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New Bible Classes (JULY 30-OCT. 4)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (Various Men):

My Favorite Bible Character

Who is your favorite Bible character? Moses? David? Peter? Paul? What valuable lesson does that person teach us? We have asked eight different men that question and each Sunday they are going to share their answers with us. We will dive into the Bible, complete a character study, and walk away knowing one important lesson each person teaches us!

Adult 1 (Willie Smith):

God's Blueprint for a Growing Church

As individual Christians, God expects us to mature. As a collection of Christians in His church, God expects the same. He has given us a "blueprint" to grow together. In this class, we will explore God's "blueprint" for the church in Scripture, so that we are better equipped to grow and mature individually and together.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

Auditorium (Richard Watson):

Conversations with God

This class will be a study of prayer that is designed to reinforce the truth that a relationship with God requires communication. We will study about our trips up the mountain and why the conversations that we have with the Almighty are the most important conversations that we will ever have.

Adult 1 (David Sproule):

Got Wisdom?

The Bible draws a sharp contrast between the wisdom of this world and the wisdom of God. While man often boasts of his wisdom, knowledge, abilities and accomplishments, truly "the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" (1 Cor. 3:19). To increase in true wisdom, let us study the practical truths that the wise man Solomon reveals to us in the book of Proverbs.

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

2 Corinthians 2 -
 2 Corinthians 6



By Dan Jenkins

When Your Soul Is Filled With Despair

We do not always know the circumstances in which the psalmist found himself when he took his pen in hand. However, as we can read his psalms, we often find that we have experienced similar circumstances in our lives, which have brought about the same feelings he had. Consider Psalm 43 where David asks, “Why are you cast down, O my soul?”

The psalm begins with the man of God surrounded by evil. His enemies and their actions are described as being deceitful and unjust. His reaction was to walk about mourning because of their oppression. How do you deal with life when there seems to be “no light at the end of the tunnel” and then your heart reaches out to heaven asking God to vindicate you against those who trouble you? David cried out, “Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause” (v. 1).

How do you deal with such situations? How did the psalmist deal with them? While you may feel that God has cast you off (v. 2), you still know that God is the God of your strength and the reality is that He has not actually cast you aside. Notice the psalmist’s prayer as He deals with this matter: “Oh, send our Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your tabernacle” (v. 3). He knew his help was found in His temple.

**It is when we
worship Him in
His presence in
His temple that
we find our help**

When he entered the presence of God and His altar, he could cast aside the mourning. God changed that into “exceeding joy” and David began praising God. Sometimes our life can be just like David. We grope about mourning our situation and choose to not even go to worship. It is as though we think we must handle trials all by ourselves, yet when we go to the place where His light shines and His truth is found, our mourning is changed into joy. It is remarkable that we can be so overwhelmed that we pull back from God.

When David came into God’s house, he knew God had not forsaken him, and he said, “I will praise You, O God, my God” (v. 4). It was then that David was reminded that he belonged to God and God truly was *my* God. He is personally concerned about all of His children, personally!

Notice how this brief psalm ends. He looked again at how his soul had been cast down, and said, “Why are you disquieted within me” (v. 5)? He then gives the answer. “Hope in God.” God had not forsaken him and left him all alone to deal with life’s trials. God was “...the help of my countenance and my God.” It was in His presence, in His tabernacle, that God said he would find help and praise Him again.

When trials come, never withdraw from coming to worship Him in His presence in His temple. His truth and light change how we view trials!



By David Sproule

Salvation: It Is Man’s Greatest Need and God’s Greatest Gift

If you were to ask the average person—“What is man’s greatest need?”—what sort of answers would you receive? If you were to ask the average person—“What is the greatest gift that man could receive?”—what sort of answers do you think you would receive? Would the answers to these questions vary? No doubt! Did you know that the Bible gives one single answer to these questions?

The Bible teaches that God created man in His image (Gen. 1:26-27). The Bible teaches that God loves mankind (John 3:16) and longs to have a relationship with each of them (Matt. 11:28-30; 1 Tim. 2:4). However, the majority of accountable persons are not interested in the will of God and they make choices that violate God’s will—this is called “sin.” Consider what the Bible tells us about sin.

Sin is the result of violating the will of God, which is called “lawlessness” and “unrighteousness” in the eyes of God, whether one “commits” the violating act or fails to “do” what is commanded (1 John 3:4; 5:17; Jas. 4:17). Sin is a personal choice (John 8:34; 1 John 2:1) and is not inherited from anyone else (Ezek. 18:20). The devastating consequence of sin is that it separates man from God, both in this life (Isa. 59:1-2; Rom. 6:23) and in the life to come (2 Thess. 1:8-9). It is essential to

understand the true nature and gravity of sin, so that man can understand his desperate need for salvation from his sin.

Seeing that salvation is man’s greatest need leads easily to recognize that the greatest gift that God could give to man would be the same—salvation from our sins! Our salvation was part of the eternal plan of God (Gal. 4:4; 1 Pet. 1:18-20). God longs that we might “be saved FROM wrath through” Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:9). God longs that we might be saved TO a “reconciled” relationship with Him (2 Cor. 5:10). God longs that we might be saved “FOR good works” in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:10).

And God offers the gift of His salvation to every person on earth! The Bible teaches that ALL are lost in sin (Rom. 3:19, 23). The Bible teaches that ALL will be judged in the end for how they have lived (2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:31-46). The Bible teaches that God wants ALL to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9). The Bible teaches that wants the good news of salvation in Christ Jesus to be preached in ALL the world (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15). The Bible teaches that God has extended His invitation for salvation to ALL people (Tit. 2:11; Rom. 1:16; Rev. 22:17).

Salvation! There is no greater need among man today! There is no greater gift from God today! Do you have it? I’m not asking if you have some version of it! Do you have GOD’S salvation from sin? Let’s study this for a few weeks.

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version of it!**



By Robert Lupo

Waiting for the Old Ways to Die

In many organizations, great value is placed in new ideas. A company that once was stagnant may find revitalization from the perspective of a young, visionary mind. However, recently we have seen with companies, that when “fresh, new ideas” lead a company from its original mission, it can be detrimental.

Sometimes we bring this mentality into the church. We say things like, “I hope our next elder is a little younger,” or “Some day he’s going to step down and we can start making some changes around here.” Some may even wish the old guard would just die out and stop holding us back.

This kind of thinking demonstrates a fundamental lack of respect for the men and women who worked diligently to pass on the ways of Christ. New ideas can be a great advantage in our rapidly changing culture. But, without our older members and leaders to guide us, we may lose sight of our mission and irreparably damage the congregation they worked so hard to preserve.

Do we not realize that we owe our salvation to our older generation? Who taught us to believe? Who taught us how to worship God? Who taught us how to evangelize? It was our elder brethren, who laid the work that we might stand on

their shoulders and reap the reward of their faithful teaching.

In 2 Timothy 1:5, Paul reminded his disciple where his faith came from. He wrote, “...when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.” Timothy’s faith was not something he could boast of in himself. His faith was taught by the mother and grandmother that came before him and strived to teach him the ways of

God. Because of their dedication to the Lord and their love for their child, Timothy inherited a true faith that saved him from sin and led him to be a powerful worker in the church.

Sometimes, changes need to be made. But change for the sake of change has never been encouraged in Scripture. The Bible warns us to reject rebellion from His statutes and cling to what our forefathers taught us. “Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls’” (Jer. 6:16)

Instead of getting excited at the thought of what changes we might make once our elders are gone, why don’t we thank God for those who taught us the old paths and have worked tirelessly to make sure that we walk in them. If we have a godly respect for our elders, only then will we have the wisdom necessary to carry on the work they entrusted us with.

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By Simon Tyson
(Summer Intern)

Pierce My Ear

One of the hymns we sing, especially at youth devotionals and events, is entitled “Pierce My Ear.” The song lyrics go through how we will “serve no other God,” and are therefore asking Him to “pierce” our ears. Perhaps we sing this and are touched by how beautiful it sounds, but what do the words really mean?

The meaning of the song goes back to Exodus 21, which discusses protocol for slaves. After six years of serving the master, the slave will go free. However, the law states that in the slave’s seventh year, he may choose to stay with his master and work for him for the rest of his life. In this case, the master would take the slave to the door or doorpost and pierce his slave’s ear with an awl. This would signify the slave’s lifelong commitment to the master.

In a similar fashion, we have the opportunity to choose the Lord as our Master. Romans 6:16-18 tells us that we can be slaves of sin that leads to death, or of obedience to God which leads to righteousness. Paul’s statement to his followers would also indicate that we were slaves of sin at some point (see also Rom. 3:23), and possibly still are, but that we can absolutely choose obedience. Scripture is clear what each choice gives you eternally, so we must choose wisely.

Why should we want to be servants of God? What should stir our hearts enough to choose Him eternally? Part of “Pierce My Ear” says, “For You have paid the price for me. With Your blood, You ransomed me.” God went out of His way to choose us. It was not easy, it was not without sacrifice. God loved us enough to send His Son, and Christ loved us enough to die for us (when He did not have to), so that we may have any chance of salvation. Our Master endured and gave more

than any master has for His servants, to us who do not deserve it. If our Master has a love this deep, should we not be moved to return this love? To say to Him “because of what You have done, I choose to serve You eternally.”

We have the opportunity to choose the Lord as our Master.

When we sing “Pierce My Ear,” we should reflect on what those words really mean. Do we seek for the Lord to metaphorically pierce our ears and to acknowledge our lifelong service to Him? Have we truly chosen to give our lives to Him fully and to “serve no other God” as the hymn says? Throughout this life, there are many ways to live. Our God gives us the freedom to go where we want to go and serve what we want to serve, the same freedom a master would give after six years of service. Our God stands with open arms, though, welcoming us back to Him if we choose. May we reflect on what He has done for us and choose to go to His door to become His slave to eternity.

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	La Posada (room 2014), rehab for hip replacement
Linda Coe	knee replacement surgery scheduled for Oct. 2
Richard Haines	surgery on his neck scheduled for Aug. 9
Loretta Holaday	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Trudie Holland	in Luxe Rehab (room 141), rehab for hip replacement
Carolyn Kemp	in rehab, recovering from car accident
Gwen Lyons	recovering from cataract surgery
John Patrick	recovering from eye surgery
Sherri Richmond	thyroid cancer, surgery being scheduled
Amy West	undergoing chemo treatments



Mary Porter, upon the passing of **her mother, Shirley Griffen**, on Tuesday, July 25.

Ongoing Health Issues

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 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	

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
Frankie Lyons	diagnosed with vascular dementia
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing radiation treatments





Church Family Calendar of Events

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. Class will resume next week.

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

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

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.

Sunday, August 6 (cont.)

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

Sunday, August 27

- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2.

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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, 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.

Saturday, September 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the Sproule's home.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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, August 27

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, September 10

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - August 2023

August 6 ^(A)

August 13 ^(L)

August 20 ^(A)

August 27 ^(C)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Robert Lupo	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Graysen Hayes	Jimmie Banks	Victor Colage	Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reader	Dirk Summerlot	Jim Rogers	Tim Cox	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Presiding at Table	Dan McLeod	Jeff Leslie	Willie Smith	Paul Metzkes
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Andres Fernandez Edward Gager Bill Ingram, Jr. Gary Jenkins Chuck Reeves, Jr. Daniel Swayne Brandan Widner	Lance Collier Michael Erickson James Green Kameron Heitler Jack Holoman Joe Maloney Luther Robinson Islay Rodriguez Cristian Suarez Marty Williams	Douglas Alvarenga Namdide Ikon Richard Kelley Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher John Patrick Nicholas Pietro Vincent Rogers Nahum Villard Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Gorman Ericksen Andres Fernandez Freddie Gadson Edward Gager Graysen Hayes Daniel Lord David Perez Chuck Reeves, Jr. Brandan Widner
Closing Prayer	Dan Fuller	Johnny Davis	Taylor Reeves	Eugene Williams

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	David Lord	Jeff Goodale	Tim Fry	Darin Summerlot
Scripture Reader	Cris Cuevas	Connor Goodale	Robert Mariano	Addison Collins
Presiding at Table	David Brown	John Hoelzer	Philip Porter	Dirk Summerlot
Serving at Table	Daniel Wagner David Perez	Jim Davis Max Eizaga	Silas Balfour Troy Alberga	Islay J. Rodriguez Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer	Paul Metzkes	Mike Archer	Richard Watson	Daniel Wagner

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Darin Summerlot	Kirk Crews	Seth Watson	Daniel Swayne
Usher	Eugene Williams Freddie Gadson	Mike Damron Trey Higbee	Ricky Smith Tom Garrison	Cris Cuevas David Lord

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

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

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 6-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 23

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Ryan & Ola Hankins; Mr. Don McClintock; Mrs. Sharon Moody; Patrick, Nikki & Harper O'Hanlon; Joan Parsons; Mrs. Nancy Rivera; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mrs. Gisella Santoro; Ms. Machel Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Rafael Castillo, El Salvador; Mrs. Andrea Spradlin, Milton, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Ross & Bonny William-son, Farmington Hills, MI.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, July 30th
Victor Colage

Monday, July 31st
Robert Mariano

Thursday, August 3rd
Stephen Beliech

Thursday, August 3rd (cont.)

Karen Lester
Allison Roman
Seth Watson
Henry Williams

Saturday, August 5th
Roy & Charlene Knowles (Ann.)

Back-to-School

ICE
Cream
SOCIAL



Sunday, August 6



- ☐ Ice Cream
- ☐ Toppings
- ☐ Drinks
- ☐ Ice Cream Scoops, too!

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 30

Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Singing Robert Lupo
Contribution Tim Cox
Scripture Reading Robert Mariano
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Taylor Reeves

Serve at Table:

Douglas Alvarenga	Steward Lynch
Namddie Ikon	Tim Mahlbacher
Todd Juckett	John Patrick
Richard Kelley	Nicholas Pietro
Orlando Lolo	Nahum Villard

Sunday Evening, July 30

Singing Young Men
Opening Prayer Young Men
Scripture Reading Young Men
Singing
Lord's Supper Young Men
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Young Men

Serve at Table:

Young Men

Audio this week: Ricky Smith
Computer this week: Cris Cuevas
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, August 2

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Paul Metzker
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	July 23	June Avg
Sun. Bible Study	124	160
Sun. AM Worship	234	251
Sun. PM Worship	88	113
Wed. Bible Study	123	143
Contribution	\$16,961	\$16,302

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$12,022

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

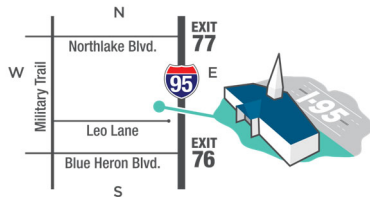
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Tyler Williams
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks



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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.

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First-Century Christianity *in the Twenty-First Century*

 *Speaking where the Bible speaks*

 *Silent where the Bible is silent*

 *Calling Bible things by Bible names*

 *Doing Bible things in Bible ways*

CHURCH OF CHRIST

NEW BIBLE CLASSES FOR **JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH**

(JULY 30-OCT. 4)

SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Life of Saul: Facing Failure

(Robert Lupo)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Game Plan

(Robert Lupo)