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Sunday, Oct. 8

Resuming on Sundays
at 5:30 p.m.



Saturday, Oct. 14



Use QR code
to sign up.



Sunday, Oct. 15

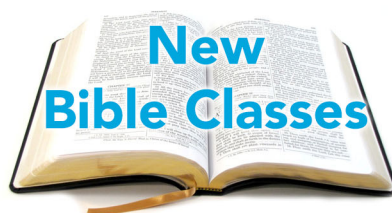
Begins at 9:00 a.m. for
Jr. High, Sr. High and
all adults.

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

Titus 1 -
Hebrews 1



Sunday, Oct. 22

Begins at 9:00 a.m. for
all children and adults.



By Dan Jenkins

The Kingdom Is Not Of—But In, Above and For

As daylight was breaking, the Jews brought Jesus to Pilate in their determination to kill Him. Pilate was not a Jew but a Roman who had been appointed governor over the land. The governor went out to those assembled and asked why they had brought Jesus to him. One of the charges was that Jesus Himself had said that He was the Messiah and a king.

When Pilate learned this, he asked Jesus if He was the king of the Jews. In answering this question, Jesus clearly implied that His authority was so great that even Pilate was subject to God (John 19:11). His defense before Pilate reveals so much about the nature of the kingdom. “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). It is vital that we understand His kingdom and its relationship to the world.

His kingdom is NOT of this world. The concept of a kingdom in the mind of Herod, the Jews and many in Christendom is impacted because earthly kingdoms have a king who has great authority and sits on a throne. Yet, the words of Jesus indicate another kind of kingdom. Some even view that a time will come when He will sit on a throne in Jerusalem ruling the world. Hear the words of Jesus. I am a King. I have a kingdom. The kingdom that I have is not like the kingdoms of this world.

So few in Christendom understand the true nature of His kingdom

His kingdom is IN this world. There were eighty-four messengers who affirmed that the kingdom was to be established in the first century—John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2); Jesus (Matt. 4:17); the apostles (Matt. 10:7); and the Seventy (Luke 10:9). Those in sin were delivered from sin and brought into that kingdom (Col. 1:13). It was a reality. It was visible. However, it was spiritual in nature and not of this world. Jesus used these words to describe those in the kingdom. They are in the world, but not of the world (John 17:11-16)

His kingdom is ABOVE this world. The primary difference between these two concepts of kingdoms is that the kingdom of Jesus is above all kingdoms. It is repeatedly described as the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is that King of kings. He is above all kings. The kingdom is kingdom above all kingdoms.

His kingdom is FOR this world. Why is the kingdom in the world? It is because it is the salt of this earth and the light of this world (Matt. 5:13-14). It is not here simply to be a gathering of worshipers each week. It is like the church in Thessalonica whose impact was such that “...the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place” (1 Thess. 1:8). We are here for this world and to give it the hope of heaven.

Entrance into that kingdom involves a new birth, being born again as His Spirit leads us to a baptism in water (John 3:5). Let us know how we can help you!



By David Sproule

What You're Missing During the Song of “Discouragement”

At the end of each sermon in our worship services, we extend the Lord's invitation, and then we stand and sing a “Song of Encouragement” (a.k.a. “Invitation Song”) to “encourage” folks to respond to the Lord. While this is an expedient to the preaching of the gospel, it has proven over the years to be a beneficial one and worthy of continuation.

It has astounded me in recent years the increasing number who are responding every week. Well, I'm not talking about the ones who respond by walking to the front of the auditorium. I'm thinking of the ones who are responding in reverse—the ones who, “as we stand together and sing,” walk to the back of the auditorium, walk out to their cars and leave. While the congregation is singing to encourage, the exodus of many is its own “Song of Discouragement.” Friends, why are you leaving?

I am NOT talking to those who have to get to the restroom and cannot wait another minute. I understand that, and most of you are coming back into the auditorium before the worship ends. I am NOT talking to those who have young children to whom you need to attend. I am NOT talking to those who are running late for work and cannot wait another few minutes. There are certain situations that are understand-

able. But how many folks fit one of those categories?

I AM talking to those who don't really have a reason for singing an “Un-Invitation Song” by walking out. Perhaps you've just had “too much church for the day.” Perhaps “the sermon went too long,” and therefore, the worship service went “too long.” Perhaps you just have other things you want to do and you're “done with church” for the day. Perhaps you're seeing the exodus of others walking out and figure it's a good time for you to “slip out.” Friend, can I share with you how discouraging your exit is? I am confident that “discouragement” is not your intent, but I am telling you that it is the result.

**You are missed!
You are loved!
You are wanted!
You are needed!**

Can I tell you what you missed? One Sunday you missed someone being baptized into Christ. One Sunday you missed one of your brethren, who is really hurting, asking for prayers. One Sunday you missed a wayward Christian coming home. Those were really good days! You missed singing, praising God and edifying each other through song. You missed praying and joining our hearts in one final moment of worship. You missed visiting with your church family, laughing, hugging, handshaking and being encouraged all around. And...YOU were missed!

May I encourage you to stay and join in our mutual encouragement, instead of singing a “Song of Discouragement”? You are loved! You are wanted! You are needed!



By Robert Lupo

Water and Salvation

Water is a vital element in God's creation. It is an essential component to life as we know it. Its unique properties make it excellent for cleaning. It is able to replenish itself through the water cycle and allows for biochemical processes in the body to take place. It should be no surprise then that water also plays a vital role in salvation.

In 1 Peter 3:20-21, the apostle reveals that a connection between water and salvation exists in the New Testament and existed in the Old Testament. Peter says, "...when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah...eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism..." Peter clearly shows us that water saved Noah from a sinful world, and now baptism saves us.

However, this is not the only time that God uses water as His mechanism for salvation. When Moses was called to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt, they too were saved by water. Of this event Paul wrote, "...all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea..." (1 Cor. 10:1-2). Again, the Bible shows a direct connection between baptism and salvation.

But what happened when people rejected water be-

ing tied to salvation in the Bible? We can read of Naaman in 2 Kings 5 being plagued with leprosy. Elisha told him to immerse himself in the River Jordan, but he rejected the notion because it was too farfetched for him. However, his servants believed Elisha and convinced him that he was wrong, saying, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" (2 Kgs. 5:13). So, he bathed in the river, and he was cured.

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Then, in Numbers 14, we read of Israel refusing to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land. Because they feared the giants on the other side, they rebelled against Moses and were cursed to wander in the desert for forty years. All those who refused to cross through the water died without receiving God's land promise. But their children found salvation when they obeyed the word of the Lord and crossed the Jordan (Josh. 4:21-24). Because they did not fear what lay beyond the river, they took the Promised Land and established the nation of Israel.

The Bible's theme of tying water to salvation remains true today. Baptism is what God chose to save us from this sinful world. It doesn't matter if it makes no sense to us. It is true. We have been shown a pattern to follow, and if we doubt or fear the life beyond the water, we will miss our chance at salvation.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The King of who?

When "the wise men from the East came to Jerusalem," they asked for the location of the "King of the Jews" (Matt. 2:2). When Pilate had Jesus crucified, he "put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS" (Matt. 27:37). Was Jesus "the King of the Jews"? Well, yes. But so much more!

In the grand scheme, Jesus is "the King of kings" (1 Tim. 6:15). In His sovereignty, Jesus is "King of the nations" (Rev. 15:3). The word "king" not only means, "one who rules as possessor of the highest office" (in a political sense), but even better in this context, it means, "one who possesses unusual or transcendent power" (in a practical sense).

So, here's the question—Is Jesus "King of you and your life"? While He is the "great King over all the earth" (Psa. 47:2), He must possess "transcendent power" in your heart and daily life. Can you truly sing, "King of my life, I crown Thee now"? – DS



God always wants you back!

The Lord sent the sheepbreeder Amos to warn the northern kingdom of Israel of their impending captivity. Israel had long been in rebellion against their Lord, and the consequences were nigh. Still, in a "lamentation" against them, Jehovah pleads with them to return. It's not too late, if they will come back.

Three times in chapter 5, the Lord pleads through Amos with these parallel calls, "Seek Me and live...Seek the Lord and live...Seek good and not evil, that you may live" (5:4, 6, 14). Note that they were the ones directing their way toward destruction. All they had to do was choose to turn their eyes to the Lord and seek His will. That's not hard! But it is for folks who refuse to seek!

To "seek the Lord" entails to "seek good and not evil" (5:14). The next verse goes on to say, "Hate evil, love good" (5:15). Take the intensity with which you are rebelling against God's will and throw it into following God's will. Why? So that you may "live." Wherever you are right now, make up your mind to always "seek the Lord and live!" – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

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| Lucy Bond | recovering from heart valve replacement & pacemaker |
| Linda Coe | knee replacement surgery on October 11 |
| Brenda Collier | dealing with blood clots in her lung |
| Mattie Cox | recovering from surgery to remove kidney tumor |
| Doris Friedly | Wellington Regional, possible stroke, undergoing tests |
| Mary A. Jackson | heart problems, undergoing tests |
| Sylvester Jackson | recovering at home from hospitalization |
| Dick Kelley | dealing with very low blood pressure |
| John Loftis | fractured his left shoulder and dealing with a lot of pain |
| Norma Mariano | awaiting results from her lumbar puncture test |
| Robert Mariano | dealing with skin cancer again |
| Winifred Patterson | recovering from a medical procedure |
| Sherri Richmond | recovering from her thyroidectomy |
| Isolyn Sinclair | dealing with a lot of ankle pain |
| Amy West | undergoing chemo treatments |

Ongoing Health Issues

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| 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

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



John Kemp, upon the passing of **Carolyn**, on Saturday, September 30.

Andrea Leslie, upon the passing of her father, **Pedro Garcia**, on October 4.

Cayden Scriven, upon the passing of his father, **Tony Scriven**, on September 30.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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| Patty Alexander | Jean Archer's brother, ICU in London, undergoing tests |
| Myrick Bassie | Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues |
| Brian Harvey | Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, cancer treatments |
| Michael Miley | Owen Miley's son, seizures, recovering from a fall |
| Delores Sims | Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing radiation treatments |





Church Family Calendar of Events

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

Monday, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 10

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

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. Use the QR code to sign up to bring a food item or to let us know you'll be passing out treats. See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.



Sunday, October 15

- ♦ **Joey Treat Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

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.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, October 14

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. 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.

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Saturday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 31

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. Food will be provided. Wear your costume! See Robert Lupo for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, October 8

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

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The Close Vote on *Baptizo* in 1643

by Sam E. Hester



During the Westminster Assembly, which was assigned by English Parliament to produce a Confession of Faith in 1642 and 1643, a very significant vote was called for to determine what mode of baptism would be required. There were fifty people present, fifty-one, counting the moderator. Twenty-five voted for sprinkling; twenty-five voted for immersion. The moderator, who voted only in the case of a tie, voted for sprinkling.

That vote set an important precedent on the mode of baptism was set for the Anglicans, Presbyterians, and Independents. Millions and millions of the religious posterity who descend from these groups have been affected. The situation surrounding this historic and far-reaching event is nothing short of remarkable.

First of all, it is remarkable that a group of men thought they could depart from the apostolic practice of immersion by a human vote. It was the desire of many people in the cold climate of England to prefer sprinkling to immersion because it was considered easier and more polite. This pressure felt by those in charge of making the change, and perhaps other reasons, such as too much concern for Roman Catholic doctrine, caused them to vote for the practice of sprinkling.

A second remarkable thing about the 1643 vote was that the decision was made by only one vote. There was long debating on the proper mode. The question came to be whether the mode would be sprinkling or immersion. This one deciding vote determined that millions would be sprinkled rather than immersed.

A third remarkable thing about the 1643 vote was that a political body controlled it. The Westminster Assembly was convoked and authorized by the English Parliament. The moderator was selected by the Parliament. When the moderator died, Parliament would not allow the Assembly to elect another moderator; Parliament appointed another moderator itself. Men, called Lords, were appointed to watch over the Assembly to make sure that it did not transgress its commission.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 1



Directory Changes

John Kemp moved to Titusville to be near his son.



We rejoice with **Sofia Buonadonna** who was baptized on Sunday, October 1 after morning services.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week



Sunday, October 8th

Donna Erickson
Norma Mariano
Bessie Walker
Betty White

Tuesday, October 10th (cont.)

Dirk Summerlot

Wednesday, October 11th

Scott Studer

Monday, October 9th

Lawrence Williams

Friday, October 13th

Fran Campbell

Tuesday, October 10th

Eldra & Grace Judge (Ann.)

Saturday, October 14th

Amy Rosado

Thank you for all of the love and concern that you showed me during my hospital stay. The visits, calls, texts and most of all the prayers are greatly appreciated. You have made me feel so loved, and what better medicine could I ever have (John 13:35)!

Love to all,
Brenda Collier

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, October 8

Singing Robert Lupo
Lord's Supper Bob Higbee
Singing
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Freddie Gadson
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.

Serve at Table:

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| Ed Buonadonna | Chuck Reeves, Jr. |
| Addison Collins | Islay J. Rodriguez |
| Gorman Ericksen | Darin Summerlot |
| Keith Joy | Dirk Summerlot |
| Daniel Lord | Rick Tibbetts |

Sunday Evening, October 8

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer David Lord
Scripture Reading Daniel Wagner
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan McLeod
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Paul Metzkes

Serve at Table:

Devin Eutsey David Perez

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Cris Cuevas

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, October 11

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Stephen Beliech
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

| Attendance | Oct. 1 | Sep. Avg |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 186 | 154 |
| Sun. AM Worship | 277 | 262 |
| Sun. PM Worship | 114 | 114 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 146 | 129 |
| Contribution | \$19,034 | \$18,047 |

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,729

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Daniel Swayne
Safety Team for this week: Brandan Widner



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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 Jenkins & Gary Friedly**

The point is this:

whoever
**SOWS
SPARINGLY**

will also
**REAP
SPARINGLY,**



and whoever
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BOUNTIFULLY**

will also
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2 Corinthians 9:6-7