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FOREVER CAMP

At Central Florida Bible Camp

For Age 10-Grade 12: July 13-19

PRAY FOR:

🏕️ Coordinators: Josh Blackmer & Cam Crotts

🏕️ The campers:

Older ones & younger ones

In the church & out of the church

🏕️ The cabin counselors

🏕️ The Bible class teachers

🏕️ The chapel speakers

🏕️ The kitchen staff

🏕️ The activities staff

🏕️ The weather

This year's focus is:





By Dan Jenkins

It Is Neither Heresy Not Hearsay

There are two English words which sound alike, but when you look at their origin they come from two different sources. Both of these words or the concepts behind them have been used by others to apply to Christianity. The two words are “heresy” and “hearsay.” The truth is that Christianity is neither heresy nor is it hearsay, and we should be so thankful.

The word “heresy” is a Greek word which has adapted to become an English word. The Greek word is *hairesis* and was transliterated (brought over almost letter by letter) to become the English word “heresy.” It was applied by the Jews to the first-century church. They referred to the church as the *hairesis* of the Nazarenes (Acts 24:5) because Jesus came from Nazareth. Those Jews in Rome told Paul they did not know much about the church, but that it was a “*hairesis*...that is spoken against everywhere” (Acts 28:22).

The word indicates a belief or movement that is part of a larger movement outside of what is popularly believed. It is used of both the Pharisees and Sadducees (Acts 5:17; 15:4). When Paul was defending himself before Felix, his accusers described him as “...a plague, a creator of dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect (*hairesis*) of the Nazarenes.” Paul’s defense was the church

was not a sect but something far different. It was the “...Way which they call a sect.” This reflects Jesus’ words, when He said that He was “the Way” and no man could come to the Father except through this Way (John 14:6). Christianity was not a sect, a section of Judaism; it was the way, the only way to God.

Neither is Christianity “hearsay.” We understand this concept, for it is used in the courts of our land. A witness cannot simply say they heard someone say something. It must be based on the mouth of two or three witnesses. Christianity is not based on this—it is based on those who actually heard the words spoken.

Peter said, “We did not follow cunningly devised fables...but were eyewitnesses of His majesty...we heard this voice which came from heaven.” That voice said, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” (2 Pet. 1:16-18). Add to this the testimony of John, “We have heard...we have seen...our hands have handled...we declare unto you” (1 John 1:1-3).

Christianity is not based on inadmissible evidence. It has both eyewitnesses and “ear-witnesses.” It is not heresy, for God says it is the Way. There are those who may call it a sect, one of the many ways to God, but they are wrong. Remember that Jesus did not say He was “a” way to God. Jesus said He was “the” Way to the Father. It is founded on Immanuel, God who came in the flesh, to show us the path to heaven.

There is evidence from heaven that Christianity is not heresy. It is truth!



By David Sproule

By What Authority?

Perhaps unknowingly, the Sanhedrin asked their prisoners—Peter and John—the precise question that everyone needs to ask: “By what power or by what name have you done this?” (Acts 4:7). Authority is key! Whether it is what someone says or does, all must be “in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Col. 3:17). Jesus Christ—and thus, His revealed Word to us (John 12:48)—is the only authority in religious matters today (Matt. 28:18). When you know what your authority is, then you also know clearly what it is not.

Your authority is not what you feel in your heart! Sincere Bible readers will often say something like, “I know that’s what the Bible says, but I just feel in my heart that *this [other thing]* is what God wants me to do.” Scripture teaches, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Prov. 14:12). What feels or seems right is not how God measures what is actually right—just ask Naaman (2 Kgs. 5:10-14).

Your authority is not what your pastor or religious commentary says! Sincere Bible readers will often say something like, “I know that’s what the Bible says, but my pastor says/does *this [other thing]* or I read in this commentary something different.” Scripture teaches, “Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many

false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1). What some well-meaning person teaches is not how God imparts His truth—just ask the young prophet (1 Kgs. 13:11-34).

Your authority is not what other churches teach or do! Sincere Bible readers will often say something like, “I know that’s what the Bible says, but this large church over here teaches/does *this [other thing]* that is different.” Scripture teaches for “all [to] speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10). What some influential religious group teaches or does is not God’s standard—just ask Paul (Gal. 5:1-6).

Your authority is not what your grandmother believed! Sincere Bible readers will often say something like, “I know that’s what the Bible says, but my grandmother was the most devout person I’ve ever known and she didn’t believe or follow *that [Bible teaching]* while she was alive.” Scripture teaches, “He who loves father or [grand] mother more than Me is not worthy of Me” (Matt. 10:37). What grandma or any loving relative believed or did is not our authority—just ask Gideon (Judg. 6:25-27).

Ask yourself, “By what authority do you believe what you believe or do what you do?” The Word of God is our ONLY authority today! No other authority will do (Acts 4:12)!

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By Robert Lupo

Prepare to Use the Bible

One of the most incredible moments in a Christian's life is when they realize that the words of God are available to them and that they are able to be understood. With such an immensely precious possession as the Bible, it can be overwhelming to think of what we should do with it. Because, if God entrusted the gift of His word to us, then we have an obligation to use it.

When Ezra received his mission to bring the Jews back to Jerusalem, he was met with this same conundrum. Ezra was a priest and scribe that lived during the Babylonian Captivity. When Persia came to power, their king sent the Jews back to their homeland as Jeremiah prophesied (cf. 2 Chron. 36:23; Ezra 6:3-12).

As Ezra led the people home, he left with a purpose in his heart concerning God's Word. In chapter 7, verse 10, we read, "For Ezra had purposed in his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel." Ezra's treatment of the Old Testament shows us how we must handle the complete Word of God in the Bible.

First, we must **study the law**. The word translated "seek" in verse 7 means "to care for, inquire about, or investigate." Ezra had a great responsibility to not only restore the

Jews to Jerusalem, but to restore according to God's Word. He could not have possibly accomplished this task if he did not give the Word the proper time to understand it. Christians cannot rely completely on the knowledge of others. They must study to show themselves approved (2 Tim. 2:15) and find out whether these things being preached are so (Acts 17:11).

Second, we must **do the law**. Looking back at Ezra 7, note that Ezra prepared his heart for his task. So, before he began his studies, he already decided that he would follow it. Very often people will take great pains to read their Bible and memorize verses but only intend on following the things they agree with. Christians must decide to obey all of God's statutes. Jesus says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

Third, we must **teach the law**. Ezra knew that his study of the law would do no one any good if he didn't educate others in it. Souls are thirsting for the teaching of God's Word. Like the Ethiopian eunuch, there are those hoping someone would guide them so they can know God (Acts 8:31).

The Bible is a precious gift. We must use it well. Like Ezra, we have our own mission regarding God's Word given to us by the King of Kings. If we want to please our King, then we must prepare our hearts to study the Bible, do what the Bible says, and look for opportunities to teach the Bible to others.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

He never got to...but he did!

Children are a blessing from the Lord (cf. Psa. 127:3). Not everyone sees that. Special needs children especially are a blessing from the Lord. But, not everyone sees that either. Sometimes we may look at a special needs child or we may grieve the untimely death of a child, and we may lament that, "He never got to grow up like other kids. She never got to get married. He never got to experience the thrill of victory and accomplishment."

Maybe we focus too much on what we think is most important for a meaningful life and what someone "didn't get to do." What if we focused on what such a one "did get to do"? He/She did get to...feel loved by others, bring joy to others, help others see the blessing of life, experience the pure innocence of sinless happiness, etc. Best of all, innocent children get to "come to" Jesus (Matt. 19:14) and be taken "up in His arms" (Mark 10:16). They don't "miss out"! No, they get to experience the highest blessing of all, eternally secure "with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8). — DS



Who's on first?

As a kid, I loved watching (or listening to) Abbott and Costello — their movies, TV show or just catching one of their bits. Of course, they were most famous for their signature routine, "Who's on First?" There's no telling how many times I've heard that bit, but definitely enough to quote it line-for-line right along with them. Is there anything like that in your life — maybe a movie that you've seen dozens of times and can quote every line? It's pretty amazing how the mind works!

Now, the harder question: Are there parts of the Bible that you can quote line-for-line when the preacher or Bible class teacher or audio app starts reading? How much of the Bible have we truly written on our hearts (Psa. 119:11; Jer. 31:33)? It can happen...in the very same way that you can quote movie lines or sing along with your favorite musical artist.

I guess Abbott and Costello had the question right all along — "Who's on first?" When the Lord and His Word are "on first," His "line upon line" (Isa. 28:10) will be in your heart, roll off your lips and direct your days. — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Ally Alberga	having abdominal surgery on August 1
Mike Archer	recovering from cataract surgery, next one is on July 23
Jimmie Banks	procedure to remove his chest port on July 10
Maria Hackshaw	dealing with health issues, undergoing tests
Charlene Knowles	undergoing physical therapy on her shoulder
Cheryl Milton	hospitalized, recovering from surgery on her mouth
Winifred Patterson	fell and is in a lot of pain
Sherri Richmond	dealing with a lung infection
Isolyn Sinclair	injection for her back and ankle, in a lot of pain



Lisa Metzkes, upon the passing of her mother, **Maurine Reed**, on Wednesday, July 9. The Memorial Service is on Saturday, July 12, with the visitation at 10:00 a.m. and the service at 11:00 a.m.

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Matthew DiNetta	Tom DiNetta's son, undergoing medical tests
Vera Gibson	Ophelia Holmes' sister, dealing with back 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

Monday, July 14

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

Tuesday, July 15

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

Wednesday, July 16

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m. Jamey Hinds will be speaking on "Will He Find Me Eager to Stay or Eager to Go?" Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, July 20

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Back-to-School Supplies Project** after evening worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to come and help package school supplies to hand out to friends and family.

Wednesday, July 23

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23 (cont.)

Creston Frizzell will be speaking on "Will He Find Me Hungering for Righteousness?" Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Saturday, July 26

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

Wednesday, July 30

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m. Mauricio Yegros will be speaking on "Will He Find Me Pursuing Peace with All?" Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, August 3

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

Wednesday, August 6

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m. Baptiste Joseph will be speaking on "Will He Find Me Unashamedly Defending His Truth?"

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

Sunday, July 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. in Adult 3. Do you have a Bible question that you would like answered? Please place it in the mailbox in the classroom or give it to Ivan Villard.

Saturday, August 9

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, August 23

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

Saturday, September 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, October 4

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Tim & Beth Fry. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday-Saturday, July 13-19

- ♦ **Forever Camp at CFBC for Age 10-Grade 12.** Please pray for the campers, staff and counselors this week!

Saturday-Wednesday, July 19-23

- ♦ **Upward Bound at CFBC.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Saturday, July 26

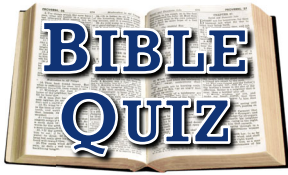
- ♦ **Young Families Movie Night** at 5:00 p.m. at the church building. All families with children in Grades 5 & under are invited. Sign up on the bulletin board to RSVP and to bring a food item. See Ivan or Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday, July 27

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Lunch & Meeting** after morning worship in the Family Room. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, August 3

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



A Pack of Prophets

1. Which prophet wrote a very short book against Edom? _____
2. Which sister of a prophet was afflicted with leprosy for a time (Numbers 12:10)? _____
3. Who wrote a “prophecy” of “things which must shortly take place” (Revelation 1:1-4)? _____
4. Which Old Testament prophet foretold of someone coming like the prophet Elijah? _____
5. Which prophet from Moresheth spoke of the need to walk humbly with God? _____
6. Which prophet wrote many questions and concluded, “the just shall live by faith”? _____
7. Which prophet delivered an unfavorable message to King Ahab (1 Kings 22:8-28)? _____
8. Who wore a yoke, which the prophet Jeremiah broke (Jeremiah 28)? _____
9. What traveling companions of Paul were called “prophets” (Acts 15:22, 32)? _____
10. Which prophets urged the rebuilding of the temple (Ezra 5:1; 6:14)? _____
11. Who was Moses’ prophet (Exodus 7:1)? _____
12. Which false prophet wore iron horns (1 Kings 22:1-12)? _____
13. Which prophet told that Judah would be abandoned to the Egyptians (2 Chron. 12:5-8)? _____
14. Which false prophet was a sorcerer and attendant of proconsul, Sergius Paulus (Acts 13:6-11)? _____
15. From which prophet was the Ethiopian treasurer reading (Acts 8:27-28)? _____
16. Who was the last judge of Israel who was also called a prophet (Acts 13:20)? _____
17. Which prophetess was mentioned as an intimidator of Nehemiah (Nehemiah 6:14)? _____
18. Which prophetess was seducing Christians in Thyatira (Revelation 2:20)? _____
19. What female judge of Israel was considered a prophetess (Judges 4:4)? _____
20. Who is the first Bible character who is specifically said to have “prophesied” (Jude 14)? _____

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 2

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. A'Dreana Altider; Mr. Terrence Breaux; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. Andrew S. Jackson; Mrs. Tangela Jackson; Mr. Jo'Sies Kelly; Mr. James Lang; Miss D.L. Moore; Miss Ma-leena Rodriguez; Mrs. Trellini Smith; Ms. Laurraine Toft; and Ms. Yvette Watts.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Michelle Bevill; Mr. Andres Fernandez, Jr. & Andres Fernandez, III, Lake Placid, FL; Ms. Katie Hedler, Sevierville, TN; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Austin & Holly Metzkes, Brentwood, TN; Miss Suzanna Seibert, Hartselle, AL; Mr. Ryan Stark, Copperas Cove, TX; and Mr. Isaac Whitney, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Monday, July 14th

Can & Dannette Margarini (Ann.)
Kasandra Jones

Friday, July 18th

Chuck & Marisa Reeves (Ann.)
Carolina Beliech

Tuesday, July 15th

Robert & Norma Mariano (Ann.)

Saturday, July 19th

David & Traci Sproule (Ann.)
Jeff Leslie

Wednesday, July 16th

Jim Davis
Astrid Menendez



There is a **Young Families Movie Night** on Saturday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m. at the church building. All families with children in Grades 5 & under are invited. Sign up on the bulletin board to RSVP and to bring a food item (veggies, fruit, chips, drinks and desserts). See Ivan or Amber Villard for more details.

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, July 13

Opening Prayer Robert Mariano
Singing Dion Hayes
Scripture Reading Taylor Reeves
Singing
Lord's Supper Phil Porter
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Tim Cox

Serve at Table:

Ryan Hankins	Steward Lynch
Namddie Ikon	Tim Mahlbacher
Todd Juckett	Nahum Villard
Orlando Lolo	Lawrence Williams

Sunday Evening, July 13

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Tim Fry
Scripture Reading Phil Porter
Singing
Lord's Supper Richard Watson
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Serve at Table:

Joe Maloney	Nicholas Pietro
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Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Israel Cuevas

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, July 16

Singing Chuck Reeves
Invitation Dion Hayes
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	July 2	Jun Avg
Sun. Bible Study	147	142
Sun. AM Worship	230	256
Sun. PM Worship	99	106
Wed. Bible Study	113	143
Contribution	\$17,698	\$17,012

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,845

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

Ushers for this week: Mike Damron & Ricky Smith
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



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: Keila McLeod, Reanna Lupo, Julie Charles, Ellen Gager,
Stephanie Hernandez, Marcia Clough-Moss, Lovella Rogers

Upcoming Lessons

July 16

Eager to Stay or Eager to Go?

Jamey Hinds

July 23

Hungering for Righteousness?

Oreston Frizzell

July 30

Pursuing Peace with All?

Mauricio Yegros

August 6

Unashamedly Defending His Truth?

Baptiste Joseph

When

The Trumpet of the Lord
Shall Sound

Will He Find Me...

Summer Series Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.