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New Bible Classes (JULY 12 - SEPT. 13)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (David Sproule):

A Great Church Begins with Me

Every Christian has a part in helping the Lord's church grow stronger. This 10-week class will study ten Biblical keys to a great congregation—purpose, devotion, education, unity, leadership, outreach, edification, involvement, homes and expectation. Each lesson will move from Scripture to action, so each of us is challenged to serve with renewed heart, resolve and joy.

Adult 3 (Ivan Villard):

Young Adults: Finding Faith

Faith must be more than inherited beliefs or just surface-level confidence. In this practical study, we will examine what personal faith in Christ means, how the Bible builds and directs that faith, and how to use God's Word in our daily lives as we live out our faith. Together, we will learn to strengthen faith that stands firm when the devil seeks to persuade us otherwise.

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

THROUGH AUGUST 12

Because He Lives

(Summer Series Speakers)

AUGUST 19 - SEPTEMBER 16

Mountain Moments in Scripture

(Adults: Dan Jenkins)

NEW BIBLE CLASSES FOR JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH

JR. HIGH: SUNDAY AM

Israel's Restoration

(Seth Watson)

SR. HIGH: SUNDAY AM

Revelation

(Robert Lupo)



By Dan Jenkins

The Good—Not the Bad, and Not the Ugly in One Church

Last week we began a brief series of articles based on the character of three main characters. The movie was entitled “The Good, the Bad, the Ugly.” We have taken this phrase to use to describe the condition, both the good and the bad, of the churches we study. We use the last part of the phrase, the ugly, to describe the future for most of these churches.

The church at Smyrna and its beginning. We know very little about the beginning of this church. It is highly likely that it began during the three years Paul was at Ephesus, the largest city in Asia and not far from Smyrna. This being true Paul could have been part of this church near its beginning.

The city of Smyrna, one of the most beautiful in that area. It was blessed by having a safe harbor which could provide protection from hostile ships by placing a chain across its entrance. There were many temples with Greek/Roman gods, but in 196 B.C., it erected a temple to the goddess Roma, when Rome was far removed from being a powerful nation. There were many Jews there with their synagogue and they were very hostile toward the early church.

The city of Smyrna, home of Polycarp, a very well-known martyr. There are many details of the death of this

man who was faithful to the very end. There was an uproar in the city, and they demanded that Polycarp be publicly executed. Given the choice of cursing the name of the Christ and making a sacrifice to Caesar, He replied, “Eighty and six years have I served Him and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?” Then he added, “You threaten me with the fire that burns for a time, and is quickly quenched, for you do not know the fire which awaits the wicked in the judgment to come and in everlasting punishment. Why are you waiting? Come, do what you will.”

The church and the good about it. There is no “bad or ugly” about this church. John, in his letter to the seven churches, mentions tribulations, poverty and blasphemy from the Jewish synagogue. He mentioned another coming that was about to try their faith. They were faithful and Jesus said, “Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10). Jesus realized there were two distinct groups who claimed to serve God. One was a “synagogue of Satan” and the other was the church.

As you read about these churches in Asia, keep in mind that only two of them have nothing bad said about them. The difference? They were serving God amidst great trials, but only two were truly faithful. We need to be faithful to death!

There were two groups in Smyrna: the church and the synagogue of Satan



By David Sproule

Keep Your Thoughts to Yourself

Sometimes a preacher’s mind will work in mysterious ways. This is one of those times.

In November 1986, the Georgia Satellites band released a single called “Keep Your Hands to Yourself.” The lyrics were about a girl who firmly refused to get physically intimate with her boyfriend until they were married. In the song, she kept saying to him, “Don’t give me no lines and keep your hands to yourself.”

First of all, what a great set of lines for a girl to say to any boy to whom she is not married. Lay down the law and stand your ground! But that’s not the point of this article (although a good point).

As a preacher, I’ve also thought of the application of these words as they could be spoken by a child of God to the devil. Can you imagine, as we strive to “resist the devil” (Jas. 4:7), if we said to the evil one every time he tempted us to sin, “Don’t give me no lines and keep your hands to yourself”? Again, a great point, but not this article.

For whatever reason, these lyrics sometimes go through my mind when I am having a Bible study with someone. Yes, you read that right. But not those exact lyrics.

Whenever I have a one-on-one Bible study with some-

one, I always strive in our first study to establish the foundation of the Word of God as the absolute, supreme and universal authority for everything that we say and do—including everything that is taught in the study. I will invariably tell the person—as we underscore the Divine origin, all-sufficiency and complete-authority of Scripture—“I don’t want you to believe anything that I tell you! I want you to believe what the Bible says! My thoughts and my opinions don’t matter one bit, and they shouldn’t be a part of this study!”

I think that the person I’m studying with should be saying to me...

That’s when the words to this song will sometimes come to mind. I don’t ever say it out loud, but sometimes I think that the person I’m studying with should be saying to me, “Don’t give me no lines and keep your thoughts to yourself.”

And isn’t that the truth? God tells us to “preach the gospel” (Mark 16:15), to “preach the Word” (2 Tim. 4:2), to “preach Jesus” (Acts 8:35). Christ alone has “all authority” (Matt. 28:18), and His “words” will “judge” us in the end (John 12:48), not the words of any person or preacher. There are no other thoughts (Acts 26:9), words (1 Pet. 4:11) or gospels (Gal. 1:8-9) for anyone to add into a Bible study (Rev. 22:18-19). It is Christ and His word that will save (Acts 4:12; 11:14) and not the thoughts or ideas of any man!

So, demand the Bible and the Bible alone! “Don’t give me no lines and keep your thoughts to yourself.”



By Robert Lupo

Freedom Isn't Free

This Saturday marks the 250th anniversary of the United States of America's Declaration of Independence. On that day, America was born by proclaiming that England no longer had any hold on its North American colonies. It was a cry of freedom based on the Biblical principle that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.

Independence Day holds great meaning for us Americans. Over 250 million pounds of fireworks will be set off to celebrate the nation's freedom because we know that it came at a great cost. Since its founding, the USA has fought to defend its freedom in many wars. In these 250 years, over 1.2 million Americans lost their lives in battle. So, we celebrate the generations of men and women who were willing to put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms we enjoy.

Freedom isn't free. Something so precious always comes at a cost. The higher the cost, the more valuable it is. How much more valuable, then, is the freedom we enjoy as Christians, since it came at the cost of Jesus' life? 2 Corinthians 5:21 tells us, "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." Jesus took the penalty due all of us on Himself and suffered so

that we would be free.

Jesus' death made us free from sin. Romans 6:18 says, "And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness." In Christ, we are free from the temptations of the world. Jesus took away our sins and gave us the heart to resist the devil.

Jesus' death made us free from the Law of Moses. Paul writes, "...having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross" (Col. 2:14). By the Law, mankind was condemned, not having a way to atone for sin. But Jesus paid the price and lifted the burden of the Law.

Jesus' death made us free to serve. In Galatians 5:13, the Bible says, "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." In Christ, we have been given a family to care for and a God to serve.

It has been 1,993 years since Jesus paid the price for our eternal freedom. What will you do to celebrate such a sacrifice? Freedom isn't free. Jesus says, "...whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:25). Have you counted the cost of the freedom Christ offers? Celebrate this freedom by living for Him.

What will you do to celebrate such a sacrifice?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

You are worth it!

The God of heaven is perfect and does not need anything (Acts 17:25)—the entire world is His, and everything in it (Psa. 50:12). So, He did not need man to complete Himself, yet He still created us. To God, you are worth it! God knew that you and I and all of His created beings were going to sin against Him and need His saving grace. Yet, He decided even before the first sin that He would send Jesus to suffer, die and pay the ultimate price for our sins (Matt. 26:28; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 2:24). To God, you are worth it! God longs for you to love Him and serve Him, of your own free will and from the loving depths of your soul, and He patiently waits for you to yield yourself entirely to Him (John 15:1-14; Gal. 2:20; Jas. 4:6-10). To God, you are worth it! God has prepared an eternal home for you in heaven (2 Cor. 5:1-8; John 14:1-3), and He has given you abundant and clear directions to get there (Col. 3:1-17; Rom. 12:1-21). To God, you are worth it!

How much is He worth to you? – DS

Is it about the "don'ts" or the "do's"?

How do you measure your faithfulness? How do you measure your Christian walk? While some want to argue that works are not necessary to one's relationship with God, Scripture teaches otherwise (Eph. 2:10; Jas. 1:21-25; 2:14-26; 1 Cor. 15:58). In fact, the Bible tells us, "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves" (2 Cor. 13:5). So, we must be able to test our faithfulness. How do we do that?

Some Christians measure it by what they "don't do." "Well, I don't curse, I don't steal, I don't get drunk, I don't envy, I don't retaliate against others, I don't do anything really bad." The idea is that I'm good with God as long as I don't do the bad stuff.

But, God is looking (1) at your heart and (2) what you actually do. The two are inseparably linked together (John 14:15). My love for Him is evident in my thoughts, intents and desires, as well as in my actions, habits and interactions. Christianity is about the "do's" and not just the "don'ts"! My love for God should overflow any measurement in how much I do for Him! – DS



Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Marie Achille	now at home, recovering from stroke
Gloria Boyd	now at home, regained strength in rehab
David Brown	scheduled for reverse shoulder replacement on July 15
Skye Brown	awaiting test results
Carolyn Cullom	back in Encompass Rehab in Stuart
Paul Davidson	broke his forearm
Dianne Halenda	recovering from a back procedure
Charlene Knowles	having Mohs surgery on July 15
Maxine McCoy	undergoing medical tests
Lisa Metzkes	recovering from surgery on her broken arm

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Leigh Puckett
Gloria Boyd	Don Seay
Josie Dawson	Ricky Smedley
Zula Garrett	Jackie Stout
Loretta Holaday	Samuel Williams
Kasandra Jones	Evetta Wilson
Owen Miley	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Paul Eutsey	Janice Maloney & Mary Quinn's brother, mild stroke
James DiNetta	Tom DiNetta's son, recovering from hip replacement
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, hospital, undergoing tests
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, very weak
Vera Gibson	Ophelia Holmes' sister, moved to rehab, stroke
John Griffin	Jennifer Goodale's father, dealing with health issues
Laura Griffin	Jennifer Goodale's mother, dealing with health issues
Jim Lang	James Lang's father, recovering at home
Rochelle Lord	David Lord's mother, outpatient procedure on July 2
Diana MacArthur	Maxine McCoy's mother, still struggling with health

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, July 6

- ◆ **NO Monday Night Bible Study.** Resumes on August 24.

Tuesday, July 7

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.

Wednesday, July 8

- ◆ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Creston Frizzell will be speaking on *"I Know Death Is Not the End."*

Saturday, July 11

- ◆ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Kathy Nelson. See Beth Fry or Traci Sproule for more details.

Sunday, July 12

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Wednesday, July 15

- ◆ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Wednesday, July 15 (cont.)

- ◆ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives."** Gale Nelson will be speaking on *"I Know My Labor Is Not in Vain."*

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ◆ **Forever Camp at CFBC.** Make sure your kids are registered on the camp website. Donations are needed for scholarships. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Wednesday, July 22

- ◆ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Tim Dooley will be speaking on *"I Know My Debt Was Fully Paid."*

Saturday, July 25

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in Adult 3. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Monday, July 27-Monday, August 3

- ◆ **Adult Mission Trip to Marsh Harbour, Bahamas.** Please keep the mission team in your prayers. See Jeff Goodale or Ivan Villard for details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday, July 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Game Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ◆ **Forever Camp at CFBC.** Donations are needed for scholarships. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, July 25

- ◆ **Young Adult Beach Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Saturday, August 8

- ◆ **Youth & Young Adult Basketball Hangout** at 5:00 p.m. All Jr. High, Sr. High and Young Adults are invited. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, August 9

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, July 5

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Bring desserts and drinks to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, July 11

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Movie Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo. See Robert for details.

Saturday, July 18

- ◆ **Movie Night for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan or Amber Villard for more details.

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ◆ **Forever Camp at CFBC** for Age 10-Grade 12. Campers, please register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org. Donations are needed for scholarships.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 25-29

- ◆ **Upward Bound at CFBC.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

A Passage A Day

Keeps me on the Lord's way

A ONE-YEAR STUDY THROUGH THE

Life of Christ

IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

For the Month of *July*

July 1: John 8:21-30

Jesus Teaches to Believe That He Is God from Above

July 2: John 8:31-47

Jesus Teaches That His Truth Sets Free from the Bondage of Sin

July 3: John 8:48-59

Jesus Teaches That He Is the God of Abraham

July 4: John 9:1-12

Jesus Gives Sight to a Man Who Was Blind from Birth

July 5: John 9:13-23

The Pharisees Interrogate the Formerly Blind Man and His Parents

July 6: John 9:24-34

The Pharisees Interrogate the Formerly Blind Man Again

July 7: John 9:35-41

Contrast Between the Formerly Blind Man and the Blind Pharisees

July 8: John 10:1-6

The Parable of the Good Shepherd

July 9: John 10:7-21

Jesus Is the Door of the Sheep and the Good Shepherd

July 10: Luke 10:1-16

Jesus Sends Out Disciples Two-By-Two to Preach

July 11: Luke 10:17-24

Jesus Teaches About True Reasons to Rejoice

July 12: Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

July 13: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

July 14: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus Teaches About Persistence in Prayer

July 15: Luke 11:14-26

Jesus Is Accused of Association with Beelzebub Again

July 16: Luke 11:27-36

Jesus Teaches to Fully Receive the Validity of His Word

July 17: Luke 11:37-44

Jesus Pronounces Woes on the Pharisees

July 18: Luke 11:45-54

Jesus Pronounces Woes on the Scribes

July 19: Luke 12:1-12

Jesus Teaches to Fear God and Avoid Hypocrisy

July 20: Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

July 21: Luke 12:22-34

Jesus Teaches to Trust God and Not in Earthly Things

July 22: Luke 12:35-48

Jesus Teaches to Be Ready and Serving When the Master Returns

July 23: Luke 12:49-59

Jesus Teaches About Coming Division and Alertness

July 24: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus Teaches About Repentance

July 25: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

July 26: John 10:22-30

Jesus Responds to the Jews That He Is the Messiah

July 27: John 10:31-42

Jesus Responds to the Jews That He Is the Son of God

July 28: Luke 13:22-35

Jesus Is Questioned About Salvation and Warned About Herod

July 29: Luke 14:1-6

Jesus Heals a Man with Dropsy

July 30: Luke 14:7-14

Jesus Teaches About Humility and Unselfishness

July 31: Luke 14:15-24

The Parable of the Great Supper

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
June 28

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Susan Branden; Miss Jamie Lee-Brown; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mr. Joseph Dolan; Ms. Cindy Gutierrez; Ms. Lisa Knowles; Mr. Mark Lester; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. Wilton Moorer; Ms. Ann Marie Newman; Ms. Jean Powers; Ms. Caitlyn Rittenhouse; Mr. Jim Shiver; Mr. Noel Sinclair; Ms. Kelley Vittum; and Mr. Trevor Wellington.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Beatrice Cudd, Kennedale, TX; Ms. Susan Hart, Pembroke Pines, FL; Mrs. Rachel Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mrs. Mary Alice Moorer, Port Orange, FL; Mr. & Mrs. James Paul & Carlene Newton, Campbellsville, KY; Ms. Carmen Perez, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN; and Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL.

 **Wedding
Announcement**

Congratulations to Bree Solis & James Lang who were married on Saturday, June 27.

News & Notes

Kirk Crews has resigned as a deacon at PBL. Kirk served as a deacon from 2012 to 2013, then was appointed again in 2019. We are thankful for all that Kirk and Mendy have done to bless the work at PBL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, July 5th
Debra Lynch
Jim Rogers
Amy West

Wednesday, July 8th
Paul & Lisa Metzkes (Ann.)
Jonah Watson

Monday, July 6th
Derrick & Stahia Banks (Ann.)
Paul & Sonia Davidson (Ann.)
Jeff Goodale

Friday, July 10th
John Loftis
Sarah Smedley

Tuesday, July 7th
Ted & Laura Schuemann (Ann.)

Saturday, July 11th
Carly Caviness

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 5

Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Singing Robert Lupo
Scripture Reading Orlando Lolo
Singing
Lord's Supper Victor Colage
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:
Beau Caviness Todd Juckett
Andres Fernandez Steward Lynch
Ryan Hankins Tim Mahlbacher
Namddie Ikon Taylor Reeves

Sunday Evening, July 5

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Tom Garrison
Scripture Reading Trevin Roman
Singing
Lord's Supper Tim Fry
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Joe Maloney

Serve at Table:
Andres Fernandez Todd Juckett

Audio this week: Jack Holoman
Computer this week: Buzz Nelson
Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, July 8

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation John Hoelzer
Family Prayer Eugene Williams

Our Record

Attendance	Jun 28	May Avg
Sun. Bible Study	155	160
Sun. AM Worship	237	271
Sun. PM Worship	98	104
Wed. Bible Study	111	123
Contribution	\$16,197	\$18,225

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$10,665

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

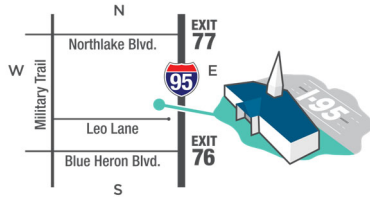
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Nahum Villard
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



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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: James & Bree Lang (Married on June 27, 2026)

Summer Series Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Because

He Lives



Mark Your Calendar!

July 8

I Know Death Is Not the End
Creston Frizzell

July 15

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Tim Dooley

July 29

I Know He Reigns Right Now
Mauricio Yegros

August 5

I Know I Must Live a Holy Life
Kenneth Hill

August 12

I Know He Intercedes for Me
David Pharr