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New Bible Classes (OCT. 22-DEC. 27)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (David Sproule):

First Corinthians (Part 1)

Get a glimpse inside the real-life problems of a real congregation of the Lord's church in the first century and how the Lord addressed each of those problems. The issues, errors and questions that plagued this congregation still impact the Lord's church today, nearly 2,000 years later. That shows the living, authentic nature of the Lord's church and of His Word!

Adult 1 (Kirk Crews & Ivan Villard, for **Young Adults Only**):

FAQ with Young Adults

Do you have questions? The Bible has the answers! Join the Young Adult class as we tackle the questions on your mind. Following the example of the Bereans, we will "search the Scriptures" to address class participants' questions. This is your opportunity to drive the discussion and get your questions answered, as we study together to better understand God's Word.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

Auditorium (Dan Jenkins):

Bible Questions and Answers

Many Christians, both those who have just become followers of Jesus and those who have studied the Bible for years, have questions for which they are seeking answers. The questions answered will be submitted by those who attend. Answers will hopefully be given in such a way that it will enable each of us to learn how to study to find answers.

Adult 1 (Traci Sproule, for **Ladies Only**):

Truth for Christian Living (A Study of Select Psalms)

We often think of the psalms as pretty poetry, lyrical words to uplift us when we need encouragement. But the Psalms are rich with lessons on the wisdom, power and grace of our great God. Join the ladies for this session as we dive deep into a select number of Psalms, searching for truth and application for daily Christian living.

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

Hebrews 7 -
Hebrews 11



By Dan Jenkins

Joshua, Truly a Man Used by God

The grandeur of Israel with their renowned leader, Moses, does not end when Moses ascends to the peaks of Mt. Nebo to view the Promised Land. It does not end when God takes the body of Moses and buries it in an unmarked tomb. The reality is that far greater days lay ahead for Israel under a new leader, Joshua the son of Nun.

Joshua, A Chosen Vessel

The reality is that we know so very little about this great leader, but what we know shows that he was a vessel chosen by God to accomplish His will. Before the Jews, having passed through the Red Sea, even arrived at Mt. Sinai, they were attacked by the Amalekites. Israel had no army for they had been slaves for many years in Egypt, but Moses instructed Joshua to become the leader of the battle with this nomadic tribe. It was on this occasion that the uplifted hands of Moses lead to victory over the enemies.

The second mention of this chosen vessel is when Moses ascended Mt. Sinai to receive the tablets of stone. Joshua, described as the assistant of Moses (Ex. 24:13), ascended part of the way on Moses' upward journey. Joshua was still there forty days later when Moses descended from the mountain because of the building of the golden calf (Ex. 32:17).

Joshua, A Man Appointed by God

Right before Moses ascended to the peaks of another mountain, Mt. Nebo, he entreated God to select his successor (Numbers 27). Joshua was brought before the nation and, in their presence, he was inaugurated as the new leader (Num. 27:23). Joshua had received the Spirit to help him and this happened when Moses laid his hands on Joshua (Deut. 34:9). He received Divine wisdom to enable him to do his work.

Joshua, A Man of Faith

The life of Joshua is centered on the faith he had in God. No man could have accomplished what he did without having deep faith in the Almighty God and His help. We must never overlook where faith comes from, not only in one who is seeking to become a child of God, but also in the oldest Christian who seeks great faith. The key to greater faith is greater knowledge of His word.

Look at the charge given to Joshua by God. "Observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left...This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it" (Josh. 1:7-8).

Let me urge you to be used by God like Joshua.

**The faith of
Joshua and every
Christian comes
from mediating
on His word**



By David Sproule

Keep the Jews in Context

God had an eternal plan! That plan did NOT waver one bit based upon man's acceptance or rejection of that plan!

Adam and Eve disobeyed God. God's eternal plan was already in place and already at work (Gen. 3:15; 1 Pet. 1:18-20; Eph. 3:1-11). The whole world turned their

hearts to wickedness in the days of Noah. God's eternal plan was already at work and would not be thwarted (Luke 3:36; 2 Pet. 1:5; 1 Pet. 3:18-22). The Israelites became slaves to an Egyptian superpower (Ex. 1:1-22). God's eternal plan was already at work and this was part of it (Gen. 15:13-14; Acts 7:6-7). Israel continually rebelled against the Lord from the exodus through the judges (Deut. 1:19-28; Judg. 2:11-23; 1 Sam. 8:1-22). God's eternal plan was still at work and would not be altered (2 Sam. 7:10-13; Acts 13:20-24; 1 Cor. 10:1-6). The nation of Israel became strong and their borders expanded far and wide (1 Kgs. 4:21), as God had promised (Gen. 15:18-21), but they turned against God and worshiped idols (2 Kgs. 22:15-17; 23:26-27). God's eternal plan was still at work, and He would remain on course, even though His people were taken into captivity (Jer. 25:11-12; 29:10-14; 32:21-44; Deut. 30:1-10). The Lord had a purpose for the Jews.

This is the background for Romans 9-11. Isaiah, Jere-

miah and Ezekiel warned, wept and wrote of Judah's captivity in Babylon; yet, all three prophets gave Israel hope, speaking of a "remnant" that would come out of captivity. The remnant had a purpose—to bring the Messiah into this world!

So, Paul addresses the Lord's rejection of Israel and the acceptance of the Gentiles in Romans 9-11, emphasizing that such was foretold by the prophets (9:25-29) and was not arbitrary (9:30-10:21). Paul longed for his "countrymen" (i.e., the Jews) to "be saved" (9:3; 10:1), and they could be saved in the same way that the Gentiles were saved (i.e., through obedience to the will of God, 10:1-17).

Just as a "remnant" of Jews came out of Babylon (9:27), **fulfilling those prophecies and their God-given purpose**, a figurative "remnant" of Jews ("some of them" [11:14], not all!) would be saved in Paul's day (11:5), by following the same plan that God had for the Gentiles (11:22-24). "All" of the Jews who would "be saved" would "so" be saved (an adverb of manner), by following God's plan—that is the context of 11:26.

Even when the Jews rejected the Messiah when He came (John 1:11), that was expected by Jehovah (Psa. 118:22-23) and would not alter His eternal plan of redemption. God wants "all" (Jew and Gentile) to be saved! "The way" for salvation is the same for all—through Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). Each person (not as a nation) must choose for himself.

**A "remnant" of
Jews would be
saved by follow-
ing God's plan
for "all"**



By Robert Lupo

What Kind of Christian Are You?

"What kind of Christian are you?" is a question I have been asked countless times. I'm a big fan of the response, "Hopefully a good one." However, this question is asked for a very good reason. The name "Christian" has become an umbrella term to encompass a wide variety of religious groups and doctrines all claiming to follow the same Jesus.

According to an article by Donavyn Coffey at Livescience.com, "Estimations show there are more than 200 Christian denominations in the U.S and... 45,000 globally." Is this what Jesus wanted? In Matthew 16:18, Jesus told Peter after his confession, "I will build My church." Notice that He did not say "churches." The Lord came to establish one church. Jesus called for a unified, single body of believers. This is the furthest thing from it.

Jesus prayed in the garden before His betrayal that those who believe in Him "be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me" (John 17:23). Jesus says that the oneness of the church is itself evidence that Christ was sent by God. Would the Son of God come to sow division among His followers? Of course not. A divided church would stand as evidence against Jesus' ministry.

The apostle Paul said, "I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you" (1 Cor. 1:10). The church must be one because Christ is one. Paul continues, "Each of you says, 'I am of Paul,' or 'I am of Apollos,' or 'I am of Cephas,' or 'I am of Christ.' Is Christ divided?" (1 Cor. 1:12-13). By its nature, the church cannot be divided because Christ is not divided.

Would the Son of God come to sow division among His followers?

So, which church is Christ's church? The church is the body of His disciples, who observe the pattern demonstrated by Christ and His apostles. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus told His apostles exactly how to build His church. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." The true church of Christ is found in the Bible. It is not found in any manmade dogma, creed or denomination. The one church that Jesus shed His blood for is the church that is described in the New Testament.

What kind of Christian am I? According to the Bible, there is only one kind of Christian. "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:13). I am a Christian of the one true faith.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"I wish so-and-so was here"

Have you ever read a book and thought, "So-and-so would really like this"? Have you ever gone to an event and thought, "So-and-so should have come—they would have loved this"? Or, maybe you've thought, "I wish so-and-so was here—this would have been really enjoyable *together*"? As Christians, we, no doubt, think something like that often about our friends.

In 1969, Kurt F. Kaiser wrote a hymn that has this as the first part of the last verse: "I wish for you, my friends, this happiness that I've found." How often do we think about the "happiness" that we have found in Christ and "wish" it for all of our friends? How often do we "sit in church" and wish we had invited so-and-so to be there with us that day? Do you suppose that we will sit in heaven one day and think, "I wish so-and-so was here with me"?

Wishes are great, but what are we doing about them? May our wishes motivate us to act and to speak. "Friend, I wish for you this happiness that I've found. Will you come with me?" — DS



Unsuspecting Christians keep falling into this trap

King David found himself in a tempting situation with Bathsheba—he should have walked away, but he walked into sin. Balaam intentionally put himself in a tempting situation to gratify the king—he should have never been there. Joseph was in his workplace but found himself alone with a woman who was not his wife, who was enticing him—he fled and ran outside.

Christian friends, our godly senses must ever "be on the alert" (1 Pet. 5:8), and we must persistently exercise situational awareness. We must never (à la Balaam) intentionally put ourselves in a situation where we know we will be tempted. We must never (à la David) linger in a situation that can lead us to sin. We must always (à la Joseph) recognize that being alone with someone not our spouse can lead us to ruin, and from that situation we must flee.

Too many Christians have been caught in Satan's trap (2 Cor. 11:3) and have lost their job, lost their reputation, lost their marriage and family, lost their freedom (i.e., been arrested) and even lost their soul. Please...be sober, be alert, pray, keep yourself pure and avoid Satan's traps! — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Doris Friedly	recovering at home from a stroke
Lynne Jorgensen	having a procedure on October 19
John Loftis	fractured his left shoulder and dealing with a lot of pain
Norma Mariano	shunt procedure (11/1) to drain excess fluid from brain
Robert Mariano	dealing with serious skin cancer issues
John Patrick	dealing with severe hip pain, surgery on November 6
Amy West	undergoing chemo treatments

Ongoing 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	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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Patty Alexander	Jean Archer's brother, undergoing tests
Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
Quinntel Smith, Jr.	Willie & Giselle's grandson, having mouth surgery soon
Peter Villa	Natalie Perez's father, ongoing health issues
Donna Williams	Linda Coe's sister, recovering from major surgery





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 22

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for everyone.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a song, read Scripture and tell a Bible story before our evening worship begins.

Sunday-Wednesday, October 22-25

- ♦ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Mon-Wed). This year's theme is *"Recenter: How Jesus' Words and Ways Change Everything for Your Life."* Jonathan Banning (Tampa, FL) and Dave Schmidt (Fort Myers, FL) will be the guest speakers.

Monday, October 23

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 29

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

Wednesday, November 1

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

Thursday-Sunday, November 2-5

- ♦ **27th Annual South Florida Lectureship.** This year's theme is *"You Can Trust the Bible."*

Thursday, Nov. 2	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 3	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 4	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, Nov. 5	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Class

Sunday, November 5

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Set your clocks back one hour.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Friday, November 10

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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.

Monday, November 13

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, November 18

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

Monday, December 4

- ♦ **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.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, October 22

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, October 29

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

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.

Sunday, November 5

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

Sunday November 12

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ☆ No Midweek Services	2 b Trish Clark b Michelle Franck b Isolyn Sinclair	3	4 b Phil Porter
				27th Annual South Florida Lectureship (2nd-5th)		
5 ☆ Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m. followed by Bible Study ☆ Daylight Saving Time Ends ☆ His Kids Class at 5:30 p.m. b Brent Leslie b Maxine McCoy	6 b Trudie Holland	7 a David & Natalie Perez b Peggy DeLaney b Idara Ikon	8	9 b Malita Robinson	10 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting b Sofia Buonadonna	11
12 ☆ His Kids Class at 5:30 p.m. ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Todd & Caila Juckett b Dee Catanzaro	13 ☆ Men's Meet at 6:30 p.m. a Lance & Brenda Collier	14	15 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project b Ola Hankins b Lovella Rogers	16 b Katie Goodale	17 a Cristian & Lisa Suarez b Kelly Sproule	18 ☆ Young Adult Devo b Diane Leslie b Natalie Reeves
19 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting ☆ His Kids Class at 5:30 p.m. a Buzz & Kathy Nelson	20 b Freddie Gadson b Matthew Jones b Leonard Williams	21 b Trevin Roman	22 ☆ Congregational Singing b Elizabeth Carter b Rosemarie Joseph b Rose Walker	23 a Dick & Marcia Kelley	24	25 a Kevin & Leesa Schenk b Sue Hoelzer b Halle Johnson b Cecilia Tipton
26 ☆ His Kids Class at 5:30 p.m. b Orlando Lolo	27 a Brent & Andrea Leslie b Gary Friedly b Islay Rodriguez, Jr.	28 b Mike Damron b Aaron Ross	29 a Aaron & Jennifer Walker b Regina Paul	30 a Brad & Krystian Dubuisson b Andres Fernandez		

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 15



We rejoice with **Trevin Roman** who was baptized on Sunday morning, October 15. He is listed in the church directory with his mother.

Presentation
by **His Kids Boys**
Sundays at 5:50 p.m.

All members are encouraged to come and hear the young boys lead singing, read scripture and present a short lesson.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, October 22nd
Tim Mahlbacher

Monday, October 23rd
Millie Ames

Tuesday, October 24th
Lydia Quinn

Wednesday, October 25th
Ekaette Ikon

Thursday, October 26th
Kane & Fran Campbell (Ann.)
Samantha Eutsey

Friday, October 27th
Susan Joy
Traci Sproule

Saturday, October 28th
Sylvester Jackson

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 22

Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Singing Robert Lupo
Contribution..... Victor Colage
Scripture Reading..... Richard Watson
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Orlando Lolo

Serve at Table:

Namdidie Ikon	Robert Mariano
Sylvester Jackson	John Patrick
Richard Kelley	Taylor Reeves
Steward Lynch	Cayden Scriven
Tim Mahlbacher	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, October 22

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer..... Tim Fry
Scripture Reading Ricky Smith
Singing
Lord's Supper Willie Smith
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer..... Phil Porter

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga Nicholas Pietro

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, October 25

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation..... Victor Colage
Family Prayer Dion Hayes

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 15	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	166	154
Sun. AM Worship	259	262
Sun. PM Worship	126	114
Wed. Bible Study	125	129
Contribution	\$16,680	\$18,047

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$22,259

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

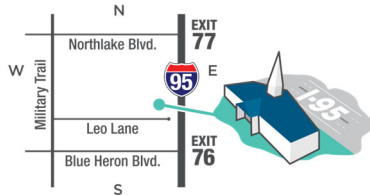
Ushers for this week: Nahum Villard & Seth Watson
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



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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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NEW BIBLE CLASSES

FOR

JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH

(OCT. 22-DEC. 27)

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Old Testament: History

(Robert Lupo)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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