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Welcome New Members



Spurlock, Susie

Baptized October 13

New Adult Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M. (THRU MARCH 30)

Colossians

David Sproule (Auditorium)

Young Adults: Paul's First Letter of Encouragement to Christians

Kirk Crews (Adult 3)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M. (THRU APRIL 2)

First Samuel

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

Ladies Only: Stepping Stones: A Journey Down the Path of Faith

Traci Sproule (Adult 1-2)



By Dan Jenkins

It's the Message, Never the Messenger

Corinth was located in the midst of the Grecian world characterized by orators and philosophers. Rome had conquered the Grecian world, but its culture in some ways had not changed at all. This magnifies the importance of what Paul said in his first letter to this city. "I was determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). The power of the gospel to change the world is not determined by the skill of the messenger but in the truth of the message.

Dio Chrysostom lived from A.D. 40 until A.D. 110 and was a Greek historian and writer of the Roman world. Eighty of his discourses have been found and in one of them he describes the orators of his day. "They croak like frogs in a marsh; they are the most wretched of men, because, though ignorant, they think themselves wise; they are like peacocks, showing off their reputation and the number of their pupils as peacocks do their tails."

This was the world into which Paul came to establish the kingdom of God in Corinth. He first entered the synagogue and "persuaded both Jews and Greeks...and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ" (Acts 18:4-5). His description of his preaching gives such insight into the importance of the

message over the importance of the messenger. "My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" (1 Cor. 2:4-5). The results of this? "Many of the Corinthians hearing, believed and were baptized" (Acts 18:8). His purpose was not to elevate any man above the cross, for no man had died for them nor had they been baptized in the name of any man (1 Cor. 1:13).

Why do the mighty, the noble and the wise not become Christians

What happened when this humble apostle exalted Christ and Him crucified as he preached? While many of the Corinthians believed, most of them did not. How is it that some obeyed the gospel, but most did not? Look at how Paul described the Grecian world and its love for orators. "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). "Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. 1:22-23).

Should the message be changed to convert more? Hear the words of Paul, "For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise...not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise" (1 Cor. 1:26-27). The death of Jesus is foolishness to most, but to us it is the power of God. God help us to simply preach Christ and His message—not ours!



By David Sproule

Why I Enjoy Teaching One-on-One Bible Studies (Part 2 of 2)

In the last article, we considered how enjoyable one-on-one Bible studies with non-Christians can be and should be for us as children of God. We saw how much we can and should rely on the Bible, for it is the same book in every study, it never changes, it is always right, and it has all of the answers.

Here are a few more reasons to consider in why we should have excitement in teaching Bible studies.

I always learn something myself. The Bible is a "living" book (Heb. 4:12), and there is always something for someone to learn, even those who have read it and studied it for years. Sometimes there are connections seen between verses that had not been noticed before. The old saying, "The teacher always learns the most," is especially true when it comes to the Bible.

It keeps me sharp. "As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend" (Prov. 27:17). What if your friend is the Bible, which is itself a "sword" (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12)? Teaching it sharpens my knowledge and sharpens my ability to teach it again.

It is fun to watch it work. It is "the gospel" (not me) that is "the power of God to salvation" (Rom. 1:16). There are few things more exciting than to see "the sword of the Spir-

it" (Eph. 6:17), "the light of the gospel" (2 Cor. 4:4) and "the word of truth" (Jas. 1:18) at work. When the plain truth of God's Word connects with an open heart, who is ready to receive "the word with all readiness" (Acts 17:11), it is fun to watch outward expressions display the inward applications being made. When studying about the authority of God's Word, the unique nature of the Lord's church and the Divine plan of salvation, it starts to click and a person starts to respond favorably, because it is "welcomed...as it is in truth, the word of God" (1 Thess. 2:13).

When the plain truth of God's Word connects with an open heart

I am reminded of God's promises. God promises wisdom to those who ask (Jas. 1:5). God promises strength to those who need it (Isa. 41:10). The Lord promises to be with me, when I am teaching His Word (Matt. 28:20; cf. Josh. 1:5-9). I am not on my own. In these studies, I am standing on the promises of God.

I do not take personal offense. Sometimes a person may decide, like Felix in Acts 24:25, to wait for "a convenient time" to obey. Sometimes a person may outright reject what is being taught, but in all of this I am reminded that Jesus said, "He who rejects you rejects me" (Luke 10:16; cf. John 12:48). Jesus is there to protect me. It's not about me, but about Him.

There are few things (if any) that I enjoy more than studying one-on-one with a non-Christian! How about you?



By Robert Lupo

Patience Is Suffering

“Patience is a virtue.” I heard that phrase countless times growing up and for good reason. Patience is something that has to be instilled in us early on because it takes time to develop. If we can learn to be patient, we can solve so many difficult problems in our lives.

This weekend millions of couples will celebrate Valentine’s Day. This is the holiday where as long as men manage to make their last-minute plans and purchases without their Valentine noticing, love is celebrated. With this day in mind, I want us to take a look at the most famous Bible passage on love, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, and see how we can make our marriages more loving. While each quality of love is equally important, in this article we are going to focus on the very first quality: patience.

“Love is patient” is what you will read if you have a NASB, NIV, or ESV Bible. It is the way most people remember the verse. Patience is not a difficult thing for us to understand. If you have ever been to the DMV, you understand patience. If you have a NKJV or KJV, the same word is translated “suffers long.” This rendering does an excellent job of helping us visualize what the word really means. Biblical patience is not something that you try for five minutes, and then all bets are off.

It is the kind of love that put Jesus on the cross.

Biblical patience means suffering through frustration, provocation and hardship as long as necessary for the sake of another. It is the kind of love that put Jesus on the cross. How much sin did Jesus endure before He gave His life for us?

We need patience in our marriages. A marriage without it cannot last. According to the National Institutes of Health, “The most commonly reported major contributors to divorce were lack of commitment, infidelity, and conflict/arguing.” Each of these factors could be prevented by Biblical patience. If you are suffering long for your spouse, will there be any question of your commitment? If you are patient in regard to their needs in the bedroom, how likely are they to feel unfulfilled or misused? If you are Biblically patient, how many arguments and conflicts can be avoided altogether?

Are you patient with your spouse? When you were married, you probably made a promise that sounded something like, “I take you to be my husband/wife, to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.” Patience is a decision we make long before we ever have an argument or hardship. Will you suffer long for your spouse when they disappoint you? Will you suffer long for your spouse when they hurt you? When they disrespect you? Will you suffer long for your spouse when they won’t suffer for you? Let’s suffer for our marriages like Jesus suffered for us.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“How will I be happy in heaven if I...”

The Bible uses various words to tell us that heaven is going to be a happy place—“joy” (Matt. 25:23), “blessed” (Rev. 14:13), “rejoicing” (1 Thess. 2:19), no “sorrow” or “crying,” for “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Rev. 21:4). This has led many to wonder, “How will I be happy in heaven if...my family members are not there...I remember other Christians who are not there...etc.?”

Various helpful responses have sometimes been offered, such as: “With God all things are possible” (Matt. 19:26). God is the “God of all comfort” (2 Cor. 1:3). “If He is to ‘wipe away every tear,’ then maybe there is an initial sorrow that He consoles and then cheers into eternal joy.”

All of these responses (and probably others) can be proper responses to “How I will be happy?” But maybe we’re missing the whole focus of heaven. Maybe instead of being focused on “me” in heaven, I should realize that my whole focus will be on Jesus (John 17:24; 1 John 3:2; Rev. 5:13; 15:1-4; 22:1-5). When my focus is not on me but on being with Jesus forever, what else will matter? – DS



Jesus wants you back

Jesus wrote a letter to some Christians, who thought they were doing well and in “need of nothing,” but they were, in fact, “lukewarm” toward Him and “poor, blind and naked” before Him (Rev. 3:14-18). Do you know what Jesus did?

Jesus “counseled” them how they could become “rich,” “clothed” and “seeing” again (3:18). He told them that He continued (present tense) to “love” them (3:19). He told them that His deep love for them urged Him to keep reproving and disciplining them, so that they would come back to Him (3:19). He pleaded with them to be zealous/eager and to change their direction (3:19). He told them that He was still standing at their door (He hadn’t moved) and He was continually knocking, hoping they would hear His voice, open the door and let Him back into their hearts and lives (3:20). He told them that there was still a place for them with Him (3:21).

Friend, do you need to come back to Jesus? He wants you back so much! He is writing that very same letter to you today! Will you come back to Him? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	undergoing therapy on her knee following surgery
Mary Beth Hester	recovering at home
Bettye King	recovering from a stroke, slowly improving
Norma Mariano	recovering from an outpatient procedure
Isolyn Sinclair	in severe pain
Jackie Stout	dealing with severe chronic back pain

Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Carmack	chronic 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

Sharon Banks	Derrick & Jimmie Banks' sister, diabetes complications
Lillian Cunningham	Mary Brown's sister, recovering from knee replacement
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, undergoing rehab at home
Scott Kelley	Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, recovering from tumor surg.
John Lord	David Lord's father, prostate cancer treatments
Beverly Michaelian	Lynne Jorgensen's mother, heart complications
Ivan Villard, Sr.	Keila, Ivan & Nahum's father, surgery to remove tumor

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Kasandra Jones
Zula Garrett	Leigh Puckett
Dick Haines	Maurine Reed
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands

Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker

Africa

Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas

Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States

Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls

Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, February 17

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

Tuesday, February 18

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

Saturday, February 22

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

Wednesday, February 26

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Friday, February 28

- ◆ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sue Hoelzer. Please bring finger foods or a charcuterie board and your Bible. See Allison Roman for more details.

Saturday, March 1

- ◆ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 9:00-11:30 a.m. There is something for everyone to do! See Tim Fry for details.
- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street.** This year's speakers will be Becky Blackmon and Janet Wilson.

Sunday-Wednesday, March 2-5

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting with Hiram Kemp.** This year's theme is "First-Century Faith in the Modern World."

<u>Sunday</u>	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	12:45 p.m.	Evening Worship
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	12:15 p.m.	Midday Bible Study
<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	7:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study

Saturday, March 8

- ◆ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Beth Fry. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18.

Sunday, March 9

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.**

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

Saturday, March 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Rick & Melinda Price. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, March 16

- ◆ **Youth & Young Adult Family Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. All Youth and Young Adult families are invited to have lunch together and prepare advertising packages for this year's Vacation Bible School. Cost is \$5 per person (age 5 & up); kids under 5 are free. Please RSVP by March 12 and pay Ivan Villard (cash or venmo @Ivan-Villard-1).

Saturday, April 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Bike Ride** at 10:00 a.m. Location TBD. If you do not have a bike, bike rentals will be available. We will be riding our bikes and then have a picnic lunch. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, April 26

- ◆ **Young Adult Connect Day** at 10:00 a.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, February 16

- ◆ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on Sunday, February 23.

Friday-Sunday, February 21-23

- ◆ **Challenge Youth Conference** for Jr. High & Sr. High in Pigeon Forge, TN. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, February 23

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

Sunday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 16

- ◆ **Youth & Young Adult Family Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. Cost is \$5 per person (age 5 & up); kids under 5 are free. Please RSVP by March 12 and pay Ivan Villard (cash or venmo @Ivan-Villard-1).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ☆ Congregational Work Day ☆ Young Adult Devo ☆ Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street b Willie Smith
2	3 b John Patrick b Angela Walker	4	5 b John Hoelzer	6 b Susie Cox	7	8 ☆ MOM Group Dinner & Devotional b Bereather Williams
Gospel Meeting with Hiram Kemp (2nd-5th)						
9 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Begins ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Bonnie Quigley b Samuel Williams	10 ☆ Men's Meet	11	12 a Jim & Robin Davis	13 b Vivian Blackmer	14 b Mike Erickson	15 b Jamie Green
16 ☆ Youth & Young Adult Family Lunch a Jim & Amelia Rogers b Tim Cox b Lynne Jorgensen	17	18	19 b Dion Hayes b Jermaine Smith b Ricky Smith	20	21 b Jack Holoman b Yolanda Stewart b David Whipple	22 ☆ Adult Activity: Road Rally & Potluck ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting a Christopher & Yolanda Stewart b Lizzie Rozier
23	24 a Silas & Ashley Balfour b Selena Booze	25	26 b Carmen Ruckman	27	28	29 b Ryan Hankins
Youth Rally at West Broward						
30 ☆ Youth Mission Trip Application Deadline ☆ EDP Bible Study & Fellowship ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Young Men Conducting Evening Services ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Devo	31 a Gary & Karen Lester					

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 9

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Christy Anderson; Ms. Althea Bignall; Mr. Thomas Conrad; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Evelyn Green; Mrs. Tangela Jackson; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Rai Masuda; Miss D.L. Moore; Mr. Nicholas Ruffini; Mr. Joshua Tull; and Ms. Yevette Watts.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Cory & Nicole Brown, Eagon, MN; Mrs. Kim Glosson, Tinton Falls, NJ; Ms. Patricia Harrington, Gladwin, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Myrna Sanders, Camden, AR; and Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Betty Townsend, Brentwood, TN.



I want to thank the elders for the wonderful book and sympathy card and all my brothers and sisters at Palm Beach Lakes for the beautiful flowers and cards expressing their sympathy in the passing of my brother David. I thank everyone for their prayers.

Your brother in the Lord Jesus,
John Judd

Your prayers are truly appreciated. My sight is so much better.

Patricia Patterson

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, February 16th
Pat Parnell
Laura Schuemann

Saturday, February 22nd
Lester Galloway

Monday, February 17th
Julie Williams

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, February 16

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

Serve at Table:
Ryan Hankins Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon Taylor Reeves
Orlando Lolo Nahum Villard
Steward Lynch Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, February 16

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Trevin Roman
Singing
Lord's Supper Tim Fry
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Rick Hall

Serve at Table:
Joe Maloney Nicholas Pietro

Audio this week: James Green
Computer this week: Buzz Nelson
Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, February 19

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation John Hoelzer
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 9	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	172	183
Sun. AM Worship	268	270
Sun. PM Worship	93	117
Wed. Bible Study	122	132
Contribution	\$15,955	\$18,349

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$3,390

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

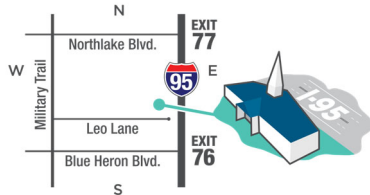
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Ricky Smith
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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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: Trish Clark & Elizabeth Summerlot

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

- 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- 2. Repent of your sinful ways**
"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
- 3. Confess your faith in Jesus**
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
- 4. Be immersed in water**
"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
- 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

Upcoming Events

March 2-5

Gospel Meeting with Hiram Kemp
Theme: "First-Century Faith in the Modern World"

March 22

Road Rally & Potluck for Adults

April 17

Ladies' Day with Shameika Hanna
Theme: "Growing in Godliness"

May 3

Elders' Workshop with Dan Winkler

May 3

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men

May 4

Friends & Family Day with Dan Winkler
Theme: "The Church That Belongs to God?"