Good Samaritan on June 20

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, having health issues
Louie Bone	Betty Davis' brother, recovering from a broken hip
Diane McArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, suffering with shingles
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, echocardiogram on July 23
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, hospitalized, various issues

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 18

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

Monday, June 19

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

Tuesday, June 20

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

Wednesday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 25

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women at 9:00 a.m. There will be a separate class for the ladies.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Saturday-Sunday, July 1-2

- ♦ **PBL's 100th Anniversary Homecoming.** Guest speakers include: Bill Boyd, Kevin Cain, Dan Jenkins, Jonathan Jenkins and Al Washington. If you have not already, please send us an email (office@pblcoc.org) with a special memory, a fun event or something you're thankful for from your time at PBL.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Dinner & Fellowship
***Please RSVP to the church office for Saturday dinner.**

Sunday. 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Evening Worship

***We are having a Potluck Luncheon on Sunday** after morning worship. Bring lots of food to share.

Friday, July 7

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday-Sunday, July 1-2

- ♦ **PBL's 100th Anniversary Homecoming.** Guest speakers include: Bill Boyd, Kevin Cain, Dan Jenkins, Jonathan Jenkins and Al Washington. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan on attending Saturday for dinner at 5:00 p.m. If you have not already, please send us an email (office@pblcoc.org) with a special memory, a fun event or something you're thankful for from your time at PBL.

Saturday, July 8

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

Sunday, July 30

- ♦ **Wedding Shower for Jimmie Banks & Cherylann Wineinger** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon. See Casey Bound for details.

Saturday, August 5

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, June 18

- ♦ **No His Kids Class** this week.

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. There will be a separate class for the ladies.

Sunday-Saturday, July 16-22

- ♦ **Forever Camp at CFBC** for Ages 10-Grade 12. Registration will close on July 1. Please register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 22-26

- ♦ **Upward Bound at CFBC.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ☆ PBL's 100th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend (Begins at 5:00 p.m.) a Andres & Angelica Fernandez
2 ☆ PBL's 100th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend (Evening Service at 1:00 p.m.) a Richard & Debi Watson b Misty Hayes	3 b Bethany Leslie b Julie Watson	4	5 b Amy West b Debora Lynch b Jim Rogers b Rachel Byerly	6 a Derrick & Stahia Banks b Jeff Goodale	7 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting a Ted & Laura Schuemann	8 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Paul & Lisa Metzkes
9	10 b John Loftis b Sarah Smedley	11 b Karen Friesner	12	13 b Novel Brown	14 b Kasandra Jones	15 a Robert & Norma Mariano
16 b Jim Davis	17	18 a Chuck & Marisa Reeves b Carolina Beliech	19 a David & Traci Sproule b Jeff Leslie	20 b Gorman Ericksen	21 a Kirk & Mendy Crews	22
Forever Camp at CFBC (16th-22nd)						
23 b Sarah Collier b Tina Wagner	24 b Dan Jenkins b Rick Tibbetts	25 b Kameron Heitler	26 b Eva Fulton b Marsha Beasley	27 b Willie Cox	28 a David & Skye Brown b Joy Cantrell	29
Upward Bound at CFBC (22nd-26th)						
30 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ Wayne Parker Mission Report ☆ Wedding Shower for Jimmie Banks & Cherylann Wineinger b Victor Colage	31 b Robert Mariano					

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
June 11

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Prince Almando; Miss Christy Anderson; Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Sonia Davidson; Mr. Rene Jean; Mr. Collin Kato; Ms. Theresa Leach; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. Luther Robinson, Jr.; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. Ryan Smedberg; and Miss Summer Snyder.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Amanda Benezer, Melbourne, FL; Ms. Pearline El, Jacksonville, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Miss Jasmine Matthews, Boynton Beach, FL; and Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, June 18th

Dan & Judie Jenkins (Ann.)

Wednesday, June 21st

Ivan & Amber Villard (Ann.)
Eddie Gooden

Monday, June 19th

Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot (Ann.)
Judy Carmack
Gwen Lyons

Friday, June 23rd

Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon (Ann.)

Tuesday, June 20th

Dan & Loni Fuller (Ann.)
Evetta Wilson

 **Thank You**
notes

I would like to thank my PBL family for all their cards, texts and calls. Thank you most of all for your love, kindness and prayers.

Loretta James

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 18

Singing Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper Richard Watson
Singing
Opening Prayer Willie Smith
Scripture Reading Ricky Smith
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Douglas Alvarenga

Serve at Table:

Tim Cox	Steward Lynch
Tom Garrison	Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon	Robert Mariano
Richard Kelley	John Patrick
Orlando Lolo	Taylor Reeves

Sunday Evening, June 18

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Rick Hall
Singing
Lord's Supper Novel Brown
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tim Fry

Serve at Table:

Silas Balfour Tyler Williams

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Bob Higbee

Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, June 21

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Dan Fuller
Family Prayer Paul Metzkes

Our Record

Attendance	June 11	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	173	190
Sun. AM Worship	258	290
Sun. PM Worship	134	120
Wed. Bible Study	174	125
Contribution	\$16,597	\$16,106

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$12,724

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

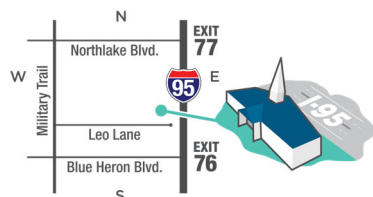
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Seth Watson
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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: **Olivia Suarez (VBSI)**



*By Simon Tyson
(Summer Intern)*

Don't Cut the Scriptures Out of Your Heart!

In Jeremiah 36, a scroll was brought before King Jehoiakim, written by Jeremiah, to warn of God's upcoming wrath. The wickedness that had surfaced displeased Him, and now it was up to the king to do what was right. As the scroll was being read to him, King Jehoiakim took it, cut it into pieces with a knife, and threw it into the fire beside him

(Jer. 36:23). The king did not stop to listen to and obey the Lord.

Brothers and sisters, do we do this same thing within our hearts? We may not literally cut up God's Scripture and burn it, but are there certain things that are hard to hear, so we just push them out of sight and ignore them? We must not fall into the trap that Satan leaves before us and cut God out! We will never know better than our God and should not deceive ourselves into thinking we can! We cannot obtain God's knowledge (Psa. 139:6) due to it being "infinite" (Psa. 147:5).

With this reality, let us put on the humble mindset that the Bible prompts us to. "I will hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land" (Psa. 85:8-9). "How can a young man cleanse his way? By

taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments" (Psa. 119:9-10).

Let us also heed the warnings to those who do not listen to and obey God. "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (Jas. 4:17). "And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes" (Luke 12:47).

May we be "swift to hear" (Jas. 1:19) but also be "doers" of the Word (Jas. 1:22). James 1:23-25 tells us, "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

We see the emphasis the Bible repeatedly puts on hearing and obeying God. We have His Word at our fingertips; so easy to listen to and yet also so easy to cast away. May we not be like King Jehoiakim, who refused to listen or obey when it became difficult, but instead stop and put on a spirit of humility towards the God, who knows all things and can do all things!

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