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Welcome New Members



Smedberg, Ryan

Group 1

Baptized June 24



Johnson, Halle

Group 3

Identified July 16



Davidson, Paul & Sonia

Group 3

Paul: Identified July 16; Sonia: Baptized July 2

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 13 -
 2 Corinthians 1

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

(Carl Boberg, 1886)



By Dan Jenkins

Plant Your Roots Deeply and Bear Much Fruit

While Jesus taught more than thirty parables, only two of them are explained. He used these earthly stories to convey heavenly truths, and the message of each of these stories becomes obvious to those who seek to understand them. These two parables both deal with the planting of the seed (the word of God) in the hearts of men. After Jesus told the parable of the sower, He said, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?" (Mark 4:13).

There is a danger as one studies the parables of trying to find truths beyond the primary message the Lord had in mind when He taught them. However, since Jesus revealed the meaning of some of the details, we must not overlook their meaning.

In God's divine plan, the seed of the kingdom (the gospel) was to be deeply planted in the hearts of those who heard it. The emphasis in the parable of the sower is to reveal that those who heard the gospel would respond in different ways. The seed was always the same but the soils determined the outcome of the seed planted. When that seed was planted, most of the seed failed to produce fruit, but in the right soil it produced amazing fruit. The fruit is described in the second parable as "the sons of the kingdom" (Matt. 13:38).

Christians have deep roots for we have been planted by the Root of David

The application in our lives is that we have become the children of God because when we heard the message, we understood it and began to produce fruit (Matt. 13:23). Now contrast this with the failure of that seed when it was planted on stony ground. They heard, but they had no root (Matt. 13:6, 21). Think of what this implies about the "root" of those who are in that kingdom of heaven planted by Jesus.

Christians have deep roots. Solomon said, "The root of the righteous cannot be moved" and "the root of the righteous yields fruit" (Prov. 12:3, 12). Paul told the Ephesians that Christ dwelt in them and that they were "...rooted and grounded in love" (Eph. 3:17). He also reminded the Colossians that they were "...rooted and built upon Him and established in the faith" (Col. 2:7).

Notice that those in Colosse had their roots established in **the** faith. There are no deep roots which are not founded in the faith, the word of God. He also urged them to "...continue in **the** faith" and to not be "...moved away from the hope of the gospel which you have heard" (Col. 1:23).

What does this have to do with each of us? We will be fruitful children of the kingdom as we continue to read His word and let it sink deep within our hearts. Our deep roots are from Him who is described as the Root of David (Rev. 5:5; 22:16). Stay grounded in His teaching! Bear much fruit!



By David Sproule

Four Amazing Adjectives Applied to Us

The apostle Peter was drawing a sharp contrast between children of God and children of the devil in the second chapter of his first letter. On the one hand is "he who believes" on Christ (1 Pet. 2:6), and on the other hand are "those who are disobedient" (2:7). In the New Testament, belief and obedience are used interchangeably (John 3:36; Acts 14:1-2; Heb. 3:18-19), for acceptable (in the eyes of God) faith is an obedient faith. The contrast is also seen in their view of Jesus. To the obedient, Jesus is "a living stone" (2:4), who "has become the chief cornerstone" (2:7). To the disobedient, Jesus is "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense" (2:8).

In this context, as Peter was trying to build up these Christians who were suffering persecution, the inspired penman uses a variety of adjectives to describe who Christians are TO GOD. How does God see you as a faithful Christian? Consider these adjectives in verse 9.

"You are a CHOSEN generation." This is not an unconditional choosing. God calls us by the "gospel" (2 Thess. 2:14); therefore, He calls out to everyone with the promise of salvation (Rom. 1:16-17). But He only "chose us" who are "in Him"—that is, He chose those who fearfully obey His will (Acts 10:35) and are "born again" (1 Pet. 1:23) through baptism into

How does God see you as a faithful Christian?

Christ (Gal. 3:27). TO GOD, you are CHOSEN!

"You are a ROYAL priesthood." You are "royal" because of your relationship to the King Himself. The church is "a kingdom of priests" (cf. Ex. 19:6), for the King has "made us kings and priests to His God and Father" (Rev. 1:6; 5:10). All Christians are priests, for the King has given us access to the throne of God to worship Him personally and directly. TO GOD, you are ROYAL!

"You are a HOLY nation." The word "holy" was used in verse 5 for the "priesthood" and here for the "nation." Peter used the word in chapter one, reminding his dear readers that "as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct" (1:15). Christians are citizens of a spiritual nation (i.e., the church is now "the Israel of God," Gal. 6:16), made up of all people who have been set apart BY God, TO God and FOR God. TO GOD, you are HOLY!

"You are HIS OWN special people." You are special to God because you are "God's own possession" (NASB). You belong to Him, for He has "bought" you (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Acts 20:28), and now you are His "jewels" (Mal. 3:17), as His own "special treasure" (Deut. 7:6). TO GOD, you are HIS OWN!

When you realize, amazingly, who you are TO GOD, it ought to motivate you to "proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness" (2:9). Are you doing that?



By Robert Lupo

The Significance of the Name “Christian”

The Book of Acts records that the followers of Jesus Christ were “first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). Why was this moment so important to include in the Scriptures? Is the name really all that significant?

The Lord’s church was founded in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Peter gave the first sermon of Christ’s New Testament and over 3,000 souls were added to the church that day. But, once they were added to the church, what did these people call themselves? Throughout the Scriptures we can see different names being used. They were known as the disciples of Jesus (Matt. 27:57), the Way (Acts 9:2), the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22), the church of Christ (Rom. 16:16), and others. Each of these names explains a different aspect of the Lord’s church. But, in Isaiah 62:2-3, it was prophesied that the church would be known by one particular name. “The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD’s hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.”

The name “Christian” is only found three times in the New Testament (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:6), but it became

the most common name for members of Christ’s church. The word “Christian” (Greek *Christianos*) consists of the Greek word for “Christ” or “Messiah” (*Christos*) and has a Latin ending, “*ianus*,” meaning “belonging to or identified by.”

Prior to Antioch, Christians were seen by outsiders as just another sect of the Jews, like the Pharisees or Sadducees. But from that point, it became clearer and clearer to the world that this group of believers was entirely different. They were a unique religion, founded by Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

By being called Christians, we bear the name of Jesus Christ, the most precious name on earth. We cannot take His name lightly. The Bible says, “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow” (Phil. 2:10). His name is “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6). In the name “Christian,” we declare that we belong to Christ and that He is our Lord. And, if Christ is our Lord, then our teachings and practices must reflect that. They must come from Christ. That is why this name was given to His followers—because they mirrored their Lord. If we bear His name, we also must be mirrors of Jesus.

If we understand the significance of the name “Christian,” then we must realize that we have an obligation to live up to that name. We are not Catholics, Lutherans, or Calvinists. We are Christians. So, we must reflect His will alone.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Gird up the loins of your mind

That expression may be confusing to us and maybe even sound funny. First-century Christians would have readily understood the metaphor. Orientals wore long, loose robes, which were not conducive to running or long journeys, so they would gather up the long robes with a girdle to prepare to run or travel and to provide greater ease and freedom of movement.

The book of First Peter is interesting in that it contains 30 Greek imperatives. That’s a lot of commands! The Christian life is a life of action and obedience to the will of God. Such action, therefore, if properly done, is to be preceded with thought, intent, purpose, desire, etc. In other words, the mind (i.e., heart) must be engaged! Before the first imperative was given, Peter told these Christians to remove all other hindrances and focus their minds on obeying God.

Are there things of this life that may hinder our minds from being truly “set...on things above” (Col. 3:1-2)? Let us “prepare [our] minds for action” (1 Pet. 1:13, NASB), and then, let’s act! – DS



I want my friends to...

As you think about your friends, what would you really like for them to do? Some might say: “I want my friends to like me...to accept me...to want to be around me...to think that I am fun...to think that I am cool...to invite me to their fun activities...to not judge me for being a Christian...to not think I am weird for my beliefs...to think that I am like them...to think that I am ok with and understanding of immoral behaviors, etc.” Truth be told, do some Christians “de-Christianize” themselves periodically around their friends, so that they will be accepted?

Can I ask you a question? The people that you call your “friends,” are they really your friends? If you truly care about them, should you not finish the sentence above in this way? “I want my friends to...BE SAVED and GO TO HEAVEN!” If your friends are lost in sin and go to hell, are you ok with that? Will they be ok with that? What your friends need the most is for you to be a faithful Christian and tell them what you know about Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15; Matt. 5:16)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	Good Sam (room 583), recovering from hip replacement
Loretta Holaday	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Trudie Holland	in Luxe Rehab (room 141), hip replacement surgery
Carolyn Kemp	in rehab, recovering from car accident
Gwen Lyons	cataract surgery on July 25
Sherri Richmond	recovering from more dental implants
Amy West	chemo treatments begin July 26

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, suffering serious health issues
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, melanoma on his head
Jonathan Jenkins	Dan & Judie's son, recovering at home from accident
Genia Kane	Marty Williams' sister, heart condition, being treated
Frankie Lyons	diagnosed with vascular dementia
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, cancer, radiation treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Inell Ingram
Lillian Bankston	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Betty Matter
Zula Garrett	Joyce Parker
Terri Hahn	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

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, July 23

- ♦ **Combined Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults in the Auditorium. Dominic Dos Santos will be our guest speaker.
- ♦ **No Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. Class will resume on August 6.

Monday, July 24

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume after the parking lot construction has been completed.

Tuesday, July 25

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume after the parking lot construction has been completed.

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.
- ♦ **No Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 2

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Sunday, August 6

- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.
- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.

Sunday, August 13

- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.

Friday, August 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Daisy Lord. 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.

Sunday, August 20

- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, July 23

- ♦ **Combined Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults in the Auditorium. Dominic Dos Santos will be our guest speaker.
- ♦ **No Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. Class will resume on August 6.

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.
- ♦ **No Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 5

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

Sunday, August 6

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, July 23

- ♦ **Combined Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults in the Auditorium. Dominic Dos Santos will be our guest speaker.

Sunday, August 6

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.

Friday, August 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Daisy Lord. 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.

Sunday, August 20

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 b Stephen Beliech b Karen Lester b Allison Roman b Seth Watson b Henry Williams	4	5 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Roy & Charlene Knowles
6 ☆ Gift Cards for Mount Dora (Wal-Mart or Wawa): Deadline: Sep. 9 ☆ Leadership Training Course ☆ Back-to-School Ice Cream Social b Lena Gadson	7 a Jeff & Jennifer Goodale b Kirk Crews	8 a Silas & Debora Lynch b Mary Porter	9	10 a Phil & Mary Porter b Paulette Cole b Loretta Holaday b Paul Metzkes b Dan McLeod b Cody Price	11	12 b Loretta James
13 ☆ Leadership Training Course	14 a Mike & Donna Erickson	15 a Tim & Beth Fry b Carolyn Lord b Buzz Nelson	16 b Chad Morgan	17 b Jonathan Swayne	18 ☆ Ladies & Lattes b Benny Rodgers b Melissa Shaw b Deboria Walker	19 a David & Mary A. Jackson
20 ☆ Leadership Training Course ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Josiah Blackmer	21 b Josie Dawson b Bettye King	22 b Nicole Freseman	23 a Orlando & Lilly Lolo b Skye Brown b Vita Chery b Tom Garrison b Inell Ingram b Cristian Suarez	24 b Sandi Hanna b Turkessa Staley	25	26
27 ☆ Leadership Training Course ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo b Daniel Lord b Allison Snyder	28	29 b Jordan Beasley b Amira Hill	30 a Dion & Misty Hayes b Mary Brown	31 a Dan & Luann McLeod a Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro b Trey Higbee b Cherylann Wineinger		

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 16

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Astrid Arevalo; Mr. Jeff Dorvain; Mr. & Mrs. Ryan & Ola Hankins; Mr. Rai Masuda; Mr. Don McClintock; Ms. Nikki O'Hanlon; Mrs. Liz Otero; Mr. Carmen Ruckman; Mrs. Trellini Smith.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Garry & Teri Bee, Westland, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Rod & Christie Cable, Sparks, NV; Mr. Dominic Dos Santos, San Fernando, Trinidad; Ms. Dorcas Francois, Kingshill, St. Croix; Mr. Thomas Kos, Pittsburgh, PA; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week



Wedding
Announcement

Congratulations to **Ryan Smedberg & Phiyona Patterson** who were married on Friday, June 30.

Sunday, July 23rd

Sarah Collier

Tina Wagner

Wednesday, July 26th

Eva Fulton

Marsha Beasley

Monday, July 24th

Dan Jenkins

Rick Tibbetts

Thursday, July 27th

Willie Cox

Friday, July 28th

David & Skye Brown (Ann.)

Joy Cantrell

Tuesday, July 25th

Kameron Heitler

Thank You notes

We would like to say thank you to our church family for all the prayers and support given to us during the passing of my mother. We are grateful to our God for the journey mercies to and from Nigeria. **Ekaette Ikon & family**

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, July 23

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading James Green
Singing
Lord's Supper Michael Ellis
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Hunter Hinton

Serve at Table:

Michael Erickson	Luther Robinson
Kameron Heitler	Islay Rodriguez
Trey Higbee	Jim Rogers
Jack Holoman	Cristian Suarez
Jeff Leslie	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, July 23

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Graysen Hayes
Scripture Reading Lawrence Williams
Singing
Lord's Supper Josh Blackmer
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer John Hoelzer

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale Joe Maloney

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, July 26

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Simon Tyson
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	July 16	June Avg
Sun. Bible Study	139	160
Sun. AM Worship	232	251
Sun. PM Worship	75	113
Wed. Bible Study	74	143
Contribution	\$13,934	\$16,302

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,511

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Joseph Snyder
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



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: **Dan & Rod McLeod**

Are You Dull of Hearing?

By Simon Tyson (Summer Intern)

Hebrews 5 shows the writer talking about the Son of God, when there is a sudden pause. The writer says that there is “much to say” about Him, but that it has become difficult because the audience has become “dull of hearing” (Heb. 5:11). The verses following that statement discuss how those the writer is addressing should have been teaching, but that because of their dull hearing, the writer has to backtrack to the “milk” of the Word, or in other words, the basics. It is understandable why the writer would have been frustrated, considering these listeners already were at a point where they knew better, but they allowed themselves to fall short.

Do we allow ourselves to fall under the same category as those to whom the Hebrews writer was talking? Have we become dull of hearing to the point that we are not where we should be? Let us analyze ourselves and be honest with that question. Are we truly pushing toward the point where we should be, even when that feels overwhelming? Perhaps there are leadership roles that need to be taken on, such as the teaching role to which the Hebrews writer referred. Or perhaps it is something such as a lack of church attendance, lack of personal study, lack of involvement with other members, etc. We need to discern for ourselves if we need to improve. May we lay aside the things we need to move past. May we grow into the Christians that God asks us to be!

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).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).