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New Bible Classes (SEPT. 7 - NOV. 9)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (Dan Jenkins):

Bible Geography

Imagine trying to understand American History without knowing the location of Jamestown, Plymouth Rock, the Mississippi River, Mexico, Canada or Washington D.C. Knowing the location of Ur, Mt. Ararat, Mt. Sinai, Jordan River, Red Sea, Jerusalem, Corinth, Euphrates, Gethsemane and Babylon opens widely the Biblical teaching of God's dealing with mankind.

Adult 1-2 (Kirk Crews):

Open Discussion on Encouragement (Study of Hebrews)

About 2,000 years ago, a letter was written to a group of Christians who were struggling with their faith, wondering if being a Christian was "worth it." The letter encouraged them to remain faithful and explained the greatness of God's plan. Unlike other classes, this open discussion format will allow us to dissect this letter together, encouraging one another.

Adult 3 (David Sproule):

Young Adults: Fundamentals of the Faith (Part 1)

The first recorded parable Jesus told was of the wise man and foolish man. The wise man built his house on a rock – it had a strong foundation. God wants us to have a strong foundation, as well. In this class, we will discuss foundational truths of New Testament Christianity, growing our faith and helping us better navigate life's challenges.

**SEE PAGE 8 FOR
WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES FOR ADULTS
AND SR. HIGH & JR. HIGH CLASSES**



By Dan Jenkins

Unrighteous “Righteousness”

There are words we use which in a sense describe the title of these thoughts. They are simple words we all understand, and the feeling we have as we use them often describes individuals who have deceived us and sometimes hurt us in the past. No one has any joy dealing with one who is phony, one who is a fake, one who is a fraud, one who scams.

The Greeks had a word to describe this kind of individual, and it was the word “hypocrite.” It was used to describe actors on a stage who in a performance played several characters. He wore many masks to become the multiple personalities he became in his performance. None of the masks portrayed what he really was like. He simply changes masks depending on circumstances.

Jesus often used strong language to describe the Jewish leaders. He said, “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees...” (Matt. 23:13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29). His attitude to those who use religion or religious ideas to further themselves shows the disdain He has for such. It is a sobering thought to think of what will happen in the final judgment when their masks are removed! As we live on the stages of our lives, there should never be places for masks in our dealing with others. It was through Paul’s writings that God said, “Let love be without

hypocrisy” (Rom. 12:9). And He said through the writings of Peter, “Lay aside all hypocrisy” (1 Pet. 2:1).

We should not just think of “evil” individuals who wear masks to deceive and fraud helpless people like widows and other innocent people. Jesus uses this word nearly twenty times and warns us to beware of those who wear the mask. “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy” (Luke 12:1). The mask worn by these evil men only made them appear to be “good” men. Jesus described these men in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 6). They wore the masks when they stood on the street corners and prayed long prayers. They wore these masks when they marked their faces so others could see that they were fasting. They wore these masks when giving and “sounded trumpets” so everyone could see how much they gave.

Make the application of this to how we live. There is no place in hiding our true feelings when speaking—we must let our “Yes” mean “Yes” and our “No” mean “No” (Matt. 5:37). We must never let how we behave at church be different from how we act outside of worship. There is the “righteousness of faith” (a phrase used repeatedly in the Bible) and the “righteousness” of self-righteousness. Lay the masks aside—be real, be genuine, be honest, be on the outside what you are on the inside. It will make an eternal difference!

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By David Sproule

The Truth About Jesus (Part 5 of 7): The Great Proclamation

The truth of Jesus Christ transforms us as it is certain, supreme, clear and relevant to our lives (1 Tim. 3:16a). In this verse, the Holy Spirit emphasizes six pivotal elements of this truth to help us appreciate the magnitude of Jesus Christ and His plan for us, including the great incarnation, the great vindication and the great exaltation.

Fourth, Paul emphasizes THE GREAT PROCLAMATION: “He was preached among the nations.”

As we wrap our minds around the amazing truth of Jesus Christ, consider these points.

The truth of the gospel is to be preached everywhere. Jesus commanded to “Go into all the world and preach” (Mark 16:15), and the first-century Christians did just that. Just 30 years later, Paul affirmed that “the word of the truth of the gospel” was taken to “all the world” (Col. 1:6, 23). Those early believers “went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4).

The truth of the gospel is to be preached universally, to every person. This may seem redundant with the previous point, but the emphasis here is on the impartiality of the truth of Christ for every single person on the earth. God foretold that His plan was for “all nations” (Isa. 2:2; 42:1; 60:3). “Every creature” needs to hear the gospel (Mark 16:15), for God

“desires *all men* to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). Our “God shows no partiality,” and He accepts “*every*” person who “fears Him and works righteousness” (Acts 10:34-35). Truly, “the blessed gospel is for all!”

The truth of the gospel is desperately needed by every person. The reason that the gospel needs to go to every soul is because every soul is lost without it! The “gospel” alone is “the power of God to salvation” (Rom. 1:16). Every accountable individual needs to know of their condition without Christ (Eph. 2:1-3) and to know of the “great love” that sent the Savior to die for us (Eph. 2:4-7; Rom. 5:8-9). The world is dying without the gospel!

The proclamation of the truth of the gospel cost many their lives in preaching it. Persecution against gospel-preaching Christians began quickly, and it was not long before faithful proclaimers of Jesus Christ lost their lives (Acts 7:57-60; 12:1-4). History would record many other souls who were “slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held” (Rev. 6:9). The devil fights against the truth of Christ, which shows how valid, certain, relevant and needed it really is.

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)

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By Robert Lupo

The God Who Is

I remember the first time I really learned God's name. When I was very young, my dad showed me the 1956 film *The Ten Commandments*, starring Charlton Heston as Moses. The movie is a classic loaded with iconic scene after iconic scene.

One scene that stood out to me was Moses at the burning bush. It was the one that really focused on the mystery of God. I remember, as a kid, being in awe at the sight of the Lord speaking through a bush that burned but was not consumed. I remember Him speaking to Moses, saying, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." But there was a moment that I could not quite understand as a kid. Quoting right from the Scriptures, God's responds, "I AM THAT I AM." I got that God's name was I AM, but I couldn't grasp what that meant and didn't for a long time. God's name is extremely important and understanding it changes lives.

The quote comes from Exodus 3:13-14. It is the first time God answers the question. When Jacob asked the Lord in Genesis 32:29, He answered with only the question, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" However, we read God's name several times prior to Exodus 3. The first time we see the name of God in Scripture is Genesis 2:4. "This is the history of the

...the one that
existed before
existence.

heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens," The word "Lord" in Hebrew is Yahweh, the name of God. But it is the noun form of the word found in Exodus 3. When God speaks His name to Moses, He uses the verb form which tells us what is truly meant by His name.

The translation "I AM" is truly the best rendering of the word. But what does it mean? It means "to be," "to come to pass," or "to happen." Essentially, His name means, "The One who exists." So, when Moses asks God's name, His response is a name that means the one that existed before existence. God is eternal. He is the God that wasn't just there when the beginning happened, He was there to start the beginning. If we understand this properly, then the name of God becomes one of the most important revelations of the

Bible.

Within God's name is one of the greatest proofs of God's existence. The vast majority of scientists agree that our universe had a beginning. But no one can explain where all the matter in it came from. The only explanation that works is that there was a mind that existed before the universe. A mind outside its constraints. A mind that gave the universe form and laws to sustain it. The one who is. That is the God the Bible reveals. And He wants us to know Him.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

How fast is God?

The fastest ride at Disney World is Test Track at Epcot, which reaches a top speed of 65 mph. That pales in comparison to Falcon's Flight, which is under construction and testing at Six Flags Qiddiya City in Saudi Arabia, as it is designed to reach of top speed of 155 mph. Pilots of the SR-71 Blackbird laugh at those speeds, as they flew as fast as 2,193 mph.

Have you ever wondered how fast God can go? Just before Moses died, Moses preached a series of sermons (which comprise the book of Deuteronomy). With less than 10 sentences in the last sermon he would ever preach, Moses told Israel (or "Jeshurun"), "There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides the heavens" (Deut. 33:26). Oh, wait! I cut off three words from the end of that quote. God "rides the heavens TO HELP YOU!"

How fast can He get there? Well, He's already "there" (Psa. 139:7-12)! He's not just "fast"! He's "fast" FOR YOU! Do you trust Him? Do you tell Him how much you need Him? – DS



Treating God as holy

"So, I used a different fire than what God authorized for me to use. What's the big deal? Fire is fire, right?" "So, first God tells me to strike a rock and then He tells me to speak to a rock, so I just struck it the second time, too. What's the big deal? Striking the rock was acceptable to Him before, why not now? Besides, we got the water, and that's what matters anyway."

You recognize that these could be sentiments expressed by Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-3) and by Moses (Ex. 17:1-7; Num. 20:1-13). What do these two incidents have in common? On both occasions, these men of God disobeyed a direct command of God. Notice the common thread in God's response to both actions. "By those who come near to Me I will be treated as holy" (Lev. 10:3). "You have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel" (Num. 20:12).

To disobey God is to tread over the holiness of our God! Perhaps that is why we need to be reminded when we pray, "Hallowed be Your name" (Matt. 6:9). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	having a medical procedure and tests (9/5)
Terietta Frazier	recovering at home from blood clots
Dick Haines	discharged from the hospital
Dianne Halenda	blood clot in her leg causing pain and swelling
Mary A. Jackson	has been dealing with some health issues
Charlene Knowles	therapy on her shoulder, dealing with leg problems
Willie Smith	dealing with a lot of pain
Jackie Stout	Gardens Court, rehab for broken leg
Betty White	still dealing with pressure in her eyes

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 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

Jean Charles	Anthioda Charles' son, recovering at home
Debra Dagostino	David Lord's sister, knee surgery in New York (9/4)
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, dealing with kidney disease
Everol Findley	Maria Hackshaw's brother, abdominal surgery
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, dealing with a lot of pain
Daniel Greaves	Dannette Margarini's father, surgery on his hand (9/8)
Rickey Johnson	Reanna Lupo's father, torn rotator cuff
John Lord	David Lord's father, prostate cancer treatments
Rochelle Lord	David Lord's mother, undergoing medical tests
Ruby Tritschler	Misty Hayes' mother, knee replacement surgery (9/4)
Sue Vallee	Scott Studer's sister, recovering from lung cancer surg.
Reese Wenzel	Gary & Doris Friedly's granddaughter, medical tests
Curtis White	Betty White's brother, undergoing medical tests

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

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.

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

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

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.

Sunday, September 14

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, September 20

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Eleventh Street.** This year's theme is "God's Grace, Love & Mercy." Visit www.11stcocpalmetto.com for more details.
- ♦ **Ladies Day hosted by Concord Street** at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:15 a.m. RSVP by September 12. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, September 21

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

Thursday, September 25

- ♦ **"Digging Deep" Women's Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Misty Hayes or Lisa Metzkes for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, September 13

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

Saturday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 18

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. Hot dogs will be provided for dinner. Wear your costume!

Saturday, October 25

- ♦ **Young Adult & Sr. High Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. See Robert Lupo for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, September 7

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring drinks and desserts to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, September 14

- ♦ **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, September 21

- ♦ **Sr. High RUSH Meeting** after morning worship for teens who will be attending and their parents. We will be discussing the schedule, packing list and expectations. See Robert Lupo for more details.
- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on October 5.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Ally Alberga. Bring drinks and desserts to share.

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1. For PBL kids who have not received their **first pack** of 10 cards yet, see David Sproule.
2. Get a pack of 10 cards for:
 - Reciting the **66 books of the Bible** to David Sproule.
 - Quoting **Psalm 23** to Kelly Sproule.
 - Listing ALL of the following at the same time: **The 10 Plagues, The 12 Sons of Jacob, The 12 Apostles**. (There are children's songs for these on our YouTube channel.)
3. Get 1 card for:
 - Showing **worship/sermon notes** to Traci Sproule on Sunday morning.
 - Showing **worship/sermon notes** to Traci Sproule on Sunday evening.
 - Attending **His Kids Class** on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. (for kids Age 3 thru Grade 5)
4. Get cards in each Bible class on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights for:
 - Coming to **class with your Bible**
 - Bringing a **friend** (not already a PBL kid)
 - Quoting the **Memory Verse**
 - Answering the **Review Questions**
5. **New ways** to get cards will continue to be added. Stay tuned.

You can **trade cards** with:

- Other kids
- The elders and preachers
- Other adults who have their own cards

PARENTS, remember that these cards are great tools for **family Bible studies or devotionals**. You have 365 READY-MADE resources to read some verses, learn some "Fast Facts" and reinforce one simple life lesson from each card. These cards are not just for collecting. They are for **learning**.



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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
August 31

Thank You  notes

Thank you to my Palm Beach Lakes family for your cards, calls words of encouragement, and mostly for your prayers during my recent eye surgeries. All is going very well—praise God! Again, thank you, and I love you all.

In Christian Love, Debora Lynch

We are overwhelmed with the love that Palm Beach Lakes has shown us over the last 24 years and continues to show us. Thank you for the elder remembrance gift (it is already bookending in my study) and the tea selection (we have already tested several). We love you with all our hearts and will still see you several times a year, Lord willing. It is not goodbye, it is see you again.

Love, Richard & Debi Watson

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Roxroy & Karen Edmondson; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. Curtis Fasan; Mr. Kendall Gonsalves; Mr. & Mrs. Tracy & Michelle Immekus; Ms. Mornese Paige; and Ms. Yvette Watts.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Shauna Brabble, Cary, NC; Ms. Marianne Brighton, Lakeland, FL; Mr. Brad Collier, Patterson, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Justin & Sarah Collier, Chapel Hill, NC; Ms. Tequila Green, Miramar, FL; Mr. & Mrs. John & Laura Griffin, Belle Glade, FL; Mrs. Kelly Idema, Cody, WY; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Larson, Cary, NC; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN; and Mr. Isaac Whitney, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, September 7th

Bill Ingram, Jr.
Scott Lewis
Daniel Wagner

Monday, September 8th

Verdell March
Can Margarini

Monday, September 8th (cont.)

Trinity Franck

Thursday, September 11th

Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss (Ann.)

Friday, September 12th

Darin Summerlot

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, September 7

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

Serve at Table:

Casey Crews	Jack Holoman
Kirk Crews	Michael Menendez
Michael Erickson	John Patrick
Connor Goodale	Joseph Snyder

Sunday Evening, September 7

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Islay Rodriguez
Scripture Reading Jim Rogers
Singing
Lord's Supper Jimmie Banks
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Ivan Villard

Serve at Table:

John Hoelzer	Eugene Williams
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Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, September 10

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Darin Summerlot
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Aug 31	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	165	151
Sun. AM Worship	255	228
Sun. PM Worship	117	101
Wed. Bible Study	97	118
Contribution	\$17,524	\$16,019

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,685

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

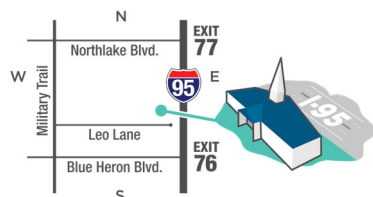
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers



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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.

Front Cover: **Jace Buonadonna**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES (Sept. 10 - Nov. 12)

Auditorium (David Sproule):

Prophets Who Didn't Write a Book

When we think about the prophets of the Old Testament, we may limit our thoughts to the "Major Prophets" and "Minor Prophets." But when the Bible says that God "spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets" (Heb. 1:1), those prophets included men who never wrote a book in your Bible. There are tremendous lessons to learn from these prophets, as they labored for the Lord among His people.

Adult 1-2 (Traci Sproule):

Ladies: Prayerful Hearts

The Bible is full of people who have talked to God—in all kinds of circumstances. And God has always listened. This study will examine how we can talk to God, and how He responds, by looking at these Bible examples of prayerful hearts. Learning to pray as these Bible heroes did can help us grow closer to God in our own prayer lives.

SR. HIGH & JR. HIGH BIBLE CLASSES

SR. HIGH: SUNDAY MORNINGS

1-2 Timothy & Titus

(Robert Lupo)

SR. HIGH: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Social Media: Dangerous Playground

(Robert Lupo)

JR. HIGH: SUNDAY MORNINGS

Joshua, Judges & Ruth

(Jeff Goodale)

JR. HIGH: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

First-Century Churches

(Stephen Beliech)