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## Adult Bible Classes (THRU SEPT. 3)

### SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (David Sproule):

#### Titus & Philemon

*Paul's shortest epistles to two brothers in Christ provide some rich lessons for 21<sup>st</sup>-century Christians. The young preacher, Titus, needed to give heed to the orderly pattern of sound doctrine (so do we). The fellow Christian and slave owner, Philemon, needed to receive his fellow Christians as brothers in Christ (so do we). Let's follow in their footsteps today.*

Adult 3 (Dan Jenkins):

#### Young Adults: Fireside Q&A

*Almost every student of the Bible has unanswered questions from their study. The topics discussed in this class will come from the questions submitted by those who attend. This kind of study allows great spiritual growth as we see that God has given to us heaven's answers to our questions about life and godliness. The Bible completely supplies guidance for all of our lives.*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M. (Adults, Jr. High & Sr. High)

Auditorium (Kirk Crews):

#### Important Lessons from Bad, Unknown People

*We have all studied about Abraham's faith, Moses' leadership and David's courage. While these individuals were not perfect, they are well-known individuals, with strong Christian qualities. In this short course, we are going to look at some stories you may not know and draw important lessons, even from people who sinned against God.*

### BIBLE CLASSES FOR JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH

#### JR. HIGH: SUNDAY AM

#### Genesis

(Dan Fuller)

#### SR. HIGH: SUNDAY AM

#### Paul's Prison Epistles

(Robert Lupo)



By Dan Jenkins

## Meditating on a Simple Kingdom Parable

Jesus described the church by saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard..." (Matt. 20:1). We read these verses and easily understand what He was talking about. We know who that Man was who owned the vineyard, but have we spent enough time thinking about what the Owner said and how that applies to our lives?

Jesus used parables (simple stories about things which happen on the earth) to illustrate great truths from heaven. Think about this as you read the words of the Owner to those who became laborers. He went out five times in that one day to find people to work and offered them good wages to come to work in His vineyard. In this parable the day involved twelve hours. He needed all the workers He could find and at the eleventh hour He found more workers.

He said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" Their response showed that they would have worked more, but they had not been able to find an opportunity to work. They immediately responded to His invitation to come and work for Him.

You know the parable, but have you ever really applied His question to yourself as one who is part of the harvest

He has for us to do? How ready are you to labor every day for the eternal wages that await?

There are many songs which have been written, and the "life expectancy" for most of them is so short. Few secular songs remain in the top ten for any period of time. However, there are spiritual songs that have touched the hearts of men, and one has been sung since 1880. Consider the words of one which we almost all know. There is a reason why it is still part of the songs we sing.

"I want to be a worker for the Lord, I want to love and trust His holy word, I want to sing and pray and be busy every day in the vineyard of the Lord. I want to be a worker strong and brave, I want to trust in Jesus' power to save; All who will truly come shall find a happy home in the vineyard of the Lord." Think about it. Trusting His holy word leads us to seeking salvation for all those around us helping them find their happy home.

The song continues, "I want to be a worker every day; I want to lead the erring in the way, That leads to heaven above where all is peace and love, in the kingdom of the Lord." The refrain says, "I will work, I will pray, I will labor every day, in the vineyard of the Lord."

We do not sing this as often as we once did! Is the reason this is true because we are not seeing lost souls?

**Why do we no longer sing songs that show our resolve to work for Him?**



By David Sproule

## The Truth About Jesus (Part 2 of 7): The Great Incarnation

The transforming truth of Jesus Christ, we learn in the first part of 1 Timothy 3:16, is certain, supreme, clear and relevant to our lives. Paul then outlines six pivotal elements of this truth, which are critical to understanding and appreciating the magnitude of Jesus Christ and His plan for us.

**First, Paul emphasizes THE GREAT INCARNATION: "He was manifested in the flesh."**

We know this truth. We have read this truth. Yet, it is one of those truths that just blows the mind. Let's consider what this means.

**Jesus Christ is eternal!** "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God..." (John 1:1). The word "was" is the Greek imperfect tense, which emphasizes that Jesus "always was, always existed." So, "in the beginning" of earthly time, Jesus was already there. He did not Himself have a beginning, as He was there before creation (before time). Jesus is eternal and unchanging.

**Jesus Christ is God!** "...[T]he Word was God" (John 1:1). Again, the Greek imperfect tense ("was") emphasizes the ongoing, perpetual reality that Jesus Himself has always possessed the very essence of deity. He has the same essence (i.e., deity) as the Father, for Jesus is His "equal" (John 5:18; 10:30, 33, 36). No wonder Paul emphasizes Jesus' "equality

with God" in Philippians 2:6. Jesus truly is God!

**Jesus Christ took on human flesh!** This is where the mind is especially overwhelmed. The eternal God (read this slowly) "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14), for He "emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men" (Phil. 2:6). He came and lived fully in a human body, experiencing fully the human life, with all the good and the bad that it has to offer. Why? Why would He ever do that?

**Jesus Christ "became flesh and dwelt among us"**

**Jesus Christ was manifested in the flesh FOR US!** The second chapter of Hebrews explains to us why the eternal God "was made a little lower than the angels" (Heb. 2:9). (1) He came to "taste death for everyone" (2:9). (2) He came to bring "many sons to glory" (2:10). (3) He came to be the "perfect" Savior through His "sufferings" (2:10). (4) He came to "sanctify" His people (2:11). (5) He came to "destroy...the devil" and his works (2:14). (6) He came to "deliver" us from the "bondage" of "death" (2:15). (7) He came, that He might identify fully with us, when we suffer and are "tempted," as "a merciful and faithful High Priest" (2:17-18).

This indisputable truth ought to transform our lives toward godliness! As the Lord's church, we are "the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). We must know it! We must teach it! We must defend it! (more next week)



By Robert Lupo

## What's the Buzz?

Maybe you've seen them in a political speech. Maybe you've seen them in news interviews. Perhaps you've seen them on signs. Very likely, you see them every day in your social media. It seems like you just can't get away from them. I'm talking about "buzzwords."

According to Miriam Webster, a buzzword is "an important-sounding usually technical word or phrase often of little meaning used chiefly to impress laymen." We often see these in politics because they can be useful to summarize complex issues. But, they often simply get thrown around so that the speaker can signal their loyalty to a particular group without knowing much about the issue.

For example, someone who is pro-choice in the abortion debate might refer to a child in the womb as "a bundle of cells." The argument is easily defeated by the fact that any human being is a bundle of cells, just in different stages of development, but that is not the point. Their purpose is not to make a rational statement to sway people to their side. The point is to claim an intellectual high ground that identifies them with a certain ideological group.

Why am I spending all this time talking about buzzwords? Because there is a great danger of these kinds of

words making their way into the church and causing division. As I scroll through Facebook, I see brothers and sisters in Christ sharing posts and making statements about the church using politically charged buzzwords in order to separate those "in the loop" from those out.

By definition, these terms are vague. So, they require explanation. However, the ones using them always seem to use them to point out some moral deficiency in the church and refuse to explain what it is. Any questions are dismissed with sarcasm and derision. The only reason for this must be that changing the alleged issue is not the goal. The goal is to signal to those that already agree with them.

Brethren, this is not how the church should communicate. If there is an issue in the church, then it needs to be addressed in clear, Biblical language, not this coded, insider jargon. If the issue isn't worth discussing clearly, then it must not be worth discussing. Paul tells us, "But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness" (2 Tim. 2:16).

We cannot let politics cause division in the body of Christ. We are going to disagree with our brethren about issues in the world. When we do, we must have the courage to speak clearly, in love, so we can heal and be reunited in the same mind and in the same judgment (cf. 1 Cor. 1:10).

**If there is an issue...it needs to be addressed in clear, Biblical language...**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### New every morning

The sun rises every morning, as if it had never gone anywhere. It appears to give you a whole new supply of minutes, ready at your disposal in the new day. But there is another supply of "new" for you "every morning." Perhaps you know the words of the song, which is based upon Lamentations 3:22-23, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness."

God's supply of love (or lovingkindnesses, NASB) for you never runs out! God's supply of mercies (or compassions, NKJV/NASB) for you never run out! By the way, note that both of these are plural. It is not just God's love (singular) or mercy (singular) that is new every morning, but His lovingkindnessES and mercies. No wonder Jeremiah said, "'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I hope in Him'" (3:24).

Every morning, God is ready to bless you and bless you and bless you! How firm is your hope in Him? – DS



### When you forgive, you must press "Delete"

One of the most comforting and thrilling verses in all of the Bible is the prophecy that Jeremiah foresaw in the coming new covenant and which was highlighted as a reality for Christians in the book of Hebrews, when God says, "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more" (Heb. 8:12). When God forgives us,

He presses "Delete" and does not remember or hold it against us any longer.

Are we supposed to do the same? We are commanded to forgive one another, "just as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32). He is our standard and our model. And when we truly have the love of God in us for others, we will "not take into account a wrong suffered" (1 Cor. 13:5, NASB) or keep a "record of wrongs" (NIV). When I forgive someone, God does not want me to hang on to their record, tally it up and hold it against them. He wants me to love them as Jesus has loved me (John 13:34-35), which means I must press "Delete" and lovingly move on. – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Ally Alberga</b>	scheduled for abdominal surgery on August 15
<b>Mike Archer</b>	recovering from a medical procedure in New York
<b>Skye Brown</b>	still recovering from cataract surgery
<b>Carolyn Cullom</b>	hospitalized last week, being treated for an infection
<b>Debora Lynch</b>	recovering from cataract surgery on her other eye
<b>Janice Maloney</b>	recovering at home, still not full strength
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	recovering at home from surgery on her mouth
<b>Jackie Stout</b>	being treated for Afib, pacemaker surgery on Aug. 21
<b>Betty White</b>	dealing with high pressure in both eyes

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Jimmie Banks</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	chronic health issues
<b>John Loftis</b>	back pain, weakness
<b>Tiffany Mayes</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	multiple health issues

## 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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Jean Charles</b>	Anthioda Charles' son, recovering at home
<b>Jerry Davis</b>	Judy Bird's brother, recovering from heart stents
<b>David Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's father, dealing with kidney disease
<b>Daniel Greaves</b>	Dannette Margarini's father, surgery on his hand (Sept.)
<b>Tom Holaday</b>	Dave & Loretta Holaday's brother, in rehab after stroke
<b>Scott Kelley</b>	Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, blood clot in his leg
<b>Sue Vallee</b>	Scott Studer's sister, lung cancer surgery on Aug. 19
<b>Curtis White</b>	Betty White's brother, recovering from surgery

**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 18

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

## 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.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

## Friday, August 29

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. See Skye Brown or Allison Roman for details.

## Saturday, September 6

- ♦ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brenda Collier. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18. See Beth Fry, Misty Hayes or Traci Sproule for more details.

## Sunday, September 7

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ♦ **Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home Begins.** Please bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards by Sunday, October 5 and place them in the box in the Lobby.

## Saturday, September 13

- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

### Sunday, August 17

- ♦ **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 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. at the home of Tim & Beth Fry. See Ivan Villard for more details.

### Saturday, October 25

- ♦ **Young Adult & Sr. High Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

### Sunday, August 17

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume next week.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. 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. Meet at Osborne Park to play basketball followed by dinner at the home of Darin & Brittany Summerlot. See Robert Lupo for more details.

### Sunday, August 31

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services.** See Robert Lupo for details.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna.

# Comforting the Grieving

by Steve Higginbotham



How often have we gone to the funeral home or hospital to comfort and sympathize with those who are grieving and felt woefully inadequate? It has probably happened to all of us. Because we do not know what to say or are afraid of saying the wrong thing, we sometimes provide little support to those who desperately need it. Our fear causes us to withdraw from the person who is needing our support. The following suggestions may help us to better pass on the comfort with which we have been comforted.

**Avoid Empty Platitudes.** Phrases such as, “It’s all a part of God’s plan,” “He’s in a better place now,” “Be thankful you are young and can still have more children,” ring hollow to the one who is suffering. Some of the comments we make to one who is grieving may indeed be truthful, but are not what is needed at the moment. “I’m sorry” is much more honest than “I know just how you feel.” Remember that your presence is more important than your words. Your words cannot change the reality of their suffering, but your presence can assure them that you love them and are concerned. Job’s three friends could have been known as three of the most comforting and caring people history has known, but then they opened their mouths and ruined everything.

**Offer Help, But Do Not Dominate A Person’s Time.** A Christian lady once told me that one of the most difficult things about her husband’s death was having to deal with a casual friend who latched on to her. For weeks, she dominated this Christian lady’s time and attention, wearing out her “good intentions.” There are times when those who are grieving just want to be left alone so that they can reminisce, pray, cry, and even laugh. Let the one who is grieving have some breathing room.

**Allow the Scriptures To Provide Comfort.** We have so many precious promises concerning the death of a child of God. These promises give us comfort, strength to go on, and hope. If an appropriate opportunity presents itself, sit down with the one who is grieving and read to them some of God’s words of comfort. If such an opportunity does not immediately present itself, then jot these Scriptures down on a card and allow the person who is grieving to read them at their own leisure. Some helpful passages to consider are: (John 14:1-3; Romans 8:31-39; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Hebrews 6:9-20; Revelation 14:13; Psalm 121).

**Mark Your Calendar.** Too often, the one year anniversary of the death of a loved one is a very lonely time for the survivor. To be sure, the person who has suffered loss remembers the significance of this date, however it may seem that nobody else does. For the person who is grieving to receive a phone call or card on this date would mean more than you can imagine. Instead of wondering if anyone remembers or cares, we can assure him or her that we do remember and that we do care.

If we would implement the above suggestions, I believe we would be better equipped to render meaningful help to those who need it.

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in trouble, with the comfort with which we are comforted by God” (2 Corinthians 2:3-4).*

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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



 **Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
August 10



## Directory Changes

**Richard & Debi Watson** moved to Arkansas on Thursday.



All PBL ladies are invited to participate in the **"Digging Deep" Bible Study** beginning in September that will be led by Misty Hayes & Lisa Metzkes. Sign up on the bulletin board.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, August 17th  
Jonathan Swayne

Friday, August 22nd  
Nicole Freseman

Monday, August 18th  
Benny Rodgers  
Melissa Shaw  
Deboria Walker

Saturday, August 23rd  
Orlando & Lilly Lolo (Ann.)  
Skye Brown  
Tom Garrison  
Cristian Suarez

Thursday, August 21st  
Josie Dawson

## 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 17

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Jeff Goodale  
Scripture Reading ..... Kirk Crews  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Gary Jenkins  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Michael Erickson

#### Serve at Table:

Casey Crews	Michael Menendez
Connor Goodale	Vincent Rogers
Jack Holoman	Joseph Snyder
Jeff Leslie	Marty Williams

### Sunday Evening, August 17

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Eugene Williams  
Scripture Reading ..... John Hoelzer  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Ivan Villard  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Archer

#### Serve at Table:

John Patrick      Jim Rogers

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

### Wednesday Evening, August 20

Singing ..... Freddie Gadson  
Invitation ..... Ricky Smith  
Family Prayer ..... Ivan Villard

## Our Record

Attendance	Aug 10	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	183	151
Sun. AM Worship	286	228
Sun. PM Worship	135	101
Wed. Bible Study	134	118
Contribution	\$16,238	\$16,019

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,514

Service Coordinator:  
Mike Damron

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Islay Rodriguez  
Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks





# 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.



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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).