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Welcome New Members



Belony, Georgia

Baptized July 1

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

BACK TO SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL

CHARGE

BACK TO SCHOOL

GIFT

BACK TO SCHOOL

PRAYER

BACK TO SCHOOL

ICE CREAM



What could be better?



By Dan Jenkins

Book, Chapter and Verses

The Bible we read looks far different from those who first read it. It is not that parts of it have been lost or words have been changed. Jesus promised that His words (notice that He uses the plural) would not pass away as long as the world remained (Matt. 24:35). The major difference is that our Bible is divided into chapters and verses, but it was not written in that form.

Chapter divisions were first made by Stephen Langton, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1227. The divisions of these chapters into verses came later when a rabbi, Mordecai Nathan, divided the Old Testament into verses in 1448. The New Testament was divided by a printer named Robert Estienne (also known as Stephanus) in 1551.

This division into chapters is not true of the entire Bible, for God divided the Psalms as they were written. These psalms, most written by David, were like poems and songs for the Jewish nation. In the synagogue in Antioch, Paul quotes from the book of Psalms and then gives book and chapter location for his quotation (Acts 13:33). He then quotes from another psalm but does not give which one (Acts 13:35). There was no need for any man to divide these psalms into chapters, for they already had book and chapters (like song numbers).

**Why did God
make the longest
chapter in the
Bible? What
could be so vital?**

The average number of verses in each chapter in the Bible is 26 and each psalm averages about 16 verses. Keep this concept in mind as you read the psalms. The shortest psalm contains two verses (Psalm 117) while the longest one has 176 verses (Psalm 119). Remember it was God who made this division of the psalms.

The content of the message determined how long each of them would be. A question to consider is why would God write such a long psalm? What topic would be so important that it demanded so many verses? Think about this question and it might change how you view the longest chapter in the Bible.

Look at the content of this chapter. Every single verse, except one, refers to the Bible using various words. The psalmist describes the Bible as testimony 23 times; precepts 21 times; commandments 22 times; sayings or utterances 19 times; way 13 times; law 25 times; judgments or ordinances 23 times; righteousness or right 15 times; statutes or decrees 22 times; and word or words 24 times. Every time, each of these words is followed with words to extol them.

I challenge you to read this psalm slowly to sense its contents. I promise you that your appreciation for the nature of the Bible will be greatly enhanced. Slowly read it again and again to see it even more. God chose each word in it!



By David Sproule

As Clear As Leaves on a Tree

I remember as a kid walking out of the eye doctor's office with my first pair of glasses. The clarity of what I saw that day is still vivid in my memory. I remember saying, "Look! The trees have leaves!" Of course, as a kid, I knew that trees have leaves, but it had been years since I had been able to discern individual leaves on a tree from a distance. I had become so accustomed to a vision that was not clear at all that I did not even realize what I was missing.

While the terminology has been different, I have heard individuals coming out of denominationalism say something very similar to the above. The clarity of the simple truth of the gospel was now so vivid to them that new converts to Christ have said things like, "I never realized God's truth was so clear." "I had been in denominationalism so long that I had grown completely accustomed to hearing the doctrines of men, without even knowing it. I had no idea what I was missing!" Consider some things the Bible makes so clear.

The clarity of what the Bible says about the essentiality of baptism is so vivid. The Bible says that one must be baptized in order to be saved (Mark 16:16), obtain the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), have sins washed away (Acts 22:16), and enter into Christ (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3) and His kingdom (John

3:5; 1 Cor. 12:13). Denominational doctrines blur this truth, but God makes it so very clear (like leaves on a tree).

The clarity of what the Bible says about the ineffectiveness of faith alone to save is so vivid. The Bible says that "faith without works is dead," for "a man is justified by works, and not by faith only" (Jas. 2:14-26). A saving faith is an obedient faith (Rom. 1:5; 16:26; John 3:36; Heb. 3:18-19). Denominational doctrines blur this truth, but God makes it so very clear (like leaves on a tree).

The clarity of what the Bible says about the singularity of the church is so vivid. The Bible says that Jesus built His [one] church (Matt. 16:18), purchased His [one] church (Acts 20:28) and is the [one] head of His [one] church (Eph. 5:23). The Bible says that there is "one" church (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23) and that it teaches the "one faith" (Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; 1 Pet. 4:11). Denominational doctrines blur this truth, but God makes it so very clear (like leaves on a tree).

The list of examples could go on and on. The very existence of denominations makes the truth of God very blurry to those who are caught up in their manmade doctrines. God's plan of salvation is crystal clear. God's pattern for worship is crystal clear. God's organization for His church is crystal clear. There are not multiple ways to do any of these things. God's one way is clear when you put on His glasses to see it His way.

**Denominational
doctrines
blur this truth**



By Robert Lupo

Take Time for the Kids

I love Bible Camp volunteers! Not everyone is able to volunteer for camp, and it is certainly not a glamorous job. This just shows how important those are who sacrifice the time, energy and money for camp.

But, do you know who really loves camp volunteers? The kids. While they may not be the best at expressing this love during the week, they will usually surprise you when they're finally leaving for home and run to you in tears for one last hug. Kids love their counselors.

For many of our young campers, it is their first time away from their parents, and it is their counselor who cheers them up, helps them be where they need to be and teaches them about the Bible before bed. It is a truly special thing.

Also, there is just as much a special connection that happens with the older campers. These kids come from many different backgrounds. Some go to church, many do not. Some have a mother and father at home, some do not. But, at camp they all get to have (what amounts to) a big brother or sister, or aunt or uncle that loves Jesus. They will forever have memories of at least once in their life when someone cared about their soul. These memories will last a lifetime.

It cannot be overstated how important it is that we

...at least once in their life, someone cared about their soul.

take time for the kids. Our developmental years are crucial to shaping the lives we will live. If we want as many souls to go to heaven as possible, then we must be committed to teaching our kids to love the Lord.

God wants us to take time for the kids. Throughout the Scriptures, He reminds us of how precious they are to Him. The Bible tells us that children are our heritage (Psa. 127:3-5). That means that they carry on what we leave behind. This is true whether they are our kids or someone else's. From parents, a child carries on the name and values instilled in them. From other adults, they carry on the examples and advice shared.

We need to love kids like Jesus loves kids. In Mark 10:13-14, we see this love. "Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.'" It was important to Jesus that the children spend time with Him, and when His disciples failed to bring them, they were rebuked.

Forever Camp is only one way that we can show the love of Christ to our children, but it is a great way. Perhaps you would like to make this kind of impact on our campers. How might the Lord use you to bring these little ones to Him?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Kicking back only hurts yourself

Jesus said something to Saul on the road to Damascus that is rich with application for us today. Saul was persecuting Christians but then met Jesus Himself. His conscience must have been pricking him, for Jesus said, "It is hard for you to kick against the goads" (Acts 26:14). A goad was a sharp stick used to prod cattle while plowing. Pricking them in the back of the leg urged them to keep moving forward in their work. Sometimes an ox might kick back against that goad out of frustration, but doing so only hurt the ox even more.

Is your conscience pricking you because you are holding back from doing something that you need to do? Has anyone ever come and encouraged to you take steps necessary to get right with God? Did you ever lash out or get frustrated with that person for sticking their nose where it didn't belong? Perhaps, in some of this, you may have been kicking against the goads and only hurting yourself.

If you're holding back from obeying the gospel, don't kick against your conscience anymore. Walk straight into the arms of Jesus today and give yourself to Him! – DS



What "uniform" are you wearing?

I don't like using the word "uniform" in this way, but consider it for a moment in a limited application of thought. When the UPS delivery guy drops off your latest Amazon package, he's usually wearing his brown uniform. When you visit Chick-Fil-A for your Frosted Lemonade, the "It's-my-pleasure" nice person handing your drink to you is usually wearing the red uniform shirt. Many uniforms are immediately recognizable—"Oh, that person works for ____."

When someone looks at you today, will the One you work for be immediately recognizable? Paul made the same statement twice in 2 Corinthians 4:10-11, which means that it bears added attention. In his persecution, Paul was "always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus" and was "always delivered to death for Jesus' sake." But why? Underline "that"—"that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body" (see it in both verses 10 and 11).

When others look at you, do they see "the life of Jesus" manifested in your body? Does your "uniform" (i.e., wearing Christ, Gal. 2:20; 3:27) give it away? – 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
Maria Hackshaw	dealing with health issues, undergoing tests
Charlene Knowles	undergoing physical therapy on her shoulder
Cheryl Milton	recovering at home 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

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



Marcia Clough-Moss, upon the passing of her father, **Orville Clough**, on Tuesday, July 15.

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

Jerry Davis	Judy Bird's brother, two heart stents, two more on 7/29
Matthew DiNetta	Tom DiNetta's son, undergoing medical tests
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, fell and is very bruised and sore
Vera Gibson	Ophelia Holmes' sister, dealing with back issues
Roy Willis	Shelley Nesbitt's father, hospitalized, undergoing tests





Church Family Calendar of Events

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.

Monday, July 21

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

Tuesday, July 22

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

Wednesday, July 23

- ♦ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m. 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?" Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Sunday, August 10

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.

Thursday-Monday, August 14-18

- ♦ **PBL Group to Polishing the Pulpit.**

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, July 20

- ♦ **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

Saturday, July 26

- ♦ **Young Families Movie Night** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. 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.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, August 10

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Stephen Beliech b Karen Lester b Allison Roman b Seth Watson b Henry Williams	4 b Bryan Galvez	5 a Roy & Charlene Knowles	6 ☆ Summer Series with Baptiste Joseph b Lena Gadson	7 a Jeff & Jennifer Goodale b Kirk Crews	8 a Silas & Debora Lynch b Michael Menendez b Mary Porter	9 ☆ Young Adult Devo
10 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Back-to-School Ice Cream Social a Phil & Mary Porter b Paulette Cole b Loretta Holaday b Dan McLeod b Paul Metzkes b Cody Price	11	12 b Loretta James	13	14 a Mike & Donna Erickson	15 a Tim & Beth Fry b Carolyn Lord b Buzz Nelson	16
					Polishing the Pulpit (August 15-21)	
				PBL Group to Polishing the Pulpit (August 14-18)		
17 ☆ Jr. High Devo b Jonathan Swayne	18 b Benny Rodgers b Melissa Shaw b Deboria Walker	19	20	21 b Josie Dawson	22 b Nicole Freseman	23 ☆ Young Adult Connect Day ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting a Orlando & Lilly Lolo b Skye Brown b Tom Garrison b Cristian Suarez
24 ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated ☆ His Kids Class b Turkessa Staley	25	26	27 b Daniel Lord b Allison Snyder	28	29 ☆ Ladies' Fellowship b Jordan Beasley b Amira Hill b Sterling St-Cyr	30 ☆ Sr. High Basketball Hangout a Dion & Misty Hayes b Mary Brown
31 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Young Men Conducting Evening Services ☆ Sr. High Devo a Dan & Luann McLeod a Nicolas & Sabrina Pietro b Cheryl Banks						

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 13

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breau; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. Jo'Sies Kelly; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Miss D.L. Moore; and Ms. Jean Powers.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Miss Reanna Brown, Milan, TN; Mr. Bob Higbee, Henderson, TN; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Austin & Holly Metzkes, Brentwood, TN; and Mr. Ryan Stark, Copperas Cove, TX.

Thank You

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, July 20th
Gorman Ericksen

Wednesday, July 23rd (cont.)
Tina Wagner

Monday, July 21st
Kirk & Mendy Crews (Ann.)

Thursday, July 24th
Dan Jenkins

Tuesday, July 22nd
Summer Snyder

Friday, July 25th
Kameron Heitler

Wednesday, July 23rd
Sarah Collier

Saturday, July 26th
Marsha Beasley
Eva Fulton

I would like to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to our all powerful God who has been with everyone involved in my heart surgeries. He not only provided a successful outcome but gave me a feeling of worry-free comfort that is indeed beyond understanding.

Also, I would like to thank everyone for the prayers offered on my behalf because we all serve a God who is truly worthy of all our praise and our complete devotion.

In Christian Love,

Tom Garrison

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 20

Singing Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper Freddie Gadson
Singing
Opening Prayer Dan McLeod
Scripture Reading Paul Metzkes
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot

Serve at Table:

David Brown	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Ed Buonadonna	David Lord
Addison Collins	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Gorman Ericksen	Cristian Suarez

Sunday Evening, July 20

Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Dion Hayes
Scripture Reading Andres Fernandez
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan Fuller
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

Douglas Alvarenga David Perez

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, July 23

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Paul Metzkes
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	July 13	Jun Avg
Sun. Bible Study	151	142
Sun. AM Worship	218	256
Sun. PM Worship	91	106
Wed. Bible Study	110	143
Contribution	\$14,632	\$17,012

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,674

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

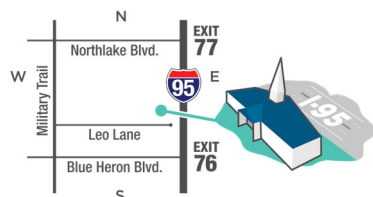
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Bobby Shelton
Safety Team for this week: Dirk Summerlot



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: Connor Goodale, Arianna Bassett, Taylor Price & Troy Alberga

Upcoming Lessons

July 23

Hungering for Righteousness?

Oreston Frizzell

July 30

Pursuing Peace with All?

Mauricio Yegros

August 6

Unashamedly Defending His Truth?

Baptiste Joseph

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

Watch/Listen to
Previous Lessons

www.pblcoc.org
YouTube
Spotify
Apple Podcast