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New Bible Classes (AUG. 25-OCT. 27)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (Dion Hayes):

A "1 Corinthians 13" Christian

God's word is clear that "love" is an integral part of being a Christian! But what does that really mean? How should love influence our attitude, our actions and our entire way of life? This study is intended to take a deeper dive into the "Love Chapter" and its applications to our daily Christian walk.

Adult 1-2 (David Sproule):

Second Corinthians (Part 1)

The heart of the apostle Paul is laid open in this intensely personal letter to the brethren in Corinth. His ministry, his apostleship and his authority had been attacked by some Jewish teachers, and the apostle now needed to spend time defending himself, lest the gospel (which he loved and preached) should suffer. This is both a comforting and a severe letter from Paul.

Adult 3 (Kirk Crews, Taylor Reeves & Ivan Villard):

Young Adults: Encouraging Young Adults

Do you need to be encouraged? Join our group discussion to learn more about the book of Hebrews, which was written to Christians who were "drifting." Their drifting led to them being discouraged. Together, we will study and discuss how the Hebrews writer encouraged these Christians...and how those same words of encouragement apply to you and me today!

SEE PAGE 8 FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES FOR ADULTS

NEW BIBLE CLASSES FOR JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH

SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Book of Acts

(Robert Lupo)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Christian Ethics

(Robert Lupo)



By Dan Jenkins

What Do I Say When My Child Asks to Be Baptized

When a child first mentions their desire to be baptized most parents are not sure how to respond. I have written on this before, but some time has passed. Now there is another “generation” of parents who face this. Hopefully, last week’s article and this one will give some insight into how to handle this in the right way.

Consider the tender heart of the child who asks. As a parent, you have brought influences into that child’s life which has created this situation. Make sure your child knows that you are thankful they have this desire. If you choose to delay that baptism, make sure the child is not discouraged to the point of having lower self-esteem as you talk to him.

Having expressed your joy, I suggest you sit down with them and humbly talk about it. Obviously, there are things you should ask to see where they are. Sometimes it is better to ask a series of questions. You could ask them about the Lord’s supper and all of worship. You should be able to see if they are old enough to worship. Worship is not just eating bread and drinking fruit of the vine, it involves discerning the Lord’s body as they examine themselves. Worship is not just turning the pages in a songbook. It involves the soul as the

words are sung. Worship is not just sitting reverently on a pew. It involves listening to what God says and its impacts on life. Obviously, a child using electronics at worship is not worshipping.

Ask them what we pray about at worship and what we should do when we pray (the answer is not just bow your heads and close your eyes). Ask them about the words of the songs we sing to see if they know more than words.

Most parents are not sure how to respond when their child asks to be baptized

As you talk about these matters ask them why they want to be baptized and *then be quiet*. Do not help them give the right answer. Be careful that you do not make this question more important than the other question, even though it probably is.

One way I see if they know why they should be baptized is to ask, *“Someday Jesus will come to take people to heaven. If He came today would he take your little brother to heaven? Would He take mommy and daddy to heaven? If He came today would He take you to heaven?”* Listen carefully for if he says yes to that last question. If so, he does NOT understand the purpose of baptism or what sin is and how it impacts our relationship with God.

If a child does not know enough, gently tell him that he needs to keep studying and soon he will know when he should be baptized. Feel free to call me and talk more about this. Continue to pray and teach your children.



By David Sproule

Jesus Is the Prince of Peace

There must have been such great excitement in the heart of the Jews as they heard the prophecies of Isaiah of the coming Messiah. They would not understand them all, but it must have been fascinating to think about the Messiah as the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God and Everlasting Father. (We

looked at these titles in the last three weeks.) And as war was all around them (with Assyria capturing the northern kingdom and then coming against the southern kingdom), it must have been particularly comforting to think of the Messiah as “the Prince of Peace.”

Most worldly rulers (like princes) seek power and greatness, and if it takes the sword and war to achieve, then by all means, let’s fight for it. But Jesus is not “the Prince of Conflict” but of “Peace.” Now, some may think of peace as merely the cessation or absence of hostilities, but that is not necessarily true peace. Instead, there must be the removal of the cause of the conflict and war. Only then does true peace reign.

The Hebrew word for “peace” (*shalom*) carries the idea of “well-being, completeness, wholeness, soundness.” The well-being and soundness in which the Prince of Peace is truly interested is not on the physical, military or national level, but on the spiritual level. Jesus told His disciples, “Peace I

leave with you, My peace I give to you” (John 14:27). What is the peace of the Prince of Peace?

First, Jesus brought peace between God and man by removing the cause of that enmity—sin. When He was born, there was an announcement of “peace on earth” or “goodwill toward men” (Luke 2:14), for this “Jesus” was coming to “save His people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). As the exalted “Prince and Savior,” Jesus provides the only thing that can bring about true peace—“forgiveness of sins” (Acts 5:31). And when we are “justified” through His salvation plan, “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1). What a glorious blessing!

Second, by bringing peace to sinners in reconciling them to God through His blood, Jesus also brought peace that man can have with his fellow-man. Deep enmity existed between the Jews and Gentiles, but “through the cross,” Jesus was able to “reconcile them both to God in one body,” “thus making peace” (Eph. 2:15-16). True peace is found among the people of this Prince!

Third, when His people stand in a right relationship with their Prince, they are able to enjoy a “peace that surpasses all understanding” that “will guard [their] hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:7).

How blessed we are to have Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace!



By Robert Lupo

Are You Spiraling Out of Control?

The life of King Saul is a tragic story of a humble man's descent into pride and the lust for power. What makes his story so disheartening is that one incident of failure became the catalyst for him to lose his kingdom, his family and his relationship with God.

When we are first introduced to Saul, he is a humble man. He is very considerate of his responsibilities and his relationships. He went to great lengths to find his father's lost possessions (1 Sam. 9:1-5). When he was chosen as Israel's king, he wasn't up front waiting to receive glory but was found hiding (1 Sam. 10:21-23). When he took command of God's army, he led his people to victory and showed mercy instead of dealing revenge (1 Sam. 11:12-13). By all accounts, Saul was a man of great character.

However, Saul made a mistake. Instead of waiting on the priest, Samuel, to come and offer supplication to God, he broke the Law of Moses and offered it himself (1 Sam. 13:8-12). As punishment for this sin, God told him that the kingdom would not continue in Saul's lineage.

This event devastated Saul. Rather than learning from his mistakes, he had a change of heart and left his humility behind him. He no longer led his men in battle but sent them

to do his bidding. Soon after, he would even disobey God's direct command to wipe out the Amalekites (1 Sam. 15). So, God told Saul that he would lose his throne (v. 22-23).

After this decree, Saul's decline only steepened. He grew in anger, jealousy and paranoia over his replacement, David. Though David only ever showed him love and honor, Saul began terrorizing him and sent him into hiding. In his mad campaign to find David, he became a murderer of innocent priests, women and children (1 Sam. 22:17-19).

In the end, Saul's sins caught up with him. He lost everything. He lost his sons, his army, his life and most importantly, his relationship with God (1 Sam. 31:3-6).

Sin can cause the humblest and strongest of men to crumble. Saul's greatest crime wasn't a single mistake but that he refused to learn from it. Instead, his pride led him to fear and murder.

How do we handle our mistakes? Instead of accepting God's forgiveness and making an effort to repent, many of us will allow a single sin to grow and become a way of life. Sin becomes an identity. We cannot let our failures define us. We must let Christ define us. He paid the debt of our sin and gives us the opportunity to repent and live a life in His likeness. Don't let your life spiral out of control over a single sin, but let the Lord renew your spirit according to His words.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Would you carry Jesus' cross?

After a long night of agonizing, blood-stained prayers, followed by a friend's betrayal and a criminal arrest, then hours of kangaroo court proceedings, accompanied by taunts and violent mobs, which culminated in a vicious scourging, Jesus was "led away" to be crucified, "bearing His cross" (John 19:16-17). Somewhere along the way, the executioners "compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian...to bear His cross" (Mark 15:21).

Simon did not have a choice in this matter. Under law, the soldiers "impressed him into service," and he was obligated to carry the burden as directed.

Would any of us have volunteered? Would we have done anything to ease the burden on our Savior? Sometimes we make excuses and feel that we have been "impressed into service" by a ruling authority. When, in fact, we have instead been lovingly granted access into a relationship with the One who Redeemed us (Heb. 10:19-23)! Rather than see carrying His cross as a burden, let us see the privilege and enjoy every moment of bearing "it after Jesus" (Luke 23:26)! – DS



Just as He said!

As Jesus approached the city of Jerusalem in the last week of His life, He sent two of His disciples into a village, "where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat" (Luke 19:30). Two verses later, they "found it **just as He had said** to them" (19:32). A few days later, Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare the Passover, telling them that they would meet "a man...carrying a pitcher of water," who would lead them to a house with a "large, furnished upper room" (Luke 22:8-12). In the very next verse, they "found it **just as He had said** to them" (22:13). A few days later, a group of women came to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An angel told them, "He is risen! He is not here...**as He said** to you" (Mark 16:4-7).

The disciples continually found things "just as Jesus said" they would be! Friends, so it is with us! We have found, in Christ, "life...more abundantly" than any others (John 10:10) and will one day be with Him "where He is" (John 14:3), **just as He said!** – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jackie Creary	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Adelene Honore	dealing with eye issues
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from cataract surgery and hand surgery
Dick Kelley	having surgery on August 23
Janice Osborne	having oral surgery on August 26
Jim Rogers	ICU at JFK, successful heart valve replacement surgery
Sylvester Jackson	dealing with trouble breathing

Ongoing Health Issues

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Jerry Goodale	Jeff Goodale's father, recovering from stent surgery
Wayne Hall	Rick Hall's brother, hospitalized, recovering from stroke
Diana McArthur	Maxine McCoy's mom, recovering from hospitalization
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, ongoing health issues
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, radiation treatments
Jewell Smith	James Green's sister, hospitalized, undergoing tests
Kathy Widner	Brandan Widner's mother, leg wound is not healing

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

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, August 25

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

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

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.

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, September 14

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.
- ♦ **Teacher Appreciation Banquet** for our teachers of children and adult Bible classes at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Please RSVP to the office.
- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This year's theme is *"Modesty of a Christian Woman."* Please RSVP by August 31. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, September 15

- ♦ **Friends & Family Day with David Powell.** The theme is *"Priority #1: Getting Our Children to Heaven."* Use the invitations in the Lobby to invite your friends!

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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.

Friday, September 20

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David & Daisy Lord.

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. 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.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, August 25

- ♦ **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 Robert & Reanna Lupo.

Sunday, September 1

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

Sunday, September 8

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

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.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - September 2024

September 1 ^(A)

September 8 ^(L)

September 15 ^(A)

September 22 ^(C)

September 29 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Stephen Beliech	Dan Fuller	Johnny Davis	Robert Mariano	Freddie Gadson
Scripture Reader	Taylor Reeves	David Lord	Kirk Crews	Philip Porter	Paul Metzkes
Presiding at Table	Willie Smith	Dan McLeod	Jeff Leslie	Victor Colage	Dion Hayes
Serving at Table	Troy Alberga Tim Cox Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano Nahum Villard Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Mike Damron Gorman Ericksen Freddie Gadson Chuck Reeves, Jr. Johnny Singer Cristian Suarez Darin Summerlot Daniel Swayne	Jimmie Banks Connor Goodale Jeff Goodale Graysen Hayes Rick Price Vincent Rogers Joseph Snyder Marty Williams	Ryan Hankins Namdidie Ikon Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Trevin Roman Willie Smith Tyler Williams	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Andres Fernandez Bill Ingram, Jr. Dan McLeod David Perez Chuck Reeves, Jr. Cristian Suarez
Closing Prayer	Henry Williams	David Holaday	Islay Rodriguez	Stephen Beliech	Dan Fuller

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Graysen Hayes	Dion Hayes	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	Joe Maloney	Dion Hayes	John Hoelzer		Ricky Smith
Scripture Reader	Tim Fry	Daniel Wagner	Ivan Villard		Joe Maloney
Presiding at Table	Richard Watson	Douglas Alvarenga	Kane Campbell		Tim Fry
Serving at Table	Rick Price Trevin Roman	David Perez Darin Summerlot	Jack Holoman Jim Rogers		Troy Alberga Nicholas Pietro
Closing Prayer	Philip Porter	Paul Metzkes	Mike Archer		Richard Watson

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown	Ricky Smith
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Israel Cuevas	Buzz Nelson	Ivan Villard	Israel Cuevas
Video	Todd Juckett	Scott Studer	Edward Gager	Scott Studer	Edward Gager

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Mike Damron	Andres Fernandez	Lawrence Williams	Kirk Crews	David Lord
Usher	Victor Colage Tom Garrison	Edward Gager Dirk Summerlot	John Patrick Eugene Williams	Daniel Swayne Nahum Villard	Rick Hall Darin Summerlot

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Rick Hall	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox (AM) Robert Lupo (PM)	Rick Hall

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,
August 18



Wedding Announcement

Congratulations to **Rachel Byerly & Andrew Jenkins**
who were married on Sunday, August 18.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Cris & Alice Cuevas; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Menendez & Astrid Arevalo; Ms. Dorothy Pernel; Ms. Holly Petsel; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Jewell Sanders; and Mrs. Brenda Star.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Pearl El, Jacksonville, FL; Mrs. Lindsey McPherson, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Crystal Sucher, Panama City, FL; Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Mauricio & Kayla Yegros, Margate, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Tuesday, August 27th

Daniel Lord
Allison Snyder

Friday, August 30th

Dion & Misty Hayes (Ann.)
Mary Brown

Thursday, August 29th

Jordan Beasley
Amira Hill

Saturday, August 31st

Dan & Luann McLeod (Ann.)
Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro (Ann.)
Cherylann Banks



His Kids Class

Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

For Age 3 & up.

Meet in the front of the Auditorium.

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 25

Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Singing Gary Friedly
Contribution Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading Michael Erickson
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Jeff Leslie

Serve at Table:

Kirk Crews	Vince Rogers
James Green	Cayden Scriven
Graysen Hayes	Cristian Suarez
John Patrick	Joseph Snyder
Jim Rogers	

Sunday Evening, August 25

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Connor Goodale
Singing
Lord's Supper John Hoelzer
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Kameron Heitler Islay Rodriguez

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, August 28

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Stephen Beliech
Family Prayer Paul Metzkes

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 18	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	146	151
Sun. AM Worship	240	247
Sun. PM Worship	94	106
Wed. Bible Study	124	130
Contribution	\$15,726	\$16,326

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$23,304

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

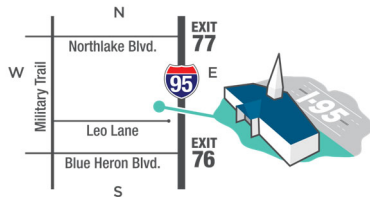
Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

 Speaking where the Bible speaks

 Silent where the Bible is silent

 Calling Bible things by Bible names

 Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES (Aug. 28-Oct. 30)

Auditorium (Dan Jenkins):

15 Periods of Bible History

As we study individual topics and books of the Bible, it is so important to keep in mind how each of these are part of the complete revelation of the will of God. An overview of the history of how God revealed Himself to mankind makes it so much easier to understand how each topic or book of the Bible is part of that history.

Adult 1-2 (Traci Sproule):

Ladies Only:

Peter: Finding Success After Failure

This class will be a brief examination of the numerous ways in which Peter failed Jesus, then dusted himself off to become a true force for evangelism and exhortation to His church. How can we learn from Peter's example to recover from our own failures and become better servants of our Lord?