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New Bible Classes (Nov. 30 - FEB. 1)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (David Sproule):

Galatians

The churches in Galatia were being plagued by false teachers and were turning away from Christ and His gospel. Paul sought to remind them of the true liberty that Christians have in Christ (and in no other), but they must stand fast in His truth. As we study this amazing book, we will find how this 2,000-year-old letter still lives and applies to us today.

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 (Ivan Villard):

Young Adults: Fundamentals of the Faith (Part 2)

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

Then They Understood

When Jesus came into the lives of those fishermen from Galilee, His message sounded so different from anything they had ever heard. He did not teach as those leaders in the synagogue. The Sermon on the Mount ends with these words. "The people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt. 7:28-29). His method of teaching was not the only difference between Him and other teachers. His message revealed a New Testament way of living.

When He described how John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy that Elijah would come, the apostles could not understand how that could be. When He explained that difficult prophecy to them the Bible described what happened. "Then His disciples understood..." (Matt. 17:13).

In Matthew chapter sixteen, there is a description of His confrontation with the Pharisees and Sadducees and their request for a sign. He left them and went with His disciples to another place. He said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." They failed to see how He was not speaking of actual leaven, and they arrived at the conclusion that He was rebuking them because they had failed to bring bread so they could share it. Jesus rebuked

them and described them as those who had such little faith. He reminded them of feeding the 5,000 and also of the 4,000. Had they remembered these two events, they should have understood that He was not concerned about getting bread. It was at this point that the situation changed. "Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of Pharisees and Sadducees" (v. 12).

The "sinners prayer" was never preached until 1700 years after Pentecost

There is a parallel to this event in our own world when those who are religious leaders fail to reveal the New Testament way of living. An illustration of this is the prevalence of the use of the sinner's prayers to describe the path to Jesus. This prayer often consists of about twenty words—when one says it, he is told that he is immediately saved. This prayer is not found even one time in the entire Bible.

The first recorded use of it was in 1741, but it was not until the next century that it became widespread. Neither Jesus nor His apostles ever told any man to use this prayer. There is a path to heaven He has revealed to us. I challenge you to study the book of Acts, where many asked the question about what they must do to be saved and heaven's answer to the question was given. It is far different from saying about twenty words! Consider these words, "Beware of the leaven (the teachings) of pastors and televangelists" who teach a path to salvation no one ever heard of for hundreds of years.



By David Sproule

When Doubts Arise

The devil is the Master of Doubts! He has mastered the ability to plant seeds of doubt regarding just about everything! For example: who would have ever thought that someone would doubt what a man is and doubt what a woman is. That's the devil at work! He has all sizes of doubts in his bag—he likes to start with small ones and then work his way up.

Has this Master of Deception ever used one of his "devices" (2 Cor. 2:11) to cause "doubts" to "arise in your heart" (Luke 24:38)? Doubts about God, about Jesus, about the Bible, about the church, about doctrine, about morality, about eternity, etc.? What can you do when doubts start to creep in and settle themselves down in your heart? It is usually helpful to just go back and make sure your foundation in the basics is rock solid.

1. The God of the Bible exists. Of this, there can be NO doubt! "His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made" (Rom. 1:20). "The creation of the world" is on full display 24/7 for anyone and everyone to see, examine, test and draw honest, evidence-based conclusions. Examine the evidence! Reason soundly!

2. The Bible is fully inspired of God. Of this, there can be NO doubt! One of the eyewitnesses affirmed that "we have

the prophetic word confirmed" (2 Pet. 1:19). He knew that what was written and what he was writing was of no "private interpretation...but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (1:20-21). Again, the evidence is on full display. Read the Bible. Examine the evidence of Divine origin within its pages! Reason soundly!

When doubts arise, check your foundation!

3. Whatever the Bible says is from God. When I know (with no reason to doubt) that the God of the Bible exists and that He gave every word of the Bible, then I can have absolute confidence that what this Book teaches is "perfect...sure...right...pure...true and righteous altogether" (Psa. 19:7-9). I can trust every word!

God teaches in the Bible that there is only one church (Eph. 4:4). No reason to doubt that!

God teaches in the Bible to sing acapella in His worship (Eph. 5:19). No reason to doubt that!

God teaches in the Bible that He wants males to lead the church (1 Tim. 2:8-14; 3:1-13). No reason to doubt that!

God teaches in the Bible that there are only two genders (Gen. 2:18-25; Matt. 19:4-5). No reason to doubt that!

God teaches in the Bible that to change His Word leads to anathema (Gal. 1:9). No reason to doubt that either!

When doubts arise, check your foundation! Don't let the devil exploit any weak spots! If God says it, that settles it!



By Robert Lupo

Is God Listening?

King Saul was a serious disappointment. When we are introduced to him in 1 Samuel 9, he was impressive in his own right. Although Saul didn't come from a great tribe of Israel, he had a powerful father, and he became the tallest and most handsome man in Israel.

But Saul wasn't just impressive to look at. Saul also had a great sense of duty and humility. When his father lost his prized donkeys, Saul diligently looked for them. Eventually, he inquired of Samuel to seek his advice as a man of God. There, he learned of God's plans for him to become king. His response was to ask 'why him?' (1 Sam. 9:21). And when it came time for him to be anointed, he didn't rush to take power but was found hiding (1 Sam. 10:22).

However, it wasn't long before the humble, obedient Saul became the Saul we are more familiar with. Eventually, he let his fears and pride consume his every action. He profaned the sacrifice, disobeyed God's command to destroy the Amalekites, and sought to murder David over and over again. Saul lost God's favor. In 1 Samuel 15:11, God declared, "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned his back on Me..."

Saul had made himself as far from God as he could

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possibly be. So, when the Philistines rose up against him and he knew he was in trouble, he went back to Samuel, the man of God who helped all those years ago. However, Samuel was dead, and so Saul sought a witch to conjure his spirit. But Samuel's response wasn't what Saul wanted to hear. Samuel said, "So why do you ask me, seeing the Lord has departed from you and has become your enemy?" (1 Sam. 28:16). Saul wanted good news from God, but God was no longer listening.

Many of us are familiar with the verse from James 5:16, "The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." It is one of the greatest blessings of being a Christian. However, what does this imply about an unrighteous man? Proverbs 15:29 tells us that instead of hearing his prayers, "The Lord is far from the wicked..." If we stop living for God, He will stop hearing our prayers.

Many Christians have a life that looks like Saul's. We follow God's words, and He answers all of our prayers. At some point, we allow sin to reenter our lives. We make a few moral compromises here and there, but God still seems to be listening. So, we make more compromises. Eventually, we find ourselves living a life no different from the world except for one thing: before we lay our head on our pillow, we say our prayer and ask for God's help. If we stop listening to God, we should not be surprised when He responds, "Why do you ask Me?"

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What every man needs to hear

The man after God's own heart was getting ready to die and he had one last message for his son, Solomon (who was maybe in his early 20s). It is the message that every man of every age needs to hear. It is the message that every son needs to hear. Listen to it carefully, "Be strong, and prove yourself a man" (1 Kgs. 2:2). Not "choose who you want to be" or even "be a good person." You're a man, so "prove yourself a man."

But...how? How does a man prove himself a man? Keep reading. "And keep the charge of the Lord your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written..." (2:3). What is a true man? How do we train our sons to be men? What kind of man should we want our daughters to marry? The man who does what the Lord says and walks faithfully in His ways.

What advice are you giving to young men? What are we raising them to be? Are we urging them to be man...as defined by God? – DS



Is it possible that a Christian could become a spiritual couch potato? This is not necessarily someone who spends a lot of time sitting on a literal couch, but a person who engages in little to no spiritually-focused activity, and in fact, does very little for others (and therefore, for the

Lord—Matt. 25:34-46).

It can be easy to become lethargic as a Christian. It can be easy to sit and watch other Christians "doing the work." It can be easy to "let the younger folks step up." But being a true Christian involves "giving all diligence" (2 Pet. 1:5), "always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58) and doing "good to all," especially our fellow Christians (Gal. 6:10). Am I a couch potato Christian or a "doer" Christian (Jas. 1:22-25)? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Fran Campbell	dealing with severe back pain
Paul Davidson	struggling with several health issues
Terietta Frazier	undergoing medical tests
Patricia Hackshaw	dealing with severe pain and ongoing health issues
Dianne Halenda	blood clot in her leg causing pain and swelling
Bonnie Quigley	wrist healed w/o surgery, undergoing physical therapy
Jim Rogers	now at home, still recovering from occipital stroke
Jackie Stout	Gardens Court, rehab for broken leg



Debora Lynch, upon the passing of her mother, Adrain Patterson, on Sunday, November 16.

Ongoing Health Issues

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

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Kasandra Jones
Gloria Boyd	Leigh Puckett
Josie Dawson	Don Seay
Zula Garrett	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Samuel Williams

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, dealing with chest pain
Kate Jones	Robert & Norma Mariano's daughter, back surgery
Gary Lyons	Gwen Lyons' brother, broken shoulder
Marion Vanderwende	Karen Lester's mother, recovering at home
Curtis White	Betty White's brother, dealing with health complications





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 23

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 25

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

Wednesday, November 26

- ♦ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All classes will meet in the Family Room for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 30

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, December 1

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Tuesday, December 3

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

Thursday, December 4

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Tuesday, December 9

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Class Lunch** at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins for anyone who has ever attended Monday Night or Tuesday Morning Class. Bring a dish to share for lunch.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, November 30

- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Study** at 9:00 a.m. in Adult 3. All young adults are encouraged to join as we continue our study on "Fundamentals of the Faith."

Monday, December 1

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Thursday, December 4

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Friday, December 12

- ♦ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. Bring your favorite holiday finger foods and drinks to share.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, November 23

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring money for lunch and a change of clothes (if you want). Meet in the Family Room after worship. We will return by 3:00 p.m. Parents, please let Robert Lupo know if you can help by being a driver for this.

Sunday, November 30

- ♦ **Young Men Conducting Evening Services.** See Robert Lupo for details.

Saturday, December 6

- ♦ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Room. There will be food, games and more! See Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

Saturday, December 13

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. Bring a \$20 white elephant gift for the exchange. See Robert Lupo for details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ☆ Men's Meet	2 b Pat Brown b Steward Lynch	3	4 ☆ Ladies' Soup Supper b Guadalupe Tipton	5 b Troy Alberga b Adrienna Gadson b Janice Osborne	6 ☆ Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under b Cara Blackmer
7 b Georgia Belony b Jeannie Buonadonna b David Perez	8 b Althea Bignall	9 ☆ Tuesday Morning Class Lunch at the Jenkins' a Michael & Jean Archer	10 b Carolina Alvarenga b Justin Kelly, Jr.	11	12 ☆ Young Adult Holiday Party a Robert & Reanna Lupo b Charlene Knowles	13 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party
14 ☆ Robert Martin Mission Report ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Tim Fry b Patricia Hackshaw b Daisy Lord b Juliette Mauvais	15	16	17	18 a Rick & Melinda Price	19 a Victor & Sandy Colage b Mary Quinn b Patricia Patterson	20 ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting b Eugene Williams
21 b Islay Rodriguez, Sr.	22 b Devin Eutsey b Dannette Margarini b Emma Reeves	23 ☆ Midweek Services at 7:00 p.m. b Janice Cooley b David Lord	24 ☆ NO Midweek Services (Moved to Tuesday)	25	26	27 a Benny & Sarah Rodgers b Ariane Bignall
28 b Dick Kelley	29 a Vince & Lovella Rogers a Ricky & Sarah Smedley b Linda Coe	30 b Ashley Balfour	31 ☆ Sr. High Lock-in			

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
November 16

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Tuesday, November 25th

Sue Hoelzer
Halle Johnson

Thursday, November 27th (cont.)

Gary Friedly

Wednesday, November 26th

Orlando Lolo

Friday, November 28th

Mike Damron
Aaron Ross

Thursday, November 27th

Brent & Andrea Leslie (Ann.)

Saturday, November 29th

Regina Paul

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Nancy Baker; Mr. Terrence Breaux; Mrs. Vita Chery; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. Roxroy Edmondson; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Hunter Hannaman; Mr. & Mrs. Zane & Eden Johnson; Mr. Kerry Krause; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Miss Abby Martin; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne & Julie Martin; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Ms. Ann Marie Newman; Mrs. Sherrie Tibbetts; Ms. Staci Young; and Ms. Derwesha Young.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Miss Sarah Ramer, Sebring, FL; Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Michele Teske, Olive Branch, MS.

Thank You

Thanks to all my church family that sent messages, cards and who called during my illness. How special it is to belong to such a loving church family.

Paul Davidson

I just wanted to thank everyone for your continuous prayers and support. It means the world to me, and I'm very grateful. The power of prayer is very strong. Thank you!

Sherri Richmond

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, November 23

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Darin Summerlot
Scripture Reading Addison Collins
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan Fuller
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dave Holaday

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Can Margarini
Gorman Ericksen	Rick Price
Freddie Gadson	Bobby Shelton
Gary Jenkins	Cristian Suarez

Sunday Evening, November 23

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reading Daniel Wagner
Singing
Lord's Supper Douglas Alvarenga
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dirk Summerlot

Serve at Table:

Israel Cuevas Ed Gager

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, November 26

Singing Thanksgiving
Invitation Thanksgiving
Family Prayer Thanksgiving

Our Record

Attendance	Nov 16	Oct Avg
Sun. Bible Study	153	146
Sun. AM Worship	256	247
Sun. PM Worship	101	87
Wed. Bible Study	124	121
Contribution	\$16,267	\$16,303

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,522

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

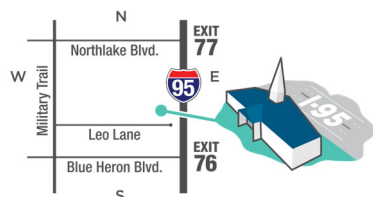
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Safety Team for this week: David Lord



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: **Andres & Angelica Fernandez**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASSES (Dec. 3 - Feb. 4)

Auditorium (Dan Fuller):

From Worry to Happiness

Do you carry guilt? Do suffer from depression, discouragement, frustrations or endless worry? Can a Christian find true happiness? This semester we will explore how we can overcome troubles, where our emotions come from, and how God's Word can give us peace, hope, encouragement and strength. The Bible will guide us as we walk from "Worry to Happiness."

Adult 1-2 (Dan Jenkins):

Bible Q&A

So very often as you read the Bible, sit in Bible classes and listen to sermons, there are Bible questions that come to mind. There may be other questions you have thought about over the years. The content of this class will be determined by those questions you or others may have. The Bible has the answer to every Bible question, so make plans to attend.

SR. HIGH & JR. HIGH BIBLE CLASSES

SR. HIGH: SUNDAY MORNINGS

Hebrews

(Jeff Goodale)

SR. HIGH: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Respectful Attitudes

(Robert Lupo)

JR. HIGH: SUNDAY MORNINGS

United Kingdom

(Robert Lupo)

JR. HIGH: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The Christ-Like Heart

(Daniel Wagner)