

Shepherds

Johnny Davis 307-4232
*Dan Fuller 685-4454
Paul Metzkes 870-8042
Phil Porter 575-4782
Richard Watson 307-2608

*Chairman for the Month of June

Evangelists

Dan Jenkins 379-2325
David Sproule 301-2230
Robert Lupo 315-1411

Deacons

David Brown 972-7608
Victor Colage 719-1490
Lance Collier 985-4407
Kirk Crews 339-9283
Mike Erickson 310-9916
Tim Fry 373-9121
Jeff Goodale 261-1188
Rick Hall 622-5131
Dion Hayes 214-533-5065
Bob Higbee 303-386-6405
Gary Jenkins 889-3585
Jeff Leslie 744-3444
David Lord 346-2228
Buzz Nelson 385-1588
Lawrence Williams 662-3419

Church Office

Phone 561-848-1111
Fax 561-848-1198
Website www.pblcoc.org
E-mail office@pblcoc.org
Ivan Villard 667-8675
Cindy Nelson 801-9457
June Pack 627-5363



Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

Vol. LXIII

June 16, 2024

No. 24

New Bible Classes (JUNE 9-AUGUST 4)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (Richard Watson):

Spiritual Maturity and Stewardship

Our level of spiritual maturity can be measured in various ways, but one sure measurement of our maturity as Christians is in the area of stewardship, which has many different facets to it. This class will study the stewardship of God's grace, that we may create an awareness of opportunities, privileges and responsibilities in worship to God and service to man.

Adult 1-2 (K. Crews, J. Goodale, W. Smith, D. Sproule, I. Villard, plus others):

Hall of Faith (Hebrews 11)

Hebrews 11 is often called the "Hall of Fame of Faith." Sometimes, the Hebrews writer describes the individual's faith, while other times only their name is referenced. These individuals were not perfect, but God wanted them listed. Why? Each Sunday, we will study an individual from the Hall of Faith, so we can better serve God faithfully in our lives.

Conference Room (Dan Fuller):

Fundamentals of the Faith (Part 2)

It is essential that all Christians be rooted, built up and established in the faith (Col. 2:7). New Testament Christianity, with all of its doctrines and practices, finds its roots in "the faith" (i.e., the one gospel system) revealed in the New Testament. This class is especially for new converts and Christians who need to be firmly grounded in the fundamentals of the faith of Christ.

Sr. High & Jr. High (Robert Lupo): **The Life of Christ**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

Summer Series (Various Local Preachers):

When Your Name Is Called Twice



By Dan Jenkins

Motivation of False Teachers

It is not true that all who claim to be working for the Lord are godly. Because the Holy Spirit guided the apostles and prophets, we have the totality of the very spiritual truth in the Bible (John 16:13; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). It is the measuring rod to be used to identify false teachers. The Bible warns against the presence of false teachers, those who do not preach exactly what He revealed (Matt. 7:15, 21-23).

When the church began, one of the grave problems it faced was the Judaizing teachers. They were Jews who became part of the church then tried to force Gentile Christians to keep the Old Testament law, especially to be circumcised. Paul described these false teachers in the letter he wrote to the churches in Galatia. In that epistle he describes what motivated these teachers. To understand this motivation gives us insight into what motivates false teachers today.

False teachers wanted to look good to others. They were binding circumcision, and Paul described one of the reasons they did this. "They desire to make a good showing in the flesh (6:12). They were more concerned about how they looked to others rather than how they looked to Christ.

False teachers wanted to avoid criticism and persecution. Paul said, "They compel you to be circumcised only

that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ" (6:12). As you read the divine history of the early church you will see the source of the persecution as it began. We tend to think that the Roman government persecuted the church, but it came from the Jews. As Paul went from city to city it was that nation who used every possible means to keep the church from spreading. The Judaizing teachers wanted to avoid this grave problem and compromised the truth about how Gentiles could be saved. In doing this they sought to appease the anger of the Jews. Preaching the truth often brings problems, but we must never let criticism from others keep us from doing right.

False teachers wanted to use their followers in boasting and to thereby advance themselves in the eyes of others. Paul said, "They desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh (6:13). False teachers often have more regard for the praise of men than for the glory of Christ.

True teachers have one motivation and that totally involves Christ and Him crucified. Paul said, "God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (6:14). True teachers do not seek to call attention to themselves, boasting of what they have done for the Lord. False teachers are in our world, and their motivation has changed very little from those in the first century.

Seeing what motivated false teachers in the past, helps us identify them now



By David Sproule

Commitments Involved in Saying, "I Do!"

Have you ever been to a wedding, and—while the preacher was going through the "Do you promise to..." and the "Do you promise to..."—have you ever thought, "Did I really commit to all of that when I got married?" For those who are married, a wedding can be a great way to be reminded of what marriage is and what commitments are inherent in the Divine-ordained union. If you're married and if you haven't been to a wedding recently and witnessed a living reminder of the vows you made (or even if you have been to a wedding recently), consider carefully the commitment that you were making when you said "I do!"

Husbands, here is what you committed! You committed to "leave father and mother" and "cleave" to your wife (Gen. 2:24); to be the "head" of the home, to "love" her, "nourish" her, "cherish" her (Eph. 5:23-33); to "provide" for her (1 Tim. 5:8); to "render the affection due her," "to please your wife" (1 Cor. 7:2-5, 33); to "dwell with her with understanding" and to "give honor" to her (1 Pet. 3:7).

Wives, here is what you committed! You committed to "love" him, "obey" him (Tit. 2:4-5); to "submit" to him, to be "subject" to him, to "respect" him (Eph. 5:22-33); to "manage

the house" (1 Tim. 5:14; Tit. 2:5); to be "chaste," "adorned" with a "gentle and quiet spirit" (1 Pet. 3:1-6); to "render the affection due him," "to please your husband" (1 Cor. 7:2-5, 34).

Husbands and wives, here is what you both committed to each other! In addition to the Divine instructions above, you committed to "increase and abound in love to one another" (1 Thess. 3:12), have "compassion for one another" (1 Pet. 3:8), be "like-minded toward one another" (Rom. 15:5), "consider one another" (Heb. 10:24), "give preference to one another" (Rom. 12:10), "submit to one another" (Eph. 5:21), "be kindly affectionate to one another" (Rom. 12:10), "bear with one another" (Eph. 4:2), "forgive one another" (Eph. 4:32), "receive one another" (Rom. 15:7), "encourage one another daily" (Heb. 3:13), "serve one another" (Gal. 5:13), "bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2), "comfort each other" (1 Thess. 5:11), "admonish one another" (Rom. 15:14), "confess trespasses to one another and pray for one another" (Jas. 5:16) and "have the same care for one another" (1 Cor. 12:25). You committed to do "nothing... through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind" to "esteem" your spouse as "better than" yourself (Phil. 2:3).

Maybe you don't remember committing to all of that, but that is what God expects of husbands and wives "until death do us part." *May God help us keep our vows!*

God expects of husbands and wives "until death do us part"



By Robert Lupo

The 3 I Am's of Evangelism

What does it take to be an evangelist? Is it two years at a preaching school? Is it an excellent speaking voice? Or is it a perfect, sin-free life? Well, obviously no one can live up to that last one. But, many Christians will neglect their missionary duties for one of these or many other reasons.

The truth is that none of these things is what makes an evangelist, even if they might help. It is not about a vast knowledge or rare talent. Being an evangelist is making the decision to be whatever our Lord Jesus Christ needs us to be.

In Romans 1:14-16, Paul tells us about three "I am's" that he became in order to reach the lost. If we can add these things to our lives, then we can be the evangelists that God wants us to be.

First, Paul says, "I am a **debtor** both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise" (v. 14). Here, Paul expresses that preaching is an obligation. In Acts 9:15-16, Jesus called him to bring the gospel to the gentiles. He accepted his mission as a personal obligation. The Lord paid Paul's heavy debt of sin (cf. Acts 8:1-3; 9:17) and Paul was determined to give back as much as he could.

We are just as much in debt to our savior as Paul was. Each of us committed sins that put our Lord on the cross (cf.

Col. 2:13-14). If we want to honor His sacrifice, then we must acknowledge the debt we owe and make the Great Commission our personal responsibility.

Second, Paul said, "I am **ready** to preach the gospel..." (v. 15). Not only was Paul committed to preaching, he made sure he was prepared. In Galatians 1:15-18, we read that before Paul began preaching, he spent time gaining adequate knowledge and experience.

Evangelism requires preparation, but all we need is the drive to study the scriptures. Paul commanded, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

Third, Paul said, "I am **not ashamed** of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation..." (v. 16). Paul personally experienced the saving power of God's grace. Though he was a vile murderer, Jesus was nevertheless able to save him. With such a great message, he was emboldened to preach the gospel without reservation. "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18).

Jesus commanded us to teach the gospel. We are debtors who must be ready and must not be ashamed. Are you an evangelist?

**We are just as
much in debt to
our savior as
Paul was**

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"It is He who made us"

Reading the Bible slowly and considering each phrase is fun. Do you ever stop to wonder how God chose to word certain things in certain passages? Psalm 100 is a well-known text. The very center of the psalm states, "It is He who made us." Why doesn't it state it more simply as, "He made us"? Consider the significance of the text saying, "It is HE who made us."

The words just before it state, "Know that the Lord, He is God." "God" (Hebrew, *Elohim*) is not His name but a reference to the Divine nature of Jehovah, emphasizing His strength, might and the power to create and effect. He is God! The words just after it state, "and not we ourselves" (KJV, NKJV, NASB, and footnotes in other translations). What's the point in this verse? Jehovah is God! AND WE ARE NOT!

Therefore, let us "Make a joyful shout" to HIM! Let us "Serve" HIM "with gladness"! Let us "Be thankful to HIM"! HE alone is deserving of ALL of this (and more!), for "It is HE who made us," and WE had nothing to do with it! – DS



"What a Friend we have"

Who is your Best Friend? He's the One who bears all of our sins and griefs! He's the one who eases our trials, temptations, trouble, sorrows and weakness! He's the One who is the strong refuge for the weak and heavy-laden, who will take you in His arms and shield you! What a Friend! Truly, there's not a Friend like Jesus! He's the One who can heal all our soul's diseases! He's the One who is always near us, and His love can always cheer us! He's the One who knows all about our struggles! How thankful we should be that these words were penned by Joseph Scriven (in 1855) and R.E. Campbell (in 1907) and have been engraved on our souls for many years! The words have been engraved because they're based upon God's truth!

Is Jesus your Friend? Your Best Friend? Abraham was "called the friend of God" because he "believed" and practiced "righteousness" before God (Jas. 2:23). Jesus said that He laid down His "life for His friends," and we can be called His "friends" if we "do whatever" He commands us (John 15:13-14). What a Friend! WHAT...A...FRIEND!

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Zula Garrett	recovering at home but continues to struggle
Charles Hayes	struggling with several health issues
Dick Kelley	recovering from surgery and facing another one soon
Tiffany Mayes	Gardens Medical Center, recovering from a procedure
Jerry Pittman	recovering from retina surgery
Emma Reeves	having medical tests done on June 18

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, fell last week, in a lot of pain
Neva Benjamin	Ophelia Holmes' sister, in the hospital with heart issues
Ricky Johnson	Reanna Lupo's father, has a blood clot from heart attack
John Lord	David Lord's father, has prostate cancer
John Nash	Rosa Nash's husband, recovering at home
Avis Patrick	John Patrick's daughter, in hospital after having baby
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, removing tonsils on 6/17
Ruby Tritschler	Misty Hayes' mother, undergoing medical tests

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	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	

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

Sunday, June 16

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, June 17

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

Tuesday, June 18

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

Wednesday, June 19

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Baptiste Joseph will be speaking on "Saul, Saul - A Call to Conviction."

Sunday, June 23

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Wednesday, June 26

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Creston Frizzell will be speaking on "Martha, Martha - A Call to Prioritize."

Saturday, June 29

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

Sunday, June 30

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Wednesday, July 3

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When Your Name Is Called Twice"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Dustin McCrickard will be speaking on "Samuel, Samuel - A Call to Service."

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Saturday, July 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Singing Night** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday-Saturday, July 14-20

- ♦ **Forever Camp (formerly Jenkins/Blackmer Week) at CFBC** for Age 10-Grade 12. Counselors and staff volunteers are needed. Donations are also needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, August 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Study & Game Night** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, August 16

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Casey Bound for details.

Saturday, September 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Day Retreat.** Mark your calendar and plan to attend! See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday-Saturday, July 14-20

- ♦ **Forever Camp (formerly Jenkins/Blackmer Week) at CFBC** for Age 10-Grade 12. Campers, please register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. Register before June 29 and get a \$30 discount. Donations are also needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 20-24

- ♦ **Upward Bound at CFBC** for Grades 9-12. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Saturday, July 27

- ♦ **Picnic for Grades 5 & Under** at 4:00 p.m. at the church building. See Ivan or Amber Villard for details.

Friday, August 2

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Hangout.** Location TBD.

Sunday, August 4

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

Equipping & Edifying Families

15 Amazing One-Liners Your Kids Need to Hear You Say



Most parents have a couple of essential one-liners in our toolbox: I love you, and I'm proud of you. And while those two are vital, adding a few other one-liners to the lineup can be powerful. They can help us connect to our kids as they grow and mature and build their confidence. They can make them feel safe in a world that often feels anything but.

1. **It's OK to be sad.** Feeling sad can make kids feel like they are being or doing something wrong. Often, the most comforting thing for a sad child is to let him or her know it is OK to be sad. Sadness is a normal response to certain situations and events. No shame. No guilt.
2. **It's OK not to be perfect.** This statement can be a huge relief and connector to our kids. Oh how I wish someone had said it to me. Let's be the ones to tell our kids they don't have to have it all figured out and that they will make mistakes.
3. **What are you feeling?** Feelings can make kids feel scared and out of control. Helping them to identify their feelings gives them a sense that they are driving their emotions versus their emotions driving them.
4. **I believe you.** In our attempt to help our kids be honest, we often try to catch our kids in a lie. This is important, but it is even more important to catch them telling the truth.
5. **I appreciate you.** We all want to be acknowledged for what we do, as do our kids. Appreciation communicates that I value your efforts. And how good does it feel when someone values ours?
6. **I understand you.** Demonstrating empathy and understanding toward your kids' feelings and experiences helps them feel heard and supported. Perhaps there is no greater gift we can give our kids than feeling understood.
7. **I love your heart.** It's so easy to be focused on encouraging our kid's accomplishments. But is more important to focus on the character of their heart.
8. **Say more about that.** If you have a talkative child, this one isn't happening. But if you have kids who are shy or of few words, this can be a game changer in helping them feel heard and developing their communication skills.
9. **That's a great idea.** Because they are children, they have childish ideas. So it's easy to miss the times when they do have great ideas. Recognizing, out loud, the incredible ways they think, celebrate, and solve problems grows their confidence and encourages more great ideas.
10. **I love being your parent.** Kids constantly compare themselves to other kids. Let your kids know you would rather be their parent than any other kid's on the planet.
11. **I missed you.** We only miss the ones we love, like, value, and enjoy. And while kids may not be able to articulate why they love that you missed them, they love it all the same.
12. **Let's start over.** These three words tell your kids they are worthy of a fresh start, teach them the value of forgiveness, and show them how to move past disagreements.
13. **I'm listening.** Getting into lecture mode with our kids is easy. But letting our kids know we are listening communicates value, eases their frustrations, and celebrates who they are.
14. **Thanks for telling me.** Showing gratitude for our kids sharing their thoughts reinforces the importance of communication and honesty.
15. **What do you want to do?** I used to rack my brain trying to figure out something fun to do with my kids. Then I started asking them what they wanted to do. Most of the time, it led to a much better time. It was also typically easier than what I thought they might want to do.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
June 9

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Judy Bird; Ms. KaShauna Booze; Mrs. Sherry Douglas; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; and Mr. Thomas Yacinthe.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Elsie Burdeos, Butuan City, Philippines; Mr. Kyle Crews, St. Charles, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Cris & Alice Cuevas, Winter Park, FL; and Mr. Ken Hirsh, Leesburg, AL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week



Directory Changes

Sunday, June 16th

Ally Alberga

Monday, June 17th

Nyla Hackshaw
Mary Jackson

Tuesday, June 18th

Dan & Judie Jenkins

Wednesday, June 19th

Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot (Ann.)

Wednesday, June 19th (cont.)

Judy Carmack
Gwen Lyons

Thursday, June 20th

Dan & Loni Fuller (Ann.)
Evetta Wilson

Friday, June 21st

Ivan & Amber Villard
Eddie Gooden

Julie Charles graduated from FHU and will be staying in Tennessee.

Thank You Note

Thank you, church family, for your prayers on behalf of me and my sister, Neva.

Love,
Ophelia Holmes

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, June 16

Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Singing Robert Lupo
Contribution..... Freddie Gadson
Scripture Reading..... Dion Hayes
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Paul Metzkes

Serve at Table:

Jordan Beasley, III Gary Jenkins
Ed Buonadonna Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Addison Collins Johnny Singer
Gorman Ericksen Dirk Summerlot
Bill Ingram, Jr.

Sunday Evening, June 16

Singing Graysen Hayes
Opening Prayer..... Darin Summerlot
Scripture Reading Eugene Williams
Singing
Lord's Supper David Brown
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer..... Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

David Perez Joel Ramirez

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Bob Higbee

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, June 19

Singing..... Jimmie Banks
Invitation..... Tim Fry
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	June 9	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	142	173
Sun. AM Worship	256	264
Sun. PM Worship	88	101
Wed. Bible Study	98	146
Contribution	\$15,027	\$17,140
2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$22,499		

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

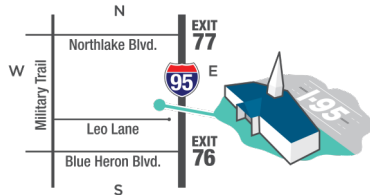
Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Daniel Swayne
Safety Team for this week: David Lord



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

*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.

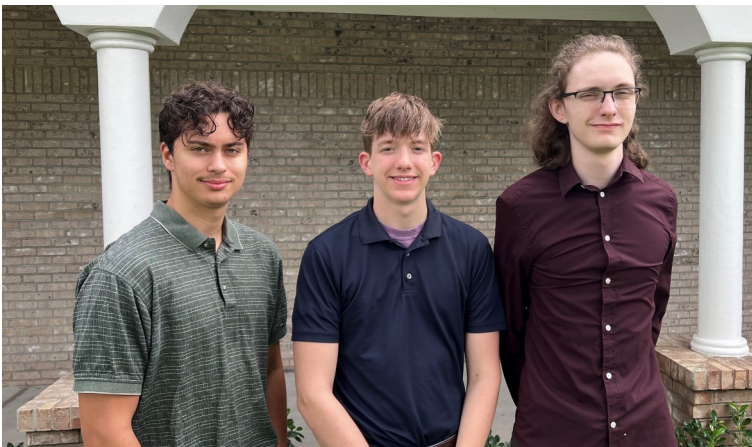
Wednesday:

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.



Front Cover: **Laura Schuemann & Julie Watson**

24th Annual *Leadership Training Camp* for Young Men & Young Women



Troy Alberga, Trey Higbee, Graysen Hayes

The design of the camp every year:

To instill within our young people the confidence and skills necessary to take an active role in the work of the church, now and for the rest of their lives.

The emphasis of this year's camp:

A survey of "The Book of Acts" — understanding its purpose, its content and how the 21st-century church needs to apply it and teach it today.

Another outstanding camp this year!

Thanks to all who helped!