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Back-to-School

ICE Cream SOCIAL



Sunday, August 11

- ☐ Ice Cream
- ☐ Toppings
- ☐ Drinks
- ☐ Ice Cream Scoops, too!





By Dan Jenkins

Life Is a Marathon, Not a Sprint

For the past two weeks, our world has been focused on the Olympics. The longest race in these contests, the marathon, is based both in name and distance of an event which occurred in 490 B.C. The New Testament world had such events, and it often mentions them in connection with the race in which every Christian participates.

We must remember that our life is a race to receive a crown of glory. Far too many Christians see their lives as Christians “strolling” through their years on this earth. It is not a stroll; it is a race! Look at those involved in the races in Paris, and they have spent years, not strolling, but in intense training.

Have you seen those traffic reports on television where dots representing cars are traveling down highways to indicate which roads were blocked and which routes to take. You could ask, “Where are they going?” They are not going anywhere, they are just going and going. Living as a Christian is not just going on a long stroll, it is an intense race to the completion of the race for our crown.

The participants in the Olympics have spent years to be able to run a race which often ends in minutes or even seconds. There is no victory without training. In ancient days, the contestants assembled and took a solemn oath before the

gods that they had done no less than ten months training and that they would not resort to any trickery to win. In a similar fashion, our race involves dedicated training and keeping of rules for the race to our crown.

In ancient training, they often strapped weights to their bodies, but the day of the actual race they removed the weights and felt so much lighter during the race. Hebrews twelve says we should “...lay aside every weight...and run with endurance the race set before us.” Are there weights in your life that are hindering you in your race?

There are witnesses to us as we run. Hebrews twelve speaks of a great cloud of witnesses, and this likely refers to those in the previous chapter who have by faith finished their race and are seeing us, but there are others who witness us as we run. Our friends, our mates, children and those we meet every day are watching us. As you run your race, keep in mind the impact you have on those around you who are watching.

A crown awaits us—not a garland crown or blue ribbon or a gold medal. It is a crown of righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8), a crown of glory (1 Pet. 5:4) and an eternal, imperishable crown of life (1 Cor. 9:25; Rev. 2:10).

He who has sinlessly finished His race awaits us at the finished line. Do not just stroll aimlessly through life. Keep your eyes on Him through every trial as you complete your race.

**Do not just
“stroll” through
your life, remember that you are
in a daily race**



By David Sproule

Jesus Is the Mighty God

It is amazing how some people have tried to depict Jesus over the years to be a weak, ineffectual man who could not save His own life. Endless efforts have been made to mischaracterize Jesus, in order to prevent people from truly getting to know Him and follow Him.

The prophet Isaiah got a glimpse of Jesus as the promised Messiah, and he was overwhelmed with what he saw. The coming Messiah would reign as King “upon the throne of David and over His kingdom” (Isa. 9:7). We saw in last week’s article that Jesus is the “Wonderful Counselor” (9:6). Isaiah also described Jesus as the “Mighty God.”

The Hebrew word for “mighty” carries the idea of being a “mighty warrior” as a “strong, valiant man,” and interestingly is often defined as “hero” or “champion” (cf. 1 Sam. 17:51). When Isaiah saw Jesus, he saw deity, for Jesus is God (John 1:1-2), possessing “all the fullness of Deity” (Col. 2:9). As God, He is the “Heroic God,” the one possessing all power and ready to engage on behalf of His people. Let us think about the “might” of Jesus Christ.

As the Mighty God, Jesus did many “mighty works” while He walked this earth. Both believers and unbelievers recognized this. Nicodemus, who became a faithful disciple,

exclaimed, “No one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him” (John 3:2). Even His enemies “were astonished” at His “mighty works” (Matt. 13:54). Peter could tell the crowd on Pentecost that “you yourselves also know” of the great might demonstrated by Jesus (Acts 2:22).

As the Mighty God, Jesus overcame sin and the world. Hours before His death, He told His disciples, “Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). He did that by living a sinless life (1 Pet. 2:22; Heb. 4:15), so that He Himself could (and did) “put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself” (Heb. 9:26).

As the Mighty God, Jesus conquered death. Paul told Timothy that Christ had “abolished death” (2 Tim. 1:10), for having been raised from the dead (1 Cor. 15:20-26), He is “alive forevermore” and has “the keys of Hades and of Death” (Rev. 1:18).

As the Mighty God, Jesus triumphed over Satan. He came “that He might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8), and “through [His] death,” He did “destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil” (Heb. 2:14).

Jesus, the Mighty God, has done so much in demonstrating Himself to be our Heroic God, and even today, He is still “upholding all things by the word of His power” (Heb. 1:3). Best of all, He has and continues to use His might for the good of His people (Rom. 8:31; Heb. 13:6).

**The “Heroic God”
ready to engage
on behalf of His
people**



By Robert Lupo

How Do I Know You Know What You Say You Know?

There seems to be a growing number of “progressive Christian pastors” on social media these days claiming that they have discovered the true meanings of controversial Bible passages. These so-called theologians allege that long held church teachings concerning homosexuality and other practices are based on false interpretations of Scripture.

Of course, we can easily show in Scripture that there is zero basis to their assertions. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 states, “Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites...will inherit the kingdom of God.” However, rather than debunking all the false teachings, why don’t we instead look to the Scriptures and see how we can identify these false theologians?

It should be no surprise to us that we are seeing a rise in false teachers on social media. Paul warned in 2 Timothy 4:3-4, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” Social media is the perfect breeding ground for false doctrine. By its very design, it amplifies the

most popular opinions and silences those who dissent.

Thankfully, identifying false teachers is pretty easy if we know the Scriptures. In 1 John 2:3-4, the apostle whom Jesus loved shows us, saying, “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” In other words, if they aren’t living according to the Scriptures, then they cannot be trusted.

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What then do we see from these social media preachers? Those advocating for the church to change and accept all kinds of sin are practicing them. And, they flaunt their sin from their pulpits. “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be” (Rom. 8:7). Paul says here that they cannot help themselves. They advocate for sin because they love their sin. This is not the heart of someone who knows God.

So, how do you know if someone is a trustworthy source for Biblical truth? They have to know God. If they don’t keep His commandments and preach against sin, then you will know with certainty that not only do they not know the Lord, but He never knew them (Matt. 7:21-23). Don’t be swayed by these wolves in sheep’s clothing. Their end will be according to their deeds (2 Cor. 11:15). Seek the counsel of those who delight in the law of the Lord (Psa. 1:1).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

He first loved us!

There are some things that you know in your head, but even after knowing certain things for a lifetime, it can still boggle the mind and surpass complete understanding.

The love of God is one of those things that we can “know” but never fully comprehend. Consider parts of 1 John 4. “God is love...the love of God was manifested...He loved us...God so loved us...we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love...He first loved us” (4:8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 19). What did the love of God do for us? “God has sent His only begotten Son into the world...He sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins...the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world” (4:9, 10, 14).

Why is all of this being emphasized in this chapter? So that we, by looking at the mindboggling love of God, we also will “love one another...love one another...love one another...love the children of God...love God and keep His commandments” (4:7, 11, 12, 20, 21; 5:2, 3). May His love motivate us deeply to love Him and each other as He first loved us! – DS



“Come short of it”

Coming up short can be heart-breaking, frustrating and even life-threatening. Have you watched a professional golfer’s putt come just two inches short? Have you had family members stop just three credits short of a college degree? Do you know any fellow workers who always seem to stop short of finishing a job?

Sometimes coming up short can be trivial, but when it comes to the Christian life, it can be eternally detrimental. The inspired author of the book of Hebrews was pleading with Christians to NOT “drift away” and “depart from the living God” (Heb. 2:1; 3:12). He sought to motivate them by dwelling on the “promise that remains of (the people of God) entering His rest” (4:1, 9). But he issued a sobering warning, “let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it” (4:1).

Can you imagine ANYTHING worse than “coming short” of heaven?! That’s why the author later says, “Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall” (4:9). Are you making every effort to not come short of it? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Jackie Creary | recovering from knee replacement surgery |
| Carolyn Cullom | recovering from skin cancer surgery on her face |
| Jamie Green | recovering from ACL surgery |
| Adelene Honore | dealing with eye issues |
| Dick Kelley | still dealing with numerous health issues |
| David Lord | having a biopsy on a nodule in his abdomen |
| Sherri Richmond | undergoing medical tests, many health issues |
| Isolyn Sinclair | dealing with severe pain in her ankle |



Jim Rogers, upon the passing of his brother, Danny Rogers, last week.

Ongoing Health Issues

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| Judy Carmack | chronic 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

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Millie Ames | Daniel Johnson |
| Josie Dawson | Kasandra Jones |
| Zula Garrett | Betty Matter |
| Dick Haines | Joyce Parker |
| Margie Hardin | Leigh Puckett |
| Loretta Holaday | Maurine Reed |
| Joan Holloway | Ricky Smedley |

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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| Russell Beliech | Stephen Beliech's brother, slowly improving |
| Tom Holaday | Dave Holaday's brother, recovering from a stroke |
| Rickey Johnson | Reanna Lupo & Halle Johnson's father, arthritis pain |
| John Lord | David Lord's father, has prostate cancer |
| Antonio Marion | Anthony Marion's brother, surgery on his left arm |
| Clara Medina | Carolina Medina's sister, ongoing health issues |
| Greg Ryan | Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, radiation treatments |
| Kathy Widner | Brandan Widner's mother, leg wound is not healing |





Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, August 12

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on August 19.

Tuesday, August 13

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

Sunday, August 11

- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class at 9:00 a.m.** in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in Adult 1-2.
- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings, drinks and ice cream scoops. All members are invited. This will be a fun time of fellowship as we begin a new school year!

Wednesday, August 14

- ♦ **Praying & Singing Night** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, August 18

- ♦ **Mauricio Yegros Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Saturday, August 24

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

Sunday, August 25

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.

Sunday, September 1

- ♦ **Deadline to Bring Gift Cards for Mount Dora.** Please bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards and place them in the box in the Lobby.

Sunday, September 8

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, August 9

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. 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, September 7

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

Friday, September 13

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Reanna Lupo. 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 5

- ♦ **Young Adult & Youth Connect Day.** See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

Monday, October 7

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Friday, August 9

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. 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.

Sunday, August 11

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings, drinks and ice cream scoops.

Wednesday, August 14

- ♦ **Praying & Singing Night** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, August 18

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on August 25.

Sunday, August 25

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

Children's Bible Education & Experience

STEPPING INTO THE BIBLE

Age 3 thru Grade 5

Designed to develop and strengthen a living faith in the hearts of our children by walking them into the settings, narratives and truths of the living messages of God's Word!

Semester #12

August 25 thru January 8

Cradle Roll & Toddler Classes


**September 2024
thru
November 2024**

Cradle Roll

"God Made Everything"
Giselle Smith

Toddlers

"Noah"
Misty Hayes

|  | Jesus & Priorities | Jesus Is All | Jesus Prepares for Calvary | Jesus on the Cross | Resurrection & Ascension |
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| Session 1 <i>Aug. 25 thru Sept. 18</i> | Grades 4-5 <i>Tim Fry</i> | Ages 3-4 <i>Samantha Eutsey</i> | | K & Grade 1 <i>Cherylann Banks</i> | Grades 2-3 <i>Melissa Shaw</i> |
| Session 2 <i>Sept. 22 thru Oct. 16</i> | Grades 2-3 <i>Amy West</i> | Grades 4-5 <i>David Lord</i> | Ages 3-4 <i>Mendy Crews</i> | | K & Grade 1 <i>Allison Roman</i> |
| Session 3 <i>Oct. 20 thru Nov. 13</i> | K & Grade 1 <i>Allison Roman</i> | Grades 2-3 <i>Amy West</i> | Grades 4-5 <i>David Lord</i> | Ages 3-4 <i>Mendy Crews</i> | |
| Session 4 <i>Nov. 17 thru Dec. 11</i> | | K & Grade 1 <i>Allison Roman</i> | Grades 2-3 <i>Amy West</i> | Grades 4-5 <i>David Lord</i> | Ages 3-4 <i>Mendy Crews</i> |
| Session 5 <i>Dec. 15 thru Jan. 8</i> | Ages 3-4 <i>Trish Clark</i> | | K & Grade 1 <i>L. Metzkes & M. Porter</i> | Grades 2-3 <i>Jennifer Goodale</i> | Grades 4-5 <i>Robert Lupo</i> |

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 4



We rejoice with **Bryan Galvez** who was baptized on Sunday, August 4.

Thank You  notes

Thank you for your consistent prayers on behalf of myself and Lornette during my illness with cancer. Thank you to the PBL members who visited me while at the hospital as well as the prayers, cards and calls. Please continue to pray for me. We believe that God will see me through because He is more than able.

Love,

Geoffrey & Lornette Brown

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Huderson Aldonza; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mrs. Melanie Heitman; Ms. Kemonte Keesee; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Ms. Dorothy Pernel; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Mr. Joshua Tull; Mr. Richard Weinsten; Ms. Staci Young; and Ms. Derwesa Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Kinsey Deming, South Bend, IN; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mrs. Gwen Johns, Conway, AR; Mr. George Pitter, Nassau, Bahamas; and Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Jewell Sanders.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday, August 12th

Loretta James

Thursday, August 15th (cont.)

Carolyn Lord

Buzz Nelson

Wednesday, August 14th

Mike & Donna Erickson (Ann.)

Friday, August 16th

Chad Morgan

Thursday, August 15th

Tim & Beth Fry (Ann.)

Saturday, August 17th

Jonathan Swayne

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, August 11

Singing Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper Stephen Beliech
Singing
Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Scripture Reading Orlando Lolo
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tim Cox

Serve at Table:

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| Troy Alberga | Steward Lynch |
| Tom Garrison | Tim Mahlbacher |
| Ryan Hankins | Robert Mariano |
| Namddie Ikon | Taylor Reeves |
| Todd Juckett | |

Sunday Evening, August 11

Singing Graysen Hayes
Opening Prayer Willie Smith
Scripture Reading Ricky Smith
Singing
Lord's Supper Phil Porter
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Victor Colage

Serve at Table:

Nicholas Pietro Trevin Roman

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Israel Cuevas

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, August 14

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Johnny Davis
Family Prayer Dan McLeod

Our Record

| Attendance | Aug. 4 | July Avg |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 173 | 151 |
| Sun. AM Worship | 288 | 247 |
| Sun. PM Worship | 112 | 106 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 155 | 130 |
| Contribution | \$19,176 | \$16,326 |

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$23,313

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

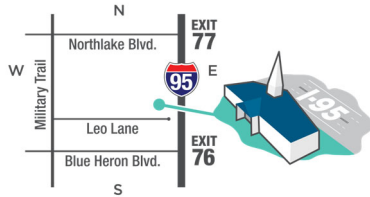
Ushers for this week: Tim Fry & Rick Hall
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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.

Front Cover: **Daisy Lord with Her Bible Class**

