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**SUNDAY,
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BACK TO SCHOOL

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What could be better?



By Dan Jenkins

See What Happens When the Bible Is Read

The return from Babylonian captivity is truly one of the least known parts of the history of Israel but marks one of the most remarkable periods in the lives of God's chosen people. When Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, left the city of Jerusalem, he left nothing but ruins behind. The walls were gone and no longer was there a temple, a priesthood, an altar, an ark of the covenant, two tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments inscribed on them—there was no city—it all lay in ruins. It was destined to stay this way for seventy years, for God had promised a return of a righteous remnant to restore the great city.

The return was not immediately completed nor was Jerusalem rebuilt quickly. When the seventy years of captivity ended, Zerubbabel brought the largest number of Jews with him back to the city. The population of Jerusalem during the celebration of its feast days before the captivity had to be hundreds of thousands. The number who returned with Zerubbabel was 42,360 (Ezra 2:64). They did not immediately rebuild the city but they first built the temple. True worship was not restored until Ezra and those who came with him brought that about. Nehemiah came later and the city was still devastated, and he brought about the rebuilding of the walls so the city could be safely repopulated. God had promised and it had happened!

**What happens
when men read
the Bible deter-
mined to find the
will of God**

With the temple, the priesthood and the walls completed, all the Jews—all the men, women and children who were old enough to understand—assembled in an open square. Ezra stood on a large podium and brought the copy of the law of God with him. The Bible described it this way: “So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading” (Neh. 8:8). He began at daylight and finished reading the Word of God at noon.

The results were amazing. “All the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law” (Neh. 8:9). They listened to the reading of the Word of God for the next seven days and there was a great revival (Neh. 8:18). When they found they had not been worshiping God in the right way in keeping one of the feast days, they immediately did what they had learned from simply reading the Bible. They did it the right way. “For since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness” (Neh. 8:17).

This is precisely what respecting the Bible brings about. Read the book. Make it simple enough so even children can understand it. Let the listeners' hearts be humbled and determined to do His will and change their lives to do it God's way. What would happen if America had this kind of heart!?



By David Sproule

But Did You Worship?

Sometimes we may equate “being in an auditorium” with worshiping. Sometimes we may associate “gathering with other people on Sunday” as worship. But, when we are (1) in an auditorium (2) with other Christians on Sunday, do we actually worship? That is a critical question to answer.

We have a God-given responsibility to “worship” God (John 4:23-24), to “praise” God (Heb. 13:15), to “glorify” God (Rev. 15:4), to “Give to the Lord the glory due His name” (1 Chron. 16:28-29). This requires desire, thought, effort, determination, activity, etc. There is nothing “passive” about worshiping God. I am not to be an observer or spectator. From beginning to end, my heart and body must be engaged.

However, we sometimes place the emphasis in the wrong place. It is not that some things are not essential to worship, and it is not that some things could cause heartfelt worship to be made unacceptable to God, but we must not lose sight of the real purpose and focus of our worship. Give this some thought.

You may go to worship on Sunday (not Saturday), as Scripture teaches (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2), but did you worship? You may partake of the Lord's Supper every single first day of the week, as Scripture teaches (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17-

34; 16:1-2), but did you worship? You may sing with the congregation without the accompaniment of mechanical instruments, as Scripture teaches (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 13:15), but did you worship? You may ensure that you are in a place where males lead the worship assembly, as Scripture teaches (1 Tim. 2:8-14; 1 Cor. 11:3; 14:34-35), but did you worship?

You may arrive on time and stay for the entire service, but did you worship? You may give a large amount of money, but did you worship? You may stay awake through the whole sermon, but did you worship? You may sing out, follow along with the prayer and say “Amen,” and take of the bread and juice, but did you worship?

It may look, on the outside, like you did everything right and that you were worshiping God, but only you and the Lord know your heart to know if you truly did worship Him. Jesus spoke of those who misplaced the real focus of worship and said, “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me” (Matt. 15:8). In the next verse, Jesus said that such worship (which is not, by definition, actually worship) is “in vain” (15:9).

Our Lord is “worthy to be praised” (Psa. 18:3) and to “receive glory and honor” (Rev. 4:11). When we gather with other Christians on Sunday, let's make sure we worship Him.

**There is nothing
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worshiping God**



By Robert Lupo

Ancient Words, Ever True

We sing some amazing songs in worship to our God. Some speak of God's power, some about His love. Many songs are about the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. But, there is a song I'd like to take a closer look at that is about the magnificent words of the Bible: "Ancient Words." It has a simple, yet beautiful melody and helps us to focus on and give our appreciation to God for the great, soul-saving gift of His words.

The first stanza says, "Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world; they resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart." The song begins with the fact that the words of God are holy. These aren't just any old words. They are the words of Almighty God. Psalm 18:30 tells us, "As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him." Then, the song states an often overlooked blessing, that the Scriptures have been preserved throughout the ages. God saw fit to make sure that once we received His word, it would never be lost (cf. Matt. 24:35). In Romans 3:1-2, Paul talks about how God preserved the Old Testament, "What advantage then has the Jew?...because to them were committed the oracles of God." And now, that responsibility was passed to the Lord's church, who have kept them perfectly for 2,000 years. How amazing!

Whatever life brings, I can rejoice in the words of God.

The second stanza reads, "Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope; in this world where're we roam, ancient words will guide us home." The Bible gives us comfort. No matter what tragedies may happen in our lives, we can always go the words of God to lift our spirits. Psalm 119:54 tells us, "Your statutes have been my songs In the house of my pilgrimage." Whatever life brings, I can rejoice in the words of God.

The third stanza says, "Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us thru sacrifice; O, heed the faithful words of Christ." We continue the reminder of the preservation of the Scriptures, but focus, this time, on the sacrifices men made to bring them to us. Over the millennia, men of God poured their time and energy into copying the Bible. And in the pursuit of translating it into common languages, some even lost their lives. We owe a tremendous debt to the men that God used to preserve the Bible for us today.

The chorus states, "Ancient words, ever true, changing me, and changing you; we have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart." What a precious gift the Bible is. In the pages of Scriptures are words of life, leading to salvation. May we show our appreciation by continuing to open our hearts and let the words of God change our lives and guide our steps to walk in the ways of the Lord.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Every form!

As a kid, we played a variety of games to see "how close" we could get to something. We used paper footballs or sometimes quarters (or coins) to slide across a table and see how close to the edge of the table we could get—trying to get it to hang over the side without falling off.

Sometimes, it seems like we play the same game with our lives. We try to see how close to the edge we can get without falling off. That's why God makes His instructions to us abundantly clear. He uses the word "abstain" (1 Thess. 4:3; 5:22; 1 Pet. 2:11), which means "to avoid contact with, to keep away, to hold oneself from." When God tells us to "abstain" from something, He is not permitting us to see "how close" we can get to it.

Consider 1 Thessalonians 5:22—"Abstain from every form of evil." Underline "every form." What "form" and "how close" can I get to sexual impurity, moral impurity, greed, hatred, jealousy, wrath, selfishness, envy, drinking, etc., etc. (Gal. 5:19-21)? Let us NOT see "how close" we can get to sin! Let us hold ourselves far away! – DS



More blessings than burdens

Back in the day, we used small calculators, which could only display a limited number of digits. If you entered a calculation which resulted in a number too large to display, it would display an error.

Speaking of numbers too large to calculate, when was the last time that you counted up all of the struggles and burdens that you're dealing with? Here's a guess—that total is probably not as large as you might think it is.

Now, when was the last time that you calculated all of your blessings that God continues to shower down upon you? Have you experienced "the windows of heaven" being opened to "pour out for you such a blessing that there [is] not room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10)? Have you made a concerted effort to "forget not all His benefits" (Psa. 103:2)? Have you taken time to consider, "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Psa. 116:12)? Your human brain will not be able to calculate and display the infinite number of Divine blessings in your life! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Ally Alberga	abdominal surgery postponed until August 15
Dianne Halenda	still dealing with swelling and pain in her leg
Christina Jones	recovering from surgery on her legs
Cheryl Milton	recovering at home from surgery on her mouth
Jackie Stout	being treated for Afib, pacemaker surgery on Aug. 21

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Jerry Davis	Judy Bird's brother, recovering from heart stents
Vera Gibson	Ophelia Holmes' sister, dealing with back issues
Daniel Greaves	Dannette Margarini's father, surgery on his hand soon
Tom Holaday	Dave & Loretta Holaday's brother, in rehab after stroke
Roy Willis	Shelley Nesbitt's father, undergoing tests

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

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, August 4

- ♦ **NO Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on August 25.

Tuesday, August 5

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

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. All members are encouraged to enjoy this time of fellowship!

Tuesday, August 12

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

Thursday-Monday, August 14-18

- ♦ **PBL Group to Polishing the Pulpit.** Please keep this group in your prayers as they travel. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Friday-Thursday, August 15-21

- ♦ **Polishing the Pulpit.** Thousands of Christians will gather in Sevierville, Tennessee for a time to refresh, renew and recharge. Visit polishingthepulpit.com for details.

Tuesday, August 19

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume next week.

Saturday, August 23

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Bunko Party** at 4:15 p.m. in the Family Room. Pizza will be served for dinner. See John or Sue Hoelzer for more details.

Sunday, August 24

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated** after morning services or before evening services in the Family Room

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, August 3

- ♦ **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 3:30 p.m. in the Family Room. We will be helping to host the Widows & Widowers with their Bunko Party. See Ivan Villard or John Hoelzer 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.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, August 3

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

Sunday, August 10

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.

Sunday, August 17

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume next week.
- ♦ **Jr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, August 24

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

Saturday, August 30

- ♦ **Sr. High Basketball Hangout** at 5:00 p.m.



WHAT PERCENTAGE?

NO BLANKS TO FILL IN.
JUST THOUGHT QUESTIONS.



1. What percentage of the Bible have you read?
2. What percentage of your prayers are giving thanks to God?
3. What percentage of people you meet do you invite to church?
4. What percentage of the church family do you know by name?
5. What percentage of your prayers are praising how great God is?
6. What percentage of worship services have you attended since being baptized?
7. What percentage of Wednesday night assemblies do you attend each year?
8. What percentage of the neighbors on your street know you are a Christian?
9. What percentage of the church family have you texted with encouraging notes?
10. What percentage of your prayers include intercession for others?
11. What percentage of songs in worship do you sing out heartily?
12. What percentage of your day is spent in spiritual, Christian-focused matters?
13. What percentage of Sundays do you arrive early and/or stay late to visit?
14. What percentage of worship attendees do you speak to?
15. What percentage of your income (before taxes) do you give to the Lord?

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 27

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, August 3rd

Stephen Beliech
Karen Lester
Allison Roman
Seth Watson

Wednesday, August 6th

Lena Gadson

Thursday, August 7th

Jeff & Jennifer Goodale (Ann.)
Kirk Crews

Monday, August 4th

Bryan Galvez

Friday, August 8th

Silas & Debora Lynch (Ann.)

Tuesday, August 5th

Roy & Charlene Knowles (Ann.)

Michael Menendez

Mary Porter



Directory Changes

Henry & Bereather Williams placed membership at Suncoast.



We rejoice with **Christina Jones** who was baptized on July 20.

Thank You  notes

We would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards and words of encouragement. We appreciate it deeply! Thank you. James & Michelle Green

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, August 3

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Orlando Lolo
Singing
Lord's Supper Richard Watson
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:

Ryan Hankins	Tim Mahlbacher
Namdidie Ikon	Bret Nesbitt
Todd Juckett	Taylor Reeves
Steward Lynch	Lawrence Williams

Sunday Evening, August 3

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading Joe Maloney
Singing
Lord's Supper Tom Garrison
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Troy Alberga

Serve at Table:

Rick Hall Trevin Roman

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, August 6

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Dan Fuller
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	July 27	Jun Avg
Sun. Bible Study	156	142
Sun. AM Worship	242	256
Sun. PM Worship	102	106
Wed. Bible Study	132	143
Contribution	\$15,944	\$17,012

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$2,814

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

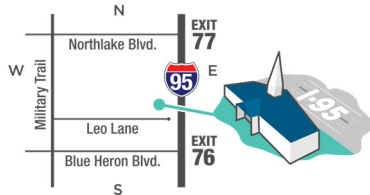
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Tim Fry
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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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: **Lynne Jorgensen**

When
The Trumpet of the Lord
Shall Sound

Will He Find Me...

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

Final Lesson!

August 6

**Unashamedly
Defending His Truth?**

Baptiste Joseph

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Previous Lessons

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Apple Podcast