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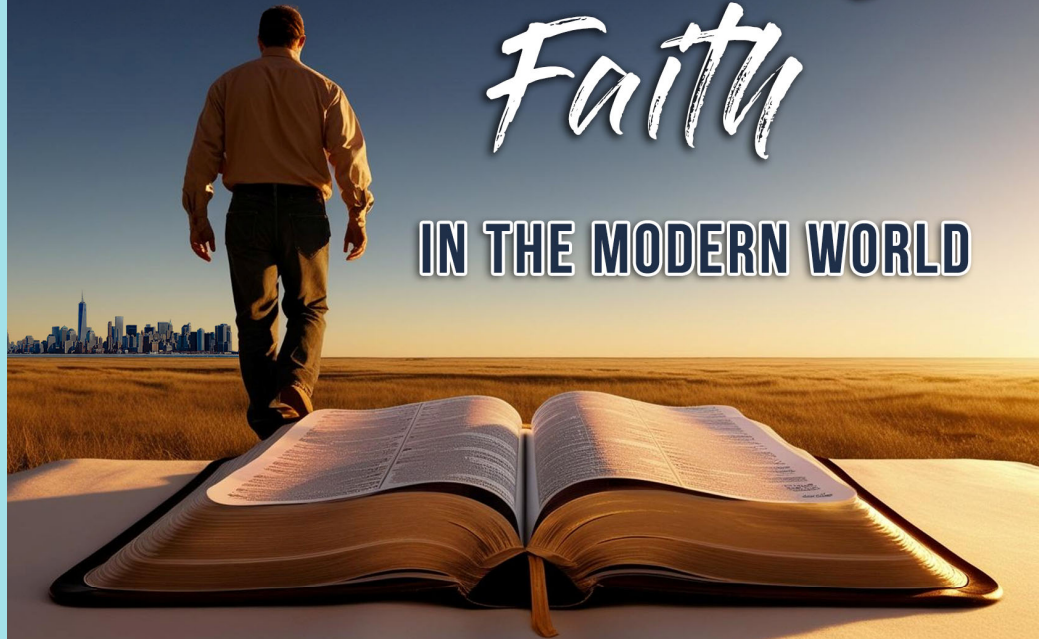
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GOSPEL MEETING *with Hiram Kemp*

*First-Century
Faith*

IN THE MODERN WORLD



MARCH 2-5, 2025

First-Century Faith **IN THE MODERN WORLD**

Sunday, March 2

- 9:00 a.m. **Remaining Faithful No Matter What**
- 10:00 a.m. **What to Look for in a Church**
- 11:45 a.m. Potluck Dinner-on-the-Grounds (All PBL Members have setup & cleanup.)
- 12:45 p.m. **The Pathway to Spiritual Maturity**

Monday, March 3

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **Lessons from the First Page of the Bible**
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Last Names A-K have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **Things to Do Before Winter**

Tuesday, March 4

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **What the Thief on the Cross Believed**
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. Last Names L-Z have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **True Unity**

Wednesday, March 5

- 12-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Lesson: **What Jonah Teaches Us About Almighty God**
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (All invited. All PBL Members have setup & cleanup.)
- 7:00 p.m. **Finishing the Course**



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: Hiram Kemp

Hiram Kemp preached in Lakeland, Florida for five years, and now he preaches for the Cumberland Trace congregation in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Hiram speaks frequently in gospel meetings, lectureships and various church events around the brotherhood. Hiram Kemp is a great preacher of the gospel, and we have great confidence in him and in his ability to proclaim the Word of God so that everyone can understand it and love it. Hiram and his wife, Brittani, have two children, Nadia and André.

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	undergoing therapy on her knee following surgery
Mary Beth Hester	recovering at home
Todd Juckett	exploratory bowel surgery at Cleveland Clinic on Mar. 4
Bettye King	recovering from a stroke, slowly improving
Jackie Stout	dealing with severe chronic back pain
Amy West	Bethesda West Hospital, having surgery on broken ankle
Henry Williams	recovering at home from hospitalization

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 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	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Hattie Anderson	Christene Bean & Loretta James' sister, ICU in Georgia
Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, recovering from hospitalization
Lillian Cunningham	Mary Brown's sister, recovering from knee replacement
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, upcoming outpatient surg.
Scott Kelley	Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, recovering from tumor surg.
Roy Knowles	Charlene Knowles' husband, awaiting test results
Debra Lord	David Lord's sister, recovering from foot surgery
John Lord	David Lord's father, prostate cancer treatments
Sandra Perez	Cherylann Banks' sister, biopsy on her liver

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



By Dan Jenkins

Are You Seeking?

Surely there are those moments in the lives of every person where he thinks about why he is on this earth and if there is a deeper meaning to life. Every day our calendars are filled with activities from early morning to late evening, but in those moments, what is the answer when you ask, "Why am I doing this or why am I here?"

In Paul's sermon on Mars Hill, he affirms that God is the source of all life and breath and has placed limits of time and boundaries in men's lives, "...so that they should seek the Lord in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him" (Acts 17:25-27). In the Old Testament, God used this imagery and adds one other element to the man groping to find Him. "You shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness" (Deut. 28:29). Have you had those moments when you felt like you were a blind man seeking to find the meaning of life?

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, there were the Greek philosophers who struggled with this. There were two extreme positions proposed as the answers. On the one hand were the Epicureans who said that happiness was to be found by denying all restraints. They said, "Let us eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we die." Paul spoke of this view of life

when he wrote to the church in Corinth. He said that if there is no resurrection this would likely be a good choice (1 Cor. 15:32).

On the other hand, the Greeks had their Stoics who went to the other extreme and advocated that abstaining from satisfying the body we should live a life of denial. Paul showed this when he described this idea as one of "will worship" and said, "If you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why as though living in the world do you subject yourselves to regulations—'Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,' which all concern things which perish?" (Col. 2:20-22).

So, what is the truth about why you are here? When God created Adam as a living soul, He placed that soul in a body formed from the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7). It is that soul, that spirit who causes you to ask about your existence. The answer is found in another spirit God placed in a body made of dust. The spirit of Jesus existed in heaven and before He came into the world He said, "A body you have prepared for Me...behold I have come to do Your will" (Heb. 10:5-9). Our body and soul are His!

You will not find Him in modern philosophy, but in the life of Jesus. Seek for the meaning of life in Him. When Paul spoke of men groping for Him at Mars Hill, he added, "He is not far from each of you." We, too, have come to do His will!

The reason you were born will not be found in ancient or modern philosophies



By David Sproule

YOU Are Important to Jesus!

Have you ever had someone tell you that you were "important" to them, only to find out later that wasn't really the case? Maybe a boss said, "You are incredibly important to this company." Maybe a sweetheart told you, "You are the most important thing in my life." But, after some time passed, the job and/or the sweetie had left you.

That can make you a bit cynical of being told that "You are important." But, when it comes to Jesus, you've got it in writing!

Message from Jesus: "You are important to Me, because I made you!" In the very first chapter of the Bible, we read God saying, "Let Us make man in Our image" (Gen. 1:26-27). No other being on this earth has been created with an eternal spirit except for humans (Zech. 12:1; Ecc. 12:7). Jesus made "all things" (John 1:3; Col. 1:16), giving us the gift of "life" (John 1:4). Yes, YOU are important to Jesus!

Message from Jesus: "You are important to Me, because I died for you!" The humans that God created in His image disobeyed Him and brought sin into the world (Rom. 5:12), separating themselves from God Himself (Isa. 59:1-2). Jesus "became flesh" and lived on this earth (John 1:14), and then He died on the cross (Rom. 5:8), bearing man's sins (Isa.

53:6; 1 Pet. 2:24) and shedding His blood to redeem us from our sins (Eph. 1:7). There is "no greater love" than that (John 15:13)! Yes, YOU are important to Jesus!

Message from Jesus: "You are important to Me, because I prepared heaven for you!" As His created beings who will spend eternity somewhere beyond life on this earth, Jesus invites us to go home with Him in heaven. In fact, He said that He was going from this earth, after His death and resurrection, "to prepare a place" just for His people (John 14:3). It is "reserved in heaven" (1 Pet. 1:3-4). One day He will return and usher away God's children to "always be with" Him (1 Thess. 4:17). Yes, YOU are important to Jesus!

Message from Jesus: "You are important to Me, because I have told you how to get to heaven." Wouldn't it be something if He went to all the trouble of making us in His image, dying for our sins on the cross and preparing a place for us in heaven, and then He didn't tell us how to get there? That would be like telling someone that there is a massive fortune that was left to them but not giving them directions to find it. Fortunately, Jesus has left very clear instructions: "Eternal salvation" is available "to all who obey Him" (Heb. 5:9). Keep reading in the coming weeks to know exactly what He wants us to do (Matt. 7:21-23)

YOU are important to Jesus! You have it in writing!

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By Robert Lupo

A Command for Non-Christians

Americans love freedom. The plea for liberty that convinced a band of men in Massachusetts to toss 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor is written into the heart of every American. This country was founded on the idea that some guy living thousands of miles away has no right to authority over our lives. So, when someone tries to tell us what to do, we can quickly declare, "It's a free country" and continue doing exactly what we were doing because of our certain inalienable rights.

Is it the same love of freedom that keeps so many from becoming Christians? In the minds of many, becoming a Christian means adopting a list of "do's" and "don'ts." They may even believe that Jesus really is the Son of God, but if they choose to reject Him, then they can continue living however they want with no commands. Or so they think.

Do we know that there is a command for non-Christians? Look at Acts 17:22-32. In this passage, Paul begins preaching to the Gentiles at Mars Hill. He reveals to them the truth that the God that was unknown to them is the one true God of the Bible. Though they don't know Him, He has a command for them. Paul says, "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to

repent..." (v. 30).

Notice that this command is not just for the Greeks but for "all men everywhere." Whether we like it or not, we are still under God's command, and He demands that we change our lives. "...because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead" (v. 31).

Whether we like it or not, we are still under God's command

If we think we are free because we resist the gospel, we are fooling ourselves. Everyone is a slave to something. In Romans 6:16, the Bible says, "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" Choosing to go on sinning is not freedom at all. If we live in sin, then we have made ourselves captive to our base desires. And what will be the result of servitude to ourselves? Death.

True freedom does exist, however. But it is found in obedience to God. "But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life" (Rom. 6:22). Every man everywhere has a command to follow. We can either repent and follow Christ and obtain freedom from sin and death, or we can keep clinging to a false liberty that leads to destruction.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

3 reasons to respect your elders

Many of us grew up hearing, "Respect your elders." Maybe some of us heard that so often that we began to resent it, and by way of connection, began to resent our elders. But, why do we need to respect those who are older than us?

First, we need to do it because God tells us to do it. "Rise before...and honor the presence of an old man" (Lev. 19:32; cf. 1 Tim. 5:1-2; 1 Pet. 5:5). Second, we need to do it because they deserve our respect. They've "Been there and done that" longer than we have, and they deserve an opportunity to be heard. Third, we need to do it because (guess what?) we will likely get something out of it. Sometimes those who are younger are not eager to listen. But if we will, we will likely benefit from the knowledge, wisdom and life experience of those who have taken more trips around the sun than we have.

Respect. It is something that ought to characterize every Christian for every other person on this earth (Rom. 12:10; 13:7; Eph. 6:2; 1 Pet. 2:17; 3:7). – DS



"For we be brethren"

These are four words that all Christians would do exceedingly well to lodge in their hearts and live in their personal interactions. It is really easy to get our feathers ruffled and get upset, even with our fellow Christians, over what is usually not all that significant in the grand scheme of things.

When Abram and Lot and their families returned from Egypt, "their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. And there was strife" between their herdsmen (Gen. 13:6-7). Abram took the initiative (always a good thing to do). He said, "Please" (always a good way to start), "let there not be strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen" (taking a direct but loving approach). Do you know the basis upon which Abram pleaded for them to be at peace with each other and not quarrel? Four words: "For we be brethren" (13:8).

The next time strife seems to be building with fellow Christians, be the first to say, "Hang on! Please! Let's work this out. Let's not be at odds. You know why? For we be brethren!" – DS



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday-Wednesday, March 2-5

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting with Hiram Kemp.** This year's theme is "First-Century Faith in the Modern World." See page 2 for the full schedule.

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. See Beth Fry, Misty Hayes or Traci Sproule for more details.

Sunday, March 9

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Begins.** Set your clocks ahead one hour.
- ◆ **Congregational Singing Night** in the Lobby during evening services.

Monday, March 10

- ◆ **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, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Saturday, March 22

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ◆ **Road Rally & Potluck for All PBL Adults.** Meet at the building at 1:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby with your team and to bring a food item. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Sunday, March 23

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 6

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Monday, April 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, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Sunday, April 13

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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.

Friday, May 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, March 2

- ◆ **No Kids Class.** Class will resume on March 30.

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).

Sunday-Monday, March 23-24

- ◆ **Youth Rally hosted by West Broward.** See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, March 30

- ◆ **Youth Mission Trip Application Deadline.** See Robert Lupo for details.
- ◆ **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.

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
February 23



Directory Changes

Dario Corrales & Alicia Dongellini moved to Okeechobee and placed membership with the Okeechobee congregation.

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Christy Anderson; Ms. Sharon Banks; Ms. Althea Bignall; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Martha Darby; D. Elaine; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Evelyn Green; Mr. Donta Hardwick; Mrs. Crystal Lang; Mr. James Lang; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mrs. Linda Martorello; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Joyce Medina; Mr. Weston Nesbitt; Mr. & Mrs. Bret & Shelley Nesbitt; Ms. Grace Royal; Miss Anny Silva; and Ms. Yvetta Watts.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Mark Coley; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Ms. Patricia Harrington, Gladwin, MI; Ms. Lori Ivey, Madison, MS; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Laurie Martin, Williamsburg, VA; Mrs. Cindy Morsher, Jackson, TN; and Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday, March 3rd
John Patrick
Angela Walker

Thursday, March 6th
Susie Cox

Wednesday, March 5
John Hoelzer

Saturday, March 8th
Bereather Williams

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT FAMILY LUNCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 16



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 Wednesday, March 12 and pay Ivan Villard (cash or venmo @Ivan-Villard-1).

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, March 2

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Jeff Leslie
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan Jenkins
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Kirk Crews

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier James Green
Casey Crews Michael Menendez
Michael Erickson Joseph Snyder
Connor Goodale Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, March 2

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading Graysen Hayes
Singing
Lord's Supper Ivan Villard
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Eugene Williams

Serve at Table:

Kameron Heitler John Patrick

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, March 5

Singing Dion Hayes
Invitation Hiram Kemp
Family Prayer David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 23	Jan. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	136	183
Sun. AM Worship	245	270
Sun. PM Worship	102	117
Wed. Bible Study	114	132
Contribution	\$17,661	\$18,349

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,897

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

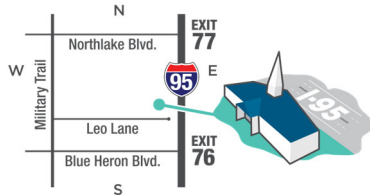
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Islay Rodriguez
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers



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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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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 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?”

June 8-11

Vacation Bible School
Theme: “Christian Academy”