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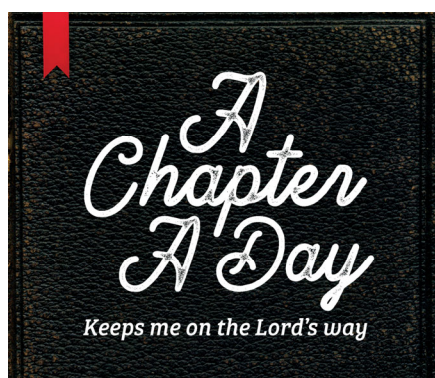


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Only 3 months left!

Let's finish strong!

Week of September 24

1 Timothy 1-5

Week of October 1

1 Timothy 6-2 Timothy 4

Week of October 8

Titus 1-Hebrews 1

Week of October 15

Hebrews 2-6

Week of October 22

Hebrews 7-11

Week of October 29

Hebrews 12-James 3

Week of November 5

James 4-1 Peter 3

Week of November 12

1 Peter 4-2 Peter 3

Week of November 19

1 John 1-5

Week of November 26

2 John-Revelation 2

Week of December 3

Revelation 2-7

Week of December 10

Revelation 8-12

Week of December 17

Revelation 13-17

Week of December 24

Revelation 18-22

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*1 Timothy 1 -
1 Timothy 5*



By Dan Jenkins

Fulfilled in Their Own Time

Zacharias did not believe the words of Gabriel about the fact that he and Elizabeth were to be the parents of the forerunner of the Messiah. Instead of accepting the message from heaven, he thought what God had said just could not happen. How could two old people become parents? The answer from Gabriel gives us insight into the nature of prophecy. The angel said, "Behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time" (Luke 1:20). Look at those closing words—my words will be fulfilled in their own time! This is the nature of prophecy.

Many prophecies specify a time for their fulfillment. Jesus was to be raised on the third day and the words of this prophecy had to come about on that day. Otherwise, Jesus was not God. If what He said did not happen, it was proof that He was a fraud (Deut. 18:21-22).

The Old Testament prophesied about the coming of the Messiah and the fact He would come and be a king. The book of Daniel has prophecies about the time this would happen. However, most of Christendom read these prophecies from Daniel and Ezekiel and using human wisdom declare that the kingdom will come at Jesus' second coming. The coming of

the Old Testament specified the time it would come. Remember that the words of prophecy "...will be fulfilled in their own time." What is that time? Listen to Jesus. "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). Those who teach that the kingdom is future believe they can decide the time of the fulfillment of the words of God. The Messiah looked at those prophecies and said the time for their fulfillment was in the first century.

**The nature of
prophecy is that
it determines the
time of its
fulfilment**

The time of the Exodus was prophesied over two hundred years before the Jews went into Egypt. This was over 600 years before the Exodus. At age forty, Moses had used human wisdom and decided that the time was fulfilled, and he was to be the one to bring about the exodus. At his birth, "the time of the promise drew near" (Acts 7:17, 20). "Now when he was forty years old...he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand" (Acts 7:23, 25). He understood much of the prophecy and his place in the exodus. What he failed to understand was that the determination of the time of fulfillment is not found in human wisdom. He missed it by 40 years.

There is far more to be said about this concept, but when you read His promises, never forget that the fulfillment of prophecy will happen "...in their own time." God does not need our help in deciding when that time is!



By David Sproule

Salvation: It Requires Faithfulness Unto Death

The greatest gift in the history of the earth is "the gift of God" that involves our salvation from our own sins (Eph. 2:8). Through His marvelous "grace," God gave the gift of His Son, and through the agency of His precious "blood," He cleanses us from the guilt and condemnation of our own disobedience to His will (Eph. 1:7). What a gift!

In order to secure His gift, God has stipulated certain conditions for man to fulfill. Amazingly, it is man who has complicated these conditions and created various controversies around them. However, God's Word could not be more clear—we must believe that Jesus is God's Son (Acts 16:31), repent of our sins (Acts 17:30), confess our faith in Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:9) and be baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38). But, that is just the beginning!

Once we have obtained forgiveness of our sins in baptism, we are "raised" to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). That new life in Christ requires something of us on a daily, ongoing basis. We must actively and faithfully continue to "obey" His commands (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 5:9). The New Testament tells us how to become a Christian and then it tells us how to live acceptably as a Christian. At the same time, it contains numerous warnings of consequences if we "fall away."

**Why would we
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citedly, gratefully
and faithfully
serve Him!**

The words of Christ are simple, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). That "faithful" life requires holy living, in which we "present [our] bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God," and are "not be conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:1-2; Tit. 2:12). That "faithful" life requires continual growth, in which we are "giving all diligence" to "grow in the grace and knowledge" of Christ, in order that we might "abound" in it and "go on to maturity" (2 Pet. 1:5-11; 3:18; Heb. 5:12-6:1). That "faithful" life requires active membership in a local congregation, in which we assemble regularly (Heb. 10:24-25), teach the gospel to others (Mark 16:15-16), give to the work of the church (2 Cor. 8:1-9:15), minister to our brethren (Gal. 5:13; 6:2, 10), maintain good works (Tit. 2:14; 3:1, 8), preserve the unity and purity of the church (Eph. 4:1-16), submit to the elders of the church (Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12), etc.

Of course, after all that God has done for us, why would we not want to joyfully, excitedly, gratefully and faithfully serve Him the rest of our lives! He warns us of falling away and being lost (Jas. 5:19-20; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; Gal. 5:1-4; 1 Cor. 10:12; Heb. 3:12), but our focus should be so intent on heaven (Col. 3:1-4) that nothing else matters!

Thank God for His plan of salvation! He has done His part! Have you done your part?



By Robert Lupo

Will You Suffer for Christ?

Have you taken any steps lately to grow in your devotion? Did you make it to church for both Sunday services and Wednesday Bible Study? Did you arrive for Sunday Bible Class ten minutes early? Maybe you gave a little extra in your contribution?

Any of these changes are certainly commendable. For some, this may have been a huge step in their growth as a Christian. Hopefully, this will become a new, comfortable place for them. But, does spiritual growth stop there?

Should Christians be satisfied with being comfortable? Or, have we been called to reach greater levels of faith? In First Peter, the apostle who denied Jesus tells us that being a Christian is not about finding our comfort zone and being happy with it. Instead, he tells us that Christians have been called to suffer.

Our life as a Christian is to be a living response to the life Jesus led. Peter says in 1 Peter 2:21, "For this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example that you should follow His steps." Jesus left the glory of heaven and withstood the pains of humiliation and death. So, the Christian response must be to live faithfully to the point of our own humiliation and death.

Have we ever suffered for the Lord? If we consider

the amount of suffering Christians have endured throughout history, we might feel ashamed at the things we consider oppressive. While I debate with myself if I have enough energy to get up in time for Bible Class, there are Christians around the world risking their lives to worship God in secret. When Peter wrote his first epistle, he wasn't writing to brethren who struggled to make it to church social functions. He wrote to Christians facing defamation, stoning or worse.

Should Christians be satisfied with being comfortable?

We have enjoyed a long period of peace in this country. But, America is becoming less and less tolerant of Christians every day. The fear of being cancelled, losing friends and losing family members has been enough to cause many to fall away. Are you prepared to suffer this or worse for Christ?

The Christians of Peter's day did not let their sufferings silence them. Instead, they used their sufferings to glorify God (1 Pet. 4:16) because they trusted in His power to save. "Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator" (1 Pet. 4:19).

Will you suffer for Christ? We will find no blessings by hiding in our comfort zones. But, if we have the faith to grow and face the sufferings of Christ, we will be exceedingly glad (1 Pet. 4:13).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What do you do with something not fulfilling its purpose?

A screwdriver is created for a specific purpose. That's not hard to figure out. A flashlight is also created for a purpose. A screwdriver cannot fulfill the flashlight's purpose, nor vice versa. If the shaft of a screwdriver breaks or the batteries in a flashlight die, those devices cannot fulfill their intended purpose.

Fellow Christian, we have each been created for a specific purpose. We have been saved by the grace of God (Eph. 2:1-9), upon our obedience to His will, in order that we might become "His" (not our) "workmanship" (2:10). Now that we are "in Christ Jesus," our created purpose is "for good works," that we might devote our lives to regularly "walk" in those "good works."

So, the question for each of us, as disciples of Christ, is – are we fulfilling our intended purpose? If a screwdriver or flashlight is not fulfilling its purpose, we either repair it or discard it. Do we need to be repaired? Should we be discarded? Are we working for the Lord? If not, we are delinquent in our created purpose! – DS

His untrack-out-to-the-end-able riches

Picture the comic strip detective holding his magnifying glass, hunched over, following the clues. Picture the hunter in the thick brush with his hound trailing the scent of some wild game. In both of those illustrations, there is something that is trackable, in order to reach the end of locating and securing that which has been tracked, so that the tracking is completed.



In regard to the "riches" that are found in Christ, Paul says that the above "tracking" cannot be done. He uses a compound word in Ephesians 3:8 (translated "unsearchable" and "unfathomable"), which literally means "not to be tracked out." The New Testament tells us about the "riches" that belong to Christians, but we will never be able to reach the end of fully comprehending them here or even "tracking" them all down.

Doesn't that just fill you with joy and encouragement?! The detective and hunter will track something down and then be done. The Christian will never be done with tracking down his rich blessings in Christ! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Lucy Bond	recovering from heart valve replacement & pacemaker
Linda Coe	knee replacement surgery scheduled for October 2
Mattie Cox	recovering from surgery to remove kidney tumor
Bill Ingram, Jr.	recovering at home from hospitalization, doing better
Mary A. Jackson	having heart problems and undergoing tests
Dick Kelley	dealing with very low blood pressure
Carolyn Kemp	under Hospice Care in a nursing home in Titusville
John Loftis	fractured his left shoulder and dealing with a lot of pain
Sherri Richmond	recovering from her thyroidectomy
Amy West	undergoing chemo treatments

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
Brian Harvey	Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, cancer treatments
Cynthia Hayes	Dion Hayes' mother, surgery for nerve issue in her head
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing radiation treatments

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, September 24

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

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

Saturday, September 30

- ♦ **Door-Knocking in Perrine.** The whole PBL congregation is invited to help this small congregation. We will leave PBL at 8:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. See David Sproule for more details.

Sunday, October 1

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

Monday, October 2

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Friday-Saturday, October 6-7

- ♦ **Ladies' Fall Encampment at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Soul Sisters." Cost is \$40/ person. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, October 8

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry for more details.

Friday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 14

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. Wear your costume! All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, September 30

- ♦ **Door-Knocking in Perrine.** The whole PBL congregation is invited to help this small congregation. We will leave PBL at 8:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m.

Monday, October 2

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday, October 20

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. 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, October 21

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



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, September 24

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. Please bring a drink or dessert. See Robert Lupo for details.

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PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - October 2023

October 1 ^(A)

October 8 ^(L)

October 15 ^(A)

October 22 ^(C)

October 29 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Willie Smith	Dan Fuller	Jeff Leslie	Stephen Beliech	Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reader	Philip Porter	Freddie Gadson	Johnny Davis	Richard Watson	David Lord
Presiding at Table	Robert Mariano	Bob Higbee	Kirk Crews	Victor Colage	Dirk Summerlot
Serving at Table	Douglas Alvarenga Namdiel Ikon Sylvester Jackson Richard Kelley Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Vincent Rogers Cayden Scriven Ryan Smedberg Nahum Villard	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Keith Joy Daniel Lord Chuck Reeves, Jr. Islay J. Rodriguez Darin Summerlot Dirk Summerlot Rick Tibbetts	Lance Collier Michael Erickson Connor Goodale Jeff Goodale Hunter Hinton Jack Holoman Islay Rodriguez Jim Rogers Cristian Suarez Joseph Snyder	Namdiel Ikon Sylvester Jackson Richard Kelley Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano John Patrick Taylor Reeves Cayden Scriven Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Cris Cuevas Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Bill Ingram, Jr. Keith Joy Dan McLeod Chuck Reeves, Jr. Daniel Swayne
Closing Prayer	Tim Cox	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Jimmie Banks	Orlando Lolo	Gary Jenkins

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Opening Prayer	Richard Watson	David Lord	Ivan Villard	Tim Fry	
Scripture Reader	Tyler Williams	Daniel Wagner	Graysen Hayes	Ricky Smith	
Presiding at Table	Tom Garrison	Dan McLeod	Kane Campbell	Willie Smith	
Serving at Table	Silas Balfour John Patrick	Devin Eutsey David Perez	Jim Davis John Hoelzer	Troy Alberga Nicholas Pietro	
Closing Prayer	Troy Alberga	Paul Metzkes	Joe Maloney	Philip Porter	

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Seth Watson	Brandan Widner	Lawrence Williams	Rick Hall	Darin Summerlot
Usher	Victor Colage Tim Mahlbacher	Rick Hall Daniel Swayne	Trey Higbee Marty Williams	Nahum Villard Seth Watson	Andres Fernandez Bob Higbee

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox	Rick Hall (AM) Robert Lupo (PM)

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,
September 17

Thank You notes

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express how grateful I am for all the love shown me during this difficult time. All acts of kindness will forever be remembered and appreciated. Your thoughtfulness has made a sad occasion much easier to bear. Please continue to keep me in prayer as I navigate through this maze.

Love, Mary Brown

Thank you for your prayers on my behalf when I was going through a dark period. They made all the difference to help me through it.

Sadie Myrie

Thank you for all your prayers, your sweet cards and the delicious food given to me after my surgery! It's such a blessing to have a church family who cares for you! Praise God I'm doing well!

Love, Lucy Bond

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Ayanna Sutherland; Mrs. Sandra Davidson; Mr. Gregory Fischbacher; Mr. Rai Masuda; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick & Nikki O'Hanlon; Ms. Veronica Patterson; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Ms. Mabelle Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Perry Bretherick, Florence, AL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. Ted Okolichany, Lake Park, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne & Tami Roberts, Houston, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Angie Seames, Neosho, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Johnny & Lauren Singer, Canal Point, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Ethel Tumblin, Sebastian, FL; and Mrs. Christy Walter, St. Cloud, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, September 24th
Johnny & Betty Davis (Ann.)
Sabrina Swayne

Monday, September 25th
Paul Davidson
Dan Fuller

Tuesday, September 26th
Betty Davis

Tuesday, September 26th (cont.)
Ophelia Holmes
Gary Jenkins
Vincent Rogers

Thursday, September 28th
Graysen Hayes

Friday, September 29th
Angelica Fernandez

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, September 24

Opening Prayer Kane Campbell
Singing Robert Lupo
Contribution..... Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading..... Jim Rogers
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing PrayerJames Green

Serve at Table:

Kirk Crews	Jeff Leslie
TBD	Joseph Snyder
Graysen Hayes	Cristian Suarez
Hunter Hinton	Lawrence Williams
Jack Holoman	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, September 24

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer.....John Hoelzer
Scripture Reading Joe Maloney
Singing
Lord's Supper.....Jeff Goodale
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer.....Jim Davis

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier Connor Goodale

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

Wednesday Evening, September 27

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation..... John Hoelzer
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 17	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	170	175
Sun. AM Worship	258	255
Sun. PM Worship	106	119
Wed. Bible Study	131	126
Contribution	\$15,620	\$16,871

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$18,211

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

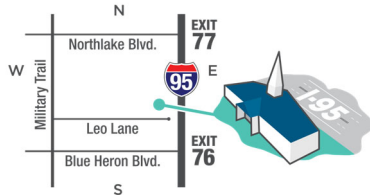
Ushers for this week: Michael Erickson & Islay Rodriguez
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks



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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.

Front Cover: Lilly Villard

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one

APPROVED

**a worker who has no need to be ashamed,
rightly handling the word of truth.**