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Welcome New Members



Hester, Mary Beth

Identified September 1

Which Bible Class Are You Attending?

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

A "1 Corinthians 13" Christian

Dion Hayes (Auditorium)

Second Corinthians (Part 1)

David Sproule (Adult 1-2)

Young Adults: The Book of Hebrews

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

15 Periods of Bible History

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

Peter: Finding Success After Failure

LADIES ONLY: Traci Sproule (Adult 1-2)



By Dan Jenkins

One Is NOT Two and Is NOT None

There are places in the Bible where when it discusses some vital truth it emphatically affirms, "There is one." When these words are used it implies two truths. One truth is that that truth does exist. You can never say there is none when the Bible says there is one. The second truth is that this denies there could be two, three or even more. No mortal has any right to ever say there is none, nor to ever say there is more than one. Revelation 22:18-19 prohibits us from adding even one thing to what God says or to ever take away even one thing God says. I love the way a lady from Trinidad said it. "You cannot plus or minus the Bible." Let's take time to look at the seven "ones" God affirms in Ephesians chapter four.

"There is one body" (v. 4). What is that one body? Ephesians 1:22-23 clearly says the body is the church, this demands that there is one church. Jesus promised to build it and that when it was built nothing would prevail against it (Matt. 16:18). There are many churches in our land, but Jesus established one—not two or many. It is still on this earth today. To find it, read the Bible to see that church which He built, then search and find it using the Bible as your guide.

"There is...one Spirit" (v. 4). There is no question that this is the Holy Spirit who guided the apostles into all the truth

(John 16:13). The one Spirit gave all the truth in the first century (2 Pet. 1:3; Jude 3). There is only one—not two or many. No mortal can say the Holy Spirit has revealed more truth to him!

"There is...one hope" (v. 4). The foundation of hope is faith (Heb. 11:1) and that faith comes from hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17). Reading the words given by the one Spirit creates that hope. There are not many hopes, only the one given by God and by which we are saved (Rom. 8:24).

**When the one
God says there is
one there is, and
there is not two
or more**

"There is...one Lord" (v. 5). That Lord is Jesus. The word lord means one who has authority, and Jesus has all authority (Matt. 28:18). The one church is built on the words given by the one Spirit who gives this one hope. There is only one Lord.

"There is...one faith" (v. 5). That faith is the one which comes from hearing the faith preached by the early church (Rom. 10:17; Gal. 1:23). There are not many bodies, and there are not many faiths given by the one Lord. Our faith comes from the one faith.

"There is...one baptism" (v. 5). It is in water (Acts 8:36-38), and it is a burial in water (Rom. 6:4). The one Lord told the apostles to go and baptize (immerse) people and then to teach them to go and baptize others with that one baptism.

"There is...one God" (v. 6). We know who He is. It is He who has given us all of these seven "ones." Glorify Him!



By David Sproule

You Can Move Mountains in Your Life

One must NEVER take a verse out of context! One must NEVER make a verse in the Bible mean something that it did not or does not mean! Still, when one understands passages in their context, look for applications for us today.

During His last week of life before the crucifixion, Jesus cursed a fig tree because it had no figs, and "Immediately the fig tree withered away" (Matt. 21:19). When the disciples "saw the fig tree dried up from the roots" (Mark 11:20), they "marveled" (Matt. 21:20). They asked, "How?" (21:20).

Jesus gave the apostles the key to such power in their lives—"Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22)! And not only to "have faith" but also "do not doubt" (Matt. 21:21). Jesus gave the apostles miraculous "power" (Matt. 10:1), which is not available to anyone today, but even that miraculous power would not work if there was "unbelief" (NKJV) or "littleness of faith" (NASB) present in the hearts of the apostles (Matt. 17:20).

In speaking to the apostles (keep the context), Jesus said, "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says" (Mark 11:23). For the apostles:

Faith + Prayer = God's Power. The "moving of mountains" was commonly used among the Jews as a proverb for doing that which seemed impossible or overcoming some great difficulty (see Matthew 17:20 and 1 Corinthians 13:2). The miraculous power from God would enable the apostles to do the impossible or overcome a difficult with God's help.

So, does this passage not have any application to us today? Let's be clear that it does NOT have any miraculous application to us today. No prayer is going to move a literal mountain today, and a literal mountain remaining upright and not in the sea is not a sign of a lack of faith. HOWEVER, even for the apostles, this terminology was probably figurative.

**Faith + Prayer =
God's Power**

Here's a question: Do you have any "mountains" in your life? Do you have obstacles that don't seem to go away? Do you have God-given responsibilities that seem too large to accomplish? While the age of miracles has ceased, the power of God still works within us and for us (Eph. 3:20; Phil. 2:13; Heb. 13:21). So, don't try to scale that "mountain" in your life or try to remove that "mountain" WITHOUT God's help! What does that involve? First, "Have faith in God." Do everything you can to increase your faith through God's Word (Rom. 10:17). Second, "ask," "pray" "in faith, with no doubting" (Jas. 1:6; Mark 11:24). When you do, remember this: Faith + Prayer = God's Power.



By Robert Lupo

Evangelizing Without Partiality

The Great Commission is one of the last commands Jesus left His disciples before ascending into heaven. We understand that though He was speaking to the apostles, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...” was intended to be obeyed by every Christian. In the earliest days of the church, we see exactly that. “Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4).

Each of us has a responsibility to share the gospel, but we often have trouble deciding when to share it or who to share it with. Of course, not every moment is the right time to preach Christ. Your boss probably wouldn’t appreciate it in the middle of a company meeting. We need to be careful to wait for opportunities that are appropriate. However, we do not need to be so careful when deciding who needs to hear it.

Are we picky when it comes to deciding who to teach about Jesus? Sometimes we limit our outreach to people we feel are already “good enough” to be taught. Other times we hold off because it could get us more involved with someone we would rather not. Some may even withhold the gospel based on how a person looks. Brethren, we cannot be so arrogant as to prejudge a person’s worthiness of the gospel.

When Peter preached the gospel for the first time in Acts

2, he probably had very little reservations as to who would receive the message. All those present were his people: Jews. When they asked Peter “What shall we do?” he gladly told his brethren the message of salvation.

Later, in Acts 10, Peter would be commanded by God to preach to someone he might have apprehensions about. The Spirit led Peter to Caesarea to preach to a gentile. Not just any gentile, but a Roman centurion. Like any of his peers, Peter had strong prejudices against the idolatrous gentiles, let alone one serving in the military occupying his country.

However, after receiving a vision from God and hearing Cornelius’ testimony, Peter realized something. “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34). The Lord then confirmed this message by endowing Cornelius and his house with the Holy Spirit. So, Peter baptized them for the remission of their sins.

Peter thought he knew who was worthy of the gospel, but he misjudged the breadth of God’s love. God doesn’t pick and choose who is worthy, He offers it freely to all who will believe (Acts 10:43). We have no place to judge who is worth teaching Jesus to. That is only for God to decide. Whatever nation or social status a person may belong, everyone deserves to hear the gospel. Let’s evangelize without partiality.

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the gospel.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

All is vanity, except this one thing

Solomon was overwhelmed with being king of Israel, and the Lord wanted to get him started off on the right foot. The Lord asked Solomon, “What shall I give you?” (1 Kgs. 3:5). The king simply requested “a wise and understanding heart” (3:9, 12), and that is exactly what the all-powerful, all-wise, all-loving God gave to him. Wisdom!

Near the end of his days, the man who possessed a heavenly dose of wisdom looked at life, and he concluded, “I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind” (Ecc. 1:14). Heavenly wisdom caused him to investigate ALL the works done under the sun—to look at everything done in life and everything supposedly meaningful in life. After investigating them ALL, he surmised, “ALL is vanity and grasping for the wind.”

When will we learn from Solomon? When will we stop grasping after the meaningless things of this world? When will we truly (not superficially!) realize that our “ALL” is to “fear God and keep His commandments” (12:13)? That’s ALL that matters! – DS



“Do not speak evil of one another”

Talking about others behind their back seems almost like a sport or a competition today. We have to be intentional and paying close attention to our conversations to stop ourselves from doing it. Can we look at this for a moment?

James 4:11 commands simply, “Do not speak evil of one another, brethren.” The same Greek word is used twice in First Peter of others who “speak against you” (2:12; 3:16). We truly hate it when people “speak against us,” don’t we? Why do we do it to others? Its noun form is translated “backbiters” or “slanderers” in Romans 1:30. Do you know any backbiters? Are you one?

King David asked God, “Who may dwell in Your holy hill?” (Psa. 15:1). In other words, “Who may go to heaven?” Among the answers in that psalm is this, “He who does not backbite with his tongue...nor does he take up a reproach against his friend” (15:3).

Speaking evil of someone behind their back may feel natural, since “everyone else is doing it.” But...it will cost you a home in heaven (cf. Matt. 12:36-37)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Michael Archer	recovering from a medical procedure
Fran Campbell	having knee surgery soon
Dee Catanzaro	fell and broke her wrist
Helen Chapman	now under Hospice Care
Mary A. Jackson	recovering from cataract surgery and hand surgery
Dan Johnson	now at home, improving
Grace Judge	recovering from major neck and back surgery
Dick Kelley	recovering from surgery
Debora Lynch	awaiting test results
Gwen Lyons	fell and hurt her back
Jerry Pittman	awaiting test results
Maurine Reed	Bethesda East Hospital, undergoing tests
Jim Rogers	now at home, improving
Henry Williams	dealing with ongoing eye issues
Samuel Williams	has not been doing well

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 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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Michelle Airey	Jackie Stout's daughter, recovering from cancer surgery
Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, coronary angioplasty
Leonardo Elvir	Daisy Lord's brother, a lot of pain due to kidney stones
Sandra Perez	Cherylann Banks' sister, diagnosed with liver fibrosis
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, diagnosed with cancer
Mary Reeves	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s mother, heart and liver issues
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, radiation treatments
Kathie Widner	Brandan Widner's mother, battling kidney issues

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, September 22

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, October 2

- ♦ **Tavaro Hanna Mission Report** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adults will meet in the auditorium. Children in Grades 5 and under will have regular classes.

Sunday-Wednesday, October 6-9

- ♦ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Mon-Wed). This year's theme is "*Encourage*." Tommy Peeler and Josh Higgins will be the guest speakers.

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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship!

Saturday, October 12

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. Wear your costume! All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids! See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.
- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Suncoast** at 11:00 a.m. This year's theme is "*These Are the Women We Come From*." See the bulletin board for more details.

Friday, October 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Saturday, October 19

- ♦ **New Members' Banquet** at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to the church office by emailing: office@pblcoc.org.

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

Saturday, October 5

- ♦ **Young Adult & Youth Connect Day.** Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. See Robert Lupo or Ivan Villard for details.

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Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, September 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 Jeff & Jennifer Goodale. See Robert Lupo for details.

Thursday-Sunday, September 26-29

- ♦ **RUSH Weekend at FHU for Grades 8-12.** Meet at the building at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. We will return late Sunday night. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, September 29

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

Saturday, October 5

- ♦ **Young Adult & Youth Connect Day.** Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. See Robert Lupo or Ivan Villard for details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 b Robin Stone	2 ☆ Tavaro Hanna Mission Report b Casey Crews b Joel Ramirez	3 b Kathy Nelson	4 b Amelia Rogers	5 ☆ Young Adult & Youth Connect Day b Rosa Nash
6 ☆ His Kids Class	7 ☆ Men's Meet a Jimmie & Cherylann Banks b Lisa Suarez	8 b Donna Erickson b Norma Mariano b Bessie Walker b Betty White	9 b Lawrence Williams	10 a Eldra & Grace Judge b Dirk Summerlot	11 b Scott Studer	12 ☆ Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Suncoast
Haverhill Road Lectures (October 6-9)						
13 ☆ His Kids Class b Arianna Bassett b Fran Campbell	14 b Amy Rosado b Johnny Singer	15 b Stahia Banks	16 a Michael & Turkessa Staley b Adelene Honore	17	18 ☆ Ladies & Lattes	19 ☆ New Members' Banquet b Samantha Jewell b Todd Juckett
20 ☆ His Kids Class	21 b Janice Maloney b Sabrina Pietro b David Sproule	22 b Tim Mahlbacher	23 b Mille Ames	24 b Lydia Quinn	25 b Ekaette Ikon	26 ☆ Youth & Young Adult Costume Party a Kane & Fran Campbell b Samantha Eutsey
27 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo b Traci Sproule	28 b Sylvester Jackson	29	30 b Marie Yolette Achille	31		

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
September 15

Thank You  notes

Wow, Betty and I have just experienced the greatest outpouring of love from our friends, brothers and sisters here at Palm Beach Lakes. This has created and left a memory that will always live in our minds. Please know that it is greatly appreciated and that we look forward to the fulfillment of the promise that our Savior has given us when we will all be together for eternity.

We thank you all, and we love you, will miss you and remember you all as we are now on the road to our new residence in Tennessee.

Your Brother & Sister in Christ,
Johnny & Betty Davis

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Many thanks for all the calls, cards, texts and prayers after my recent surgery.
Janice Osborne

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Christy Anderson; Mrs. Tamela Cleveland; Ms. Betty Cooley Kelly; Mr. & Mrs. Cris & Alice Cuevas; Mr. Carey Daniels; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Mrs. Evelyn Green; Ms. Tamie Jacobs; Mr. Justin Kelly, Jr.; Mr. Jose Leandre; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. Sincere McCall; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Menendez & Astrid Arevalo; Miss D.L. Moore; Ms. Dorothy Pernell; Miss Holly Petsel; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Jewell Sanders; and Ms. Yazmenda Rosier.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Janie Flournoy, Lauderhill, FL; Ms. Stephanie Flournoy, Lauderhill, FL; Mr. Joshua Lupo, Hopkinsville, KY; Mr. & Mrs. David & Cathy Powell, Henderson, TN; and Mr. Brent Richburg, Plainview, TX.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, September 22nd
Luann McLeod

Tuesday, September 24th
Johnny & Betty Davis (Ann.)
Sabrina Swayne

Wednesday, September 25th
Paul Davidson
Dan Fuller

Thursday, September 26th
Betty Davis
Ophelia Holmes
Gary Jenkins
Vincent Rogers

Saturday, September 28th
Graysen Hayes

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, September 22

Opening Prayer Robert Mariano
Singing Dion Hayes
Contribution Victor Colage
Scripture Reading Phil Porter
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Stephen Beliech

Serve at Table:

Ryan Hanks	Taylor Reeves
Namdidie Ikon	Trevin Roman
Orlando Lolo	Willie Smith
Steward Lynch	Tyler Williams
Tim Mahlbacher	

Sunday Evening, September 22

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: David Brown
Computer this week: Ivan Villard
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, September 25

Singing Chuck Reeves
Invitation Jeff Goodale
Family Prayer David Lord

Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 15	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	170	171
Sun. AM Worship	330	268
Sun. PM Worship	152	121
Wed. Bible Study	124	141
Contribution	\$15,517	\$16,708

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,434

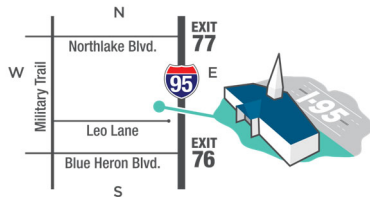
Service Coordinator: T. Cox (AM) & R. Lupo (PM)
Ushers for this week: Daniel Swayne & Nahum Villard
Safety Team for this week: Kirk Crews



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: **Quinntel Smith, Delond Byran, Brian Findley,
Trevin Roman, Rod McLeod & Caleb Beliech**

What Jesus **DID** for YOU ...and why

He created you
(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

He came to this earth for you
(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

He died on the cross for you
(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

He shed His blood for you
(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

He was raised from the dead for you
(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

Because...

He loves you
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

He wants to save you
(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

He wants to take you to heaven
(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)

What Jesus **EXPECTS** of YOU ...and why

Learn and know the truth (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

Obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

Believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

Repent (turn) from your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

Confess your faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

Be immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

Live faithfully and serve Him (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

So that...

You can prove your love for Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

You can be saved from your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

You can go to heaven (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)