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Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Young Women



Troy Alberga, Trey Higbee, Cayden Scriven, Jamie Green, Connor Goodale, Kinsey & Graysen Hayes.

The design of the camp every year: To instill within our young people the confidence and skills necessary to take an active role in the work of the church, now and for the rest of their lives.

The emphasis of this year's camp: A survey of "The Life of Christ"— the overwhelming evidence that exists and its practical application to our lives.

Another outstanding camp this year! Thanks to all who helped!

By Dan Jenkins

The Importance of First Impressions

Salt and light

make a great

impression on

all that is

As part of our

"PBL Answering

Macedonian

Calls" effort...

Sometimes when you meet a person there is just something about them that sets them apart from others. There are those negative people who impact us in such a way that we find it difficult to see their souls and the potential they may have in Christ. On the other hand, there are those to whom we are

immediately attracted, and we want to get to know them better.

When God became man, He was like us in so many ways. He took on Himself the frailties of mortals, suffered like we do and was tempted in all ways like we are. However, the first impression He made on others could never be forgotten.

When He was only twelve years of age, He was separated from His parents, and they finally found Him in the holy temple talking to the religious leaders. The Bible says that when they found Him, He was "...sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers" (Luke 2:46-47). The first impression He made greatly impacted all those who heard Him.

The same is true of the impression He had on the multitude who heard the Sermon on the Mount. "When Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His teach-

ings, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt. 7:28-29). In His first discourse in the synagogue in Nazareth, "...all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth" (Luke 4:22). Not all accepted His words in the city where He had grown up, and some of them sought to kill him by throwing Him over a cliff.

He left Nazareth and went and taught in the synagogue in Capernaum for several weeks. What was the impression He made there? "And they were astonished at His teaching for His word was with authority" (Luke 4:32). The story does not end here. Read the gospel account of His life. It happens again and again.

We may not always make the kind of impression Jesus did everywhere He went, but the very

fact that we know Him impacts how others see us. Salt that is really salty and light that is not hidden under a bushel impacts all that they touch. The impact that His apostles had on others shows this. Shortly after Pentecost they were arrested and brought before the Jewish counsel. The Bible says, "When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). Think carefully about the first impression you make on others!



By David Sproule

Thank You, Josh Blackmer!

Transitions are hard. Change is hard. Some people handle it better than others. If given the option, this writer would prefer to avoid change altogether; nevertheless, life offers up changes on a regular basis. The best we can do is to make the best of it.

We are in a period of some transi-

tion at Palm Beach Lakes, as we noted two weeks ago that Robert Lupo was coming in to work with our Family/ Youth Program. That means that Josh Blackmer is moving into his new mission work. Things are really changing around here. In July, Josh will lead our Sr. High and Adult Mission Trip to North Carolina, and then he will co-direct the "Forever Camp" week at CFBC. Then, for the rest of 2023, Josh and Cara will be on the road and raising funds. What kind of mission work will they be doing this time?

As part of our "PBL Answering Macedonian Calls" effort, Josh and Cara will travel the country for seven or eight months each year, working for short periods of time with smaller, isolated congregations who need some assistance and encouragement. Josh's grandfather did a similar work for many years with congregations out west. Josh will also travel to various international works during the other months of the year, including Paraguay, Easter Island and Cuba.

From the moment that Josh and Cara arrived at PBL in July 2004, their heart has been set on mission work. Their five years in Paraguay (2009-2014) and Josh's efforts to plant the Lord's church in Easter Island solidified that desire to spend their lives in the mission field.

It has been a tremendous blessing to work side-byside with Josh in the kingdom. Josh is a good friend. He is humble, he is a hard worker, he is sound in the faith, he is

trustworthy, he has a heart for lost souls and a deep concern for smaller congregations of the Lord's church. I did not know Josh's grandfather, but I suspect that I have known that dear man through this two-decade friendship with his grandson.

Please keep Josh and Cara in your prayers! Pray for them to have safety as they travel for the remainder of 2023 and then as they begin this new,

full-time work in 2024. Pray for them as they raise funds, that congregations will be eager to support a domestic mission effort to help smaller congregations in various places. Pray for the congregations with whom Josh will be working, that his efforts with them will be profitable and uplifting. Pray for their children, who are both at Freed-Hardeman University.

Josh and Cara, we love you! We will miss you at Palm Beach Lakes, and we will look forward to those short times each year when you are back here! May God be with you!

By Josh Blackmer

The God of Peace Be With You

be a quick help

most.

There are passages that can become go-to passages for many different reasons. Many of the psalms like Psalm 23 are regularly read by many. These passages can become a sort of grounding thought when things get out of control or when we need to be reminded of the nature of this life. They are

touch stones that provide a base point for comparison and bring life into focus. I would like to share one of these passages with you.

When Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, it that will always is evident that he is writing to people he cares for and that care for him. It is easy to pick up on a close relationship that they had, not only while he was when you need it Take inventory of all the things that fit in these eight with them, but they also prayed for and supported one another while they were apart. Towards the end of the letter, he writes:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:4-9).

This section of scripture highlights several themes that help keep life in focus. We always have a reason to rejoice in the Lord. We have a responsibility to be an example to others. The Lord will return! Prayer and thanksgiving help with our

anxieties. We have access to a surpassing peace from Find that passage God. That peace is something that will guard our hearts and minds. We are given a list of eight things or areas to be dwelling on. The word actually means "to take inventory of." What a great mental exercise! categories in our lives. Paul then mentions his example to the brethren and reminds us to do the same.

> We are to be an example to all men, as was mentioned, but we are also to be examples to one another. It is one thing to be an example to the world. Their moral standards are not that high. To be an example to other saints when we know the Scripture and the expectations that the Lord has for us, that is a different thing. The result is that the God of peace is with us.

> I would challenge you to have a go-to passage for everyday living. Use this one, or comb through the Bible and find your own. Use it for your own touchstone and reminder.



By Robert Lupo

Revelation Shouldn't Be Scary

I used to work at a 7-Eleven. While ringing up a customer, I read out his total: six dollars and sixty-six cents. The customer quickly commented, "Uh oh" and grabbed something else to add to the total. Why should the total at checkout cause someone so much distress? Should a number hold that

much power over us?

The lack of understanding and misinterpretation applied to the book of Revelation has caused a ever, a true understanding of Revelation should stir up faith, hope and confidence.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is a message of Christ's victory over Satan and His enduring promise to the saints. It is impossible to fully understand all the signs in this prophecy. But we will see in the first few verses of chapter one two simple concepts that prove that Revelation is nothing to fear.

First, the book was written to show first-century Christians things that must shortly take place (Rev. 1:1a, NKJV). Many of the popular movies, books and religious theories surrounding Revelation try to apply these prophecies to some time in our near future. But, if that were the case, then why would John write to the churches of first-century Asia, that these things "...must shortly take place"? Does it not make more sense that the warnings in John's prophecy must have happened within a time relevant to its original audience? We must be careful to always keep prophecies, whether in the Old or New Testament, in their original context. This means that when it comes to the specific tribulations mentioned, we have nothing to worry about because they must have already happened.

Second, the book was written to be a bless-A true undering to the readers. Verse 3 says, "Blessed is he who great amount of anxiety, fear, and superstition. How- standing of Reve- reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for lation should stir the time is near." Revelation isn't a message of up faith, hope doom. It is an instruction manual on how to get to heaven. In chapters 2 and 3, Jesus promises that if and confidence. the Christians overcome the trials and tribulations

ahead by remaining obedient, He will reward them with eternal life (cf. 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21).

Christians have no need to fear the number of the beast or any of the tribulations named in Revelation. Those warnings were written about a conflict long since past, and Jesus was the winner! Though trials are certain to come to all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 3:12), we have a blessed assurance that Jesus will carry us into heaven if we remain faithful.

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack having severe pain in her hip and needs replacement

Dan Johnsonrecovering from hospitalizationDick Kelleydealing with some health issues

Carolyn Kemp now in rehab, recovering from car accident

Gwen Lyons cataract surgery postponed until July 25

Don Seay recovering at home from hospitalization

Willie Smith dealing with some health issues

Amy West Good Samaritan Hospital, recovering from surgery

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

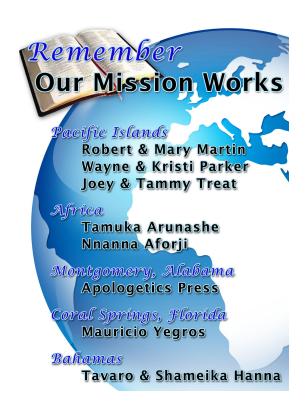
Louie Bone Betty Davis' brother, recovering from a broken hip

Dominic Clough Marcia Clough-Moss' brother, in the hospital

Delores Sims Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments **Samuel Williams** Adelene Honore's brother, now recovering at home

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



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

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 in Adult 1.
- Shepherds Praying at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

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. PBL's 100th Anniversary Homecoming.

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 Worship11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch1:00 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.

Sunday, July 30

- Wayne Parker Mission Report at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- 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 more details.



Saturday-Sunday, July 1-2

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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.



Sunday, June 25

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

Wednesday-Saturday, June 21-24

Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.
 Please keep the campers and preachers in your prayers.

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.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - July 2023

	July 2 ^(A)	July 9 ^(S)	July 16 ^(L)	July 23 ^(A)	July 30 ^(C)
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Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Ron Brackett	Orlando Lolo	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Kirk Crews	Richard Watson
Scripture Reader	Novel Brown	Philip Porter	Gary Jenkins	James Green	Robert Mariano
Presiding at Table	Lawrence Richardson	Douglas Alvarenga	Dion Hayes	Michael Ellis	Tim Cox
Serving at Table	Lance Collier Michael Erickson	Troy Alberga	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins	Michael Erickson Kameron Heitler	Douglas Alvarenga Namdidie Ikon
	James Green	Tim Fry Namdidie Ikon	Cris Cuevas	Trey Higbee	Todd Juckett
	Graysen Hayes	Richard Kelley	Gorman Ericksen	Jack Holoman	Richard Kelley
	Hunter Hinton	Steward Lynch	Freddie Gadson	Jeff Leslie	Orlando Lolo
	Jack Holoman	Tim Mahlbacher	Daniel Lord	Luther Robinson	Steward Lynch
	Jim Rogers	John Patrick	David Lord	Islay Rodriguez	Tim Mahlbacher
	Joseph Snyder	Taylor Reeves	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Jim Rogers	John Patrick
	Cristian Suarez	Seth Watson	Dirk Summerlot	Cristian Suarez	Nicholas Pietro
	Marty Williams	Tyler Williams	Simon Tyson	Marty Williams	Nahum Villard
Closing Prayer	Dirk Summerlot	Robert Mariano	David Holaday	Hunter Hinton	Taylor Reeves

Evening Worship S	Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	Ivan Villard		
Opening Prayer	Johnny Davis	Novel Brown	Dan Fuller	Graysen Hayes	Philip Porter	
Scripture Reader	David Payne	Willie Smith	Darin Summerlot	Lawrence Williams	Tim Fry	
Presiding at Table	Jeff Leslie	Victor Colage	Daniel Wagner	Josh Blackmer	Tom Garrison	
	Trey Higbee	Troy Alberga	David Perez	Connor Goodale	Troy Alberga	
Serving at Table	Joe Maloney	Silas Balfour	Leonard Williams	Joe Maloney	Stephen Beliech	
Closing Prayer	Jerry Hopkins	Tom Garrison	David Brown	John Hoelzer	Willie Smith	

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety Lawrence Williams Vincent Rogers Brandan Widner Rick Hall Jimmie Bank					Jimmie Banks
	Rick Hall	Tim Cox	Andres Fernandez	Lance Collier	Victor Colage
Usher Islay Rodriguez Nahum Villard Edward Gager				Joseph Snyder	Tyler Williams

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

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)







Sunday, June 18

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Sonia Davidson; Miss Halle Johnson; Mr. Collin Kato; Mr. Don McClintock; Mrs. Liz Otero; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; Ms. Martie Veverka; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Ron & Rovenia Benvegna, Winter Springs, FL; Miss Jasmine Matthews, Boynton Beach, FL; Ms. Annette Ray, Convers, GA; and Ms. Alison Williams, Stone Mountain, GA.



Sunday, June 25th **Rodney Woods**

Wednesday, June 28th Reanna Lupo Cheryl Milton

Thursday, June 29th **Dorothy Savage**

Friday, June 30th Edward & Ellen Gager (Ann.)

Saturday, July 1st Andres & Angelica Fernandez (Ann.)



Our Shepherds will be praying together at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3 on Sunday, June 25. All members are invited to come and pray with them. If you have a prayer request, please write it on your attendance card this morning, and they will include it in their prayer this evening.



"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

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 <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, June 25

Opening Prayer Dirk Summerlot Singing Dion Hayes Contribution...... Gary Jenkins Scripture Reading......Dan Fuller Singing Sermon Singing Lord's Supper Singing Closing Prayer Bob Higbee

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna Freddie Gadson Addison Collins **Edward Gager** Gorman Ericksen Bill Ingram, Jr. **Devin Eutsey** Chuck Reeves, Jr. Andres Fernandez Brandan Widner

Sunday Evening, June 25

SingingRobert Lupo Opening Prayer......Daniel Wagner Scripture Reading Daniel Lord Singing Lord's Supper..... Darin Summerlot Contribution Singing Sermon Singing Closing Prayer.....Simon Tyson Serve at Table: Islay J. Rodriguez Leonard Williams

Audio this week: David Brown Computer this week: Ivan Villard Video this week: Scott Studer

Ushers for this week: Cris Cuevas & Eugene Williams Service Coordinator:

Tim Cox Safety Team for this week: David Lord

Wednesday Evening, June 28

Singing	Daniel Wagner
Invitation	Simon Tyson
Family Prayer	Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	<u>June 18</u>	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	132	190
Sun. AM Worshi	p 238	290
Sun. PM Worshi	p 93	120
Wed. Bible Study	y 133	125
Contribution	\$15.556	\$16.106

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450 Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,830



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Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Front Cover: David Shannon (President of FHU) and Simon Tyson (Summer Intern)

Not Just For Special Events

By Simon Tyson (Summer Intern)

It is Leadership Training Camp week! Such a fun time of year when a certain amount of teens attend in order to learn how to be better Bible studiers and grow into the leaders the church needs. Being a camper was one of my favorite memories of living here, and I as I reflect on years past, I remember the hard work and dedication it takes to be a camper here and to thoroughly study the Scriptures.

Allow me to lead us to a side thought: do we limit our thorough study of the Bible to special events? It is easy to read our Bibles on a regular basis, but do we truly dig into it and dissect what we see and earnestly search for the meat of the Word? Maybe we do it at lectureships, Gospel Meetings, VBS, etc. Do we do it in our everyday life? The Bible encourages us to fill ourselves with the Scriptures, showing they make us "wise" (2 Tim. 3:14), "complete" and "equip" us (2 Tim. 3:16-17), and set us "free" (John 8:32). Let us "rightly" handle them (2 Tim. 2:15) and search them daily in order to find the truth (such as those in Acts 17:11-12).

Seeing the importance of studying the Scriptures, may we put on a spirit that strives to study it deeper! It takes hard work and dedication, but it gives a plethora of benefits that we cannot obtain anywhere else! LTC campers, do not limit yourselves to just this week! Take what you learn and apply it every day. For the rest of us, may we strive to do the same!

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

- 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God
 "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will
 be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- 2. Repent of your sinful ways

 "Repent therefore and be converted, that
 your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
- 3. Confess your faith in Jesus

 "If you confess with your mouth the Lord
 Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
- 4. Be immersed in water

 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
- Commit to a lifetime of faithful service
 "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).