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New Bible Classes (MAR. 24-MAY 29)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

The Book of Judges

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

Christian Husbands

David Sproule (Adult 3)

Christian Wives

Traci Sproule (Adult 1)

Fundamentals of the Faith

Dan Fuller (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

Making Evangelism Personal Again

David Sproule (Auditorium)

NEW BIBLE CLASSES FOR JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Old Testament Prophets
(Robert Lupo)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

How to, Christianity
(Robert Lupo)



By Dan Jenkins

A Test of Your Spiritual Health

Most of us are aware that there is an inspection by the health department of restaurants on a regular basis. Failure to pass that inspection can ultimately lead to its closure. We may not be as aware of another inspection that involves our spiritual well-being. It is far more important.

David said it this way in the twenty-sixth psalm: "Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the Lord; I shall not slip. Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my mind and my heart." The prayer closes with the psalmist calling on God for mercy. The focus of the prayer is the self-examination David made of himself and the kind of life a man who walks with integrity lives. His personal examination is not boasting of his righteousness, but the results of a righteous man honestly looking at his daily life.

The test of walking in truth. David knew of God's lovingkindness and experienced it in that tragic part of life with the wife of Uriah. We do not know if this psalm was written before or after that event, but the elevation of a shepherd boy to the throne is evidence of God's goodness. As David thought of God's mercy and kindness, he looked inward and affirmed, "I have walked in Your truth" (v. 3). The true measure of a man is not whether he has ever done wrong, but what he does after

he realizes his sin. David repented and turned from sin for he was honest with himself and walked with integrity.

The test of companionship. "I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, nor will I go in with hypocrites" (v. 4). He hated the assembly of evildoers and refused to sit with the wicked (v. 5). It is folly to think we can spend all our time with those who have little or no regard for God and righteous living. David was a man after God's own heart because his best friend, Jonathan, was so righteous. David rejected Jonathan's father, King Saul, and refused to stand with, sit with or walk with ungodly men (Psa. 1:1).

The test of worship. "I will go about your altar...I love...the place where your glory dwells" (vs. 6, 8). He knew that God was in that assembly and loved being there. The world was filled with evil men (vs. 9-10), but David wanted to worship with godly men. The psalm closes with David blessing the Lord in His assembly.

David looked inward, examined himself and asked God to also examine him and vindicate that he had seen himself as God did. We would be wise to see how our "test scores" compare with David's "score." Even more sobering is how it compares with God's evaluation of our lives. God tells all of us to "...examine yourself as to whether you are in the faith" (2 Cor. 13:5). Walk with integrity and let God score your life!

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By David Sproule

They All with One Accord

Have you ever been in a worship service and all of a sudden you're thinking about a Honda Accord? Perhaps you've experienced this brain tease, when a verse is read from the book of Acts about the Christians being gathered together in "one accord." One accord? What does that mean?

The expression "one accord" is used 11 times in the book of Acts. It comes from a compound Greek word that combines the words for "same" and "mind," to literally mean "the same mind." The word is used to emphasize the "unanimity" of the early church. They were not all sitting together in one Honda Accord, but they were so unanimous in their devotion to the Lord that maybe they could have figured out a way to fit. Let's consider the usage of this word in the book of Acts.

First, note that the early Christians were not the only ones who acted in unanimity. The enemies of Christ themselves acted "with one accord." Those who heard Stephen preach "cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord... and stoned him" (Acts 7:57-58). The same occurred when the Jews in Corinth "with one accord rose up against Paul" (18:12), and when the Ephesian mob "rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aris-

tarchus, Macedonians, Paul's travel companions" (19:29). In each of these instances, the people were of "the same mind" and "same purpose" and "unanimous" in their actions.

When the enemies of Christ ally together in attacks against Christians, guess what Christians need to do? They also need (and will) ally together, with the same mind, to stand against such attacks, defend the gospel and further the cause of Christ together. Take note of some other times in Acts when Luke employed this expression.

They were not all sitting together in one Honda Accord, but...

The early Christians "with one accord" came together "in prayer and supplication" (1:14) and "raised their voice to God" (4:24). How often today do we come together "with one accord" for the purpose of praying to God?

The early Christians "with one accord" came together to enjoy fellowship and food with one another (2:46). How often today do we take the initiative to get a group of Christians together "with one accord" just to be with each other and enjoy each other's company?

The early Christians "with one accord" came together in one place to "speak" God's Word (5:12; cf. 8:6) and to send chosen men out with a message to the churches (15:25).

God still wants His church to assemble and behave with "one accord." So, are you "in" the accord or not?



By Robert Lupo

Who Is Good?

Are you a good person? Many people would quickly answer, "Of course! I do lots of good." But, by what standard could someone say if they are?

For Christians, the standard is God. Jesus proclaimed in Luke 18:19, "No one is good but One, that is, God." If God is the standard, then I don't even come close.

Since we have God as a standard of good and evil, Christians have a unique ability to judge what is right and what is wrong. We can look at God's word, understand His moral law, and apply it to the world. But, what if someone does not believe in God? Can they have a standard for good and evil? The answer is no.

Atheists believe in a reality that is totally reliant on evolution for the explanation of human existence. The only standard that matters to the atheist, then, is the law of the survival of the fittest. So, the only ethic in evolution is that what is good is what leads to the advancement of the human population.

The atheist worldview makes morality imaginary. Without God, there is no standard for morals. If the survival of the fittest is the rule, then anything I do to get there, no matter how heinous, is permissible. It is simply an unimportant matter

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acting upon another unimportant matter. Joel Marks, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of New Haven in West Haven, Connecticut, admitted this reality saying, "The religious fundamentalists are correct: without God, there is no morality. But they are incorrect, I still believe, about there being a God. Hence, I believe, there is no morality."

This worldview has dire consequences. A famous evolutionist concluded, "Truly, this earth is a trophy cup for the industrious man. And this rightly so, in the service of natural selection. He who does not possess the force to secure his [living space] in this world, and, if necessary, to enlarge it, does not deserve to possess the necessities of life. He must step aside and allow stronger peoples to pass him by." You may have guessed that the man who said this was none other than Adolf Hitler. By this rationale he convinced a nation to be complicit in the murder of millions.

Thanks be to God that the atheists are wrong! We all know that Hitler's actions were evil. If evil can be judged, then God is real. Because God is real, we can know what is right and wrong, and He showed us in His word. We are not insignificant matter. We are bearers of the image of God (Gen. 1:27). Every image-bearer is my neighbor, and I cannot do evil against him (Gen. 9:6; Lev. 19:18). Do you want to be a good person? Then put faith in the only One who is good. Believe in God.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Are you deserving?

Jesus entered the city of Capernaum in Luke 7, and he was greeted by some "elders of the Jews," who had been sent by a centurion to plead with Jesus to "come and heal his servant" (7:1-3). As they "begged" Jesus on behalf of this centurion, the elders exclaimed how "deserving" this man was (7:4). So Jesus made His way to the centurion's house, but before He arrived, the centurion sent his friends to Jesus to say, "I am not worthy" (7:6-7).

So, which was it? Was this man deserving of Jesus' attention or not? Was this man worthy of Jesus to come to him or not? Well, it depends on who you ask. If you ask the man, he said that he was not deserving or worthy. But others claimed that he was.

This is reminiscent of Proverbs 27:2, "Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth." Who are we to suggest that we are deserving/worthy of kindnesses from anyone else, let alone Jesus! If we are such, let others make such a claim about us and not we ourselves! – DS



What do people see in your face?

Following years of separation after his brother stole his birthright, Esau made his way to meet Jacob in Genesis 32. Jacob "was greatly afraid and distressed," thinking that Esau may be coming to "attack" him (32:7-8). He made strategic preparations for the saving of his family, and he sent a "present" ahead of him to Esau, hoping to "appease him" (32:20). Note what Jacob said next: "afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me" (32:20).

What an interesting thing to say. Jacob would know of Esau's reaction and even intentions when he saw his "face." In the next chapter, the two brothers meet, and note what Jacob says to his brother: "I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me" (33:10).

Question: When others see us, do they see our face as though they are seeing the face of God? Do our eyes, our mouth, our expression convey that we belong to God? Do others see Him in us, just by looking? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Zula Garrett	fell and rebroke newly mending breaks in her back
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Grace Judge	having treatments for her neck and back pain
Dick Kelley	surgery on April 1, may have additional surgeries
Robert Mariano	having a hernia procedure on April 11
Isolyn Sinclair	dealing with severe hip pain
Evetta Wilson	dealing with several health issues
Trina Wright	dealing with back pain

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	Inell Ingram
Lillian Bankston	Daniel Johnson
Judy Carmack	Kasandra Jones
Josie Dawson	Betty Matter
Zula Garrett	Joyce Parker
Dick Haines	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joan Holloway	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Carmen Dussard	Isolyn Sinclair's sister, dealing with kidney problems
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, very weak
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, in LaPosada Rehab
Corinne Gardner	Dave Holaday's daughter, swollen lymph nodes
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, struggling with health issues
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, cancer spread in chest & bones

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker

Africa
Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States
Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls
Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, April 1

- ♦ **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, meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.
- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, April 2

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Friday, April 5

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

Thursday, April 18

- ♦ **Ladies' Day with Kristi Burleson** at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the lesson at 7:30 p.m. This year's theme is "A Heart of Humility." Please RSVP by April 8.

Friday, April 19

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Higbee. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

Saturday, April 20

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Saturday, April 27

- ♦ **EDP & Office Cookout** at 6:00 p.m. See David Sproule for details.

Saturday, May 4

- ♦ **Elders' Workshop with Andy Robison** at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Strong Men in Christ." Please RSVP to office@pblcoc.org.

Sunday, May 5

- ♦ **Friends & Family Day with Andy Robison.** Jr. High, Sr. High & adults will meet in the Auditorium during class.

9:00 a.m.	A Crucified Savior
10:00 a.m.	A Resurrected Lord

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, April 1

- ♦ **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, meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Saturday, April 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Connect Day.** Meet at the building at 9:30 a.m. and wear comfortable clothes. See Ivan Villard for more details.

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Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, March 31

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on April 14.

Monday, April 1

- ♦ **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, meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Sunday, April 7

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on April 14.

Saturday, April 13

- ♦ **Sr. High Spring Formal** from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 31 and pay by Wednesday, April 10. See Robert or Reanna Lupo for more details.

Sunday, April 14

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

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - April 2024

April 7 ^(C)

April 14 ^(A)

April 21 ^(L)

April 28 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Tim Cox	Dan McLeod	Jeff Leslie	Douglas Alvarenga
Scripture Reader	Robert Mariano	Dan Fuller	Kirk Crews	Orlando Lolo
Presiding at Table	Philip Porter	Dion Hayes	Jimmie Banks	Richard Watson
Serving at Table	Troy Alberga Douglas Alvarenga Ryan Hankins Namddie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Trevin Roman Tyler Williams	Jordan Beasley Ed Buonadonna Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Bill Ingram, Jr. David Lord David Perez Chuck Reeves, Jr. Dirk Summerlot	Lance Collier Michael Erickson Connor Goodale Jeff Goodale Jack Holoman Jim Rogers Cayden Scriven Joseph Snyder Ivan Villard Marty Williams	Ryan Hankins Namddie Ikon Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano John Patrick Nicholas Pietro Taylor Reeves Nahum Villard Tyler Williams
Closing Prayer	Stephen Beliech	Gary Jenkins	Mike Archer	Philip Porter

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Graysen Hayes	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Willie Smith	David Brown	Islay Rodriguez	Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reader	Richard Watson	Andres Fernandez	Jim Davis	Tim Fry
Presiding at Table	Victor Colage	Paul Metzkes	John Hoelzer	Ricky Smith
Serving at Table	Silas Balfour John Patrick	Joel Ramirez Daniel Wagner	Joe Maloney Johnny Singer	Troy Alberga Trevin Roman
Closing Prayer	Tim Fry	Daniel Swayne	Johnny Davis	Willie Smith

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	Ricky Smith	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Seth Watson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Todd Juckett	Buzz Nelson	Edward Gager	Buzz Nelson

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Seth Watson	Brandan Widner	Lawrence Williams	Rick Hall
Usher	Rick Hall Nahum Villard	Edward Gager Darin Summerlot	Kane Campbell Vincent Rogers	Victor Colage Seth Watson

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Rick Hall	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,
March 24



We rejoice with **Selena Booze** who was baptized on Sunday, March 24.

We also rejoice with **Samuel Williams** who was baptized on Monday, March 25.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, March 31st
Gary & Karen Lester (Ann.)
Erika Dyer

Monday, April 1st
Taylor Reeves

Tuesday, April 2nd
Bill & Allison Snyder (Ann.)

Tuesday, April 2nd (cont.)
Lorena Pittman

Wednesday, April 3rd
Giselle Smith

Friday, April 5th
Elizabeth Summerlot

It's a girl!

Congratulations to David & Skye Brown upon the birth of **their granddaughter, Davey Jane Brown, to Chad & Conley Brown** on Wednesday, March 20 weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz.

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, March 31

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer James Green
Scripture Reading Jim Rogers
Singing
Lord's Supper Jeff Goodale
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Henry Williams

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Islay Rodriguez
Kirk Crews	Cayden Scriven
Jack Holoman	Cristian Suarez
Jeff Leslie	Joseph Snyder
Luther Robinson	Lawrence Williams

Sunday Evening, March 31

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: Buzz Nelson
Computer this week: Seth Watson
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, April 3

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Dan Jenkins
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 24	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	147	168
Sun. AM Worship	312	264
Sun. PM Worship	119	122
Wed. Bible Study	136	132
Contribution	\$13,976	\$16,640

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$10,124

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

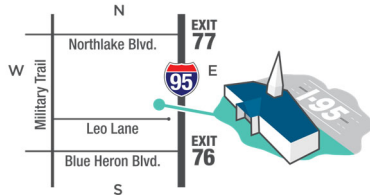
Ushers for this week: Jimmie Banks & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Mike Damron



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.

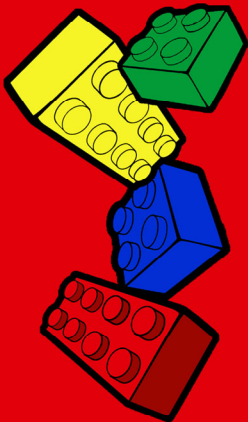
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BUILDING FOR GOD



Vacation Bible School

hosted by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ



JUNE 2-5

Each Night at 7:00 p.m.

(Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.)

Noah: Building the Ark
Solomon: Building the Temple
Nehemiah: Building the Wall
Jesus: Building the Church

Classes for all ages! (babies, children, teens & adults)

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).