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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 the Ugly in Pergamum

In our culture, we sometimes use the expression the good, the bad and the ugly. This is the third time we have used this phrase to describe various congregations in the first century. We have looked at Ephesus and Smyrna, and this week we turn our attention to the church at Pergamum.

**The church at Pergamum, a city devoted to paganism.** We would likely not even know about this church or this city unless it had been included in the letter John wrote to the seven churches in Asia. It had many members who remained faithful in a city given over to pagan gods. We have no details of how it began, but likely Paul knew and may have preached there.

**The city of Pergamum.** Towering over the city was a mountain peak that was 800 feet above the city. On top of this was a 40-foot altar where sacrifices were made to Zeus day and night. In 29 A.D., the city built a temple where Augustus Caesar was worshipped. There were many other temples to various gods scattered throughout the city. Jesus described the city as the city “where Satan dwells.” All of this resulted in severe persecutions for the church.

**The church at Pergamum and the good found in it.** The Lord told this church that He knew what was happening

and how that they had remained faithful in the midst of the trials they were facing. He mentions specifically the greater persecution that happened when Antipas, a member of the church, had been killed. We know nothing about his death, but the Lord described him as “My faithful martyr.” Three things we do know about him and that is all that matters. (1) He belonged to the Lord for he was *My* witness. (2) He was faithful. He was *My faithful* martyr. (3) He made the absolute greatest sacrifice of love. He was *My faithful martyr*.

**This church remained faithful even in a city where Satan reigned**

**The church at Pergamum and the bad in it.** Read the letter from Patmos in Revelation chapter two and you will see areas where it could have done better. There were those who taught sexual acts in worshiping the gods, like Balak and Balaam in the Old Testament, and the Christians were tempted by this. It was part of a doctrine taught by the Nicolaitans, a doctrine hated by Jesus.

**The church at Pergamum and the ugly.** We use this word ugly to describe what lay in the future of the church there if it did not repent. Jesus would come quickly and fight against this doctrine with words from His mouth. On the other hand, the future was far from ugly for those who remained faithful. We may not fully understand all that is meant by “hidden manna” and a “white stone,” but this figurative language was immediately understood by them and was a powerful motivation to faithfulness!



By David Sproule

## Are YOU a Tychicus?

One of the things that makes Bible study so enjoyable is reading about faithful brothers or sisters in Christ for whom there is very little information given. Why is that enjoyable? First, it rejoices the heart that God saw fit to introduce them to us, even if they were not “a big name in the church” (from our perspective). Second, it refreshes the soul to try to relate to them today, knowing that even if there is not much known about me, I can still be useful to the Lord. Third, it revives a longing to be in heaven to meet these brethren and to learn of their devoted service to the Lord.

One such brother in Christ was Tychicus. His name is found five times in the New Testament. He is first found in a list of some of Paul’s travel companions on his third missionary journey (Acts 20:4). Paul told the church in Ephesus that he was sending Tychicus to them from Rome, so that they would know how Paul was doing (Eph. 6:21). Paul told Titus that he may send Tychicus to relieve him in Crete (Tit. 3:12), and near the end of Paul’s life, he sent Tychicus to Ephesus (2 Tim. 4:12).

The verse that tells us the most about Tychicus is a single verse in Colossians, where we learn three things about him. However, the three things we learn are the kind of Chris-

tian character for which we must strive today, nearly 2,000 years later. Think about each description from Colossians 4:7.

**Tychicus was “a beloved brother.”** First, he was a brother in Christ. Paul was a Jew, and Tychicus was a Gentile. But, in Christ, those distinctions made no difference (Rom. 1:16; Gal. 3:28). Second, he was beloved—a word that means “one who is dearly loved, prized, valued.” Do you have any beloved brothers? Have you told them such? Are you a beloved brother to any brethren in Christ?

**The kind of Christian character for which we must strive today**

**Tychicus was a “faithful minister.”** First, he was a “minister,” which is from the Greek *diakonos*—a word that emphasizes “one who renders service to another; a servant.” Second, he was faithful, which not only shows that he was trustworthy and dependable, but he was dutiful and devoted in those efforts. Do you know any faithful servants in the church? Are you a faithful servant in the church?

**Tychicus was a “fellow servant in the Lord.”** First, the word “servant” is from the Greek for “slave,” which denoted one who gave himself up to the will of another. Second, he did not do this on his own, but “fellow” emphasizes a unity and fellowship of many slaves. Third, note carefully that his service was focused “in the Lord.” Do you know any fellow servants in the Lord? Are you a fellow servant in the Lord?

Are YOU a Tychicus? What a great example for us!



By Robert Lupo

## Some Quick Reminders from Paul

Over the last few years, I've been learning the value of setting reminders on my phone for all sorts of things. I set reminders for everything now, and I have been much more consistent with meeting all my responsibilities.

We can always use a good reminder. In 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22, when closing his letter, Paul left several reminders for the church to follow.

"Warn those who are unruly" (v. 14). Our goal is to get to heaven with as many of our brethren as possible. When one of us is walking disorderly, we have a duty to warn them (cf. Ezek. 3:18-21). Let's make sure we all get home to our Lord.

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"Comfort the fainthearted" (v. 14). It is easy to get discouraged. Whether we are talking about the work of evangelism or simply the day-to-day struggles of life, we can quickly become overwhelmed. We must always look to lift one another up when we are feeling low.

"Uphold the weak" (v. 14). There are many instances when a brother may become weak. It could be physical or it may be spiritual (cf. 1 Cor. 8:9-13). In any case, those of us who are strong must step up to help bear the load.

"Be patient with all" (v. 14). Let's face it, there are times when we can get frustrated with each other. But we

must never lose our patience. "Love bears all things..." (1 Cor. 13:7).

"See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all" (v. 15). When Jesus said, "Turn the other cheek," He meant it!

"Rejoice always" (v. 16). Sometimes I see Christians act like they haven't had all their sins forgiven, and it is sad. We have every reason to rejoice. Let's show the world the immeasurable joy that Christ offers.

"Pray without ceasing" (v. 17). Do you have something to be joyful about? Pray! Do you have something you are worried about? Pray! It is always a good time to talk with your Father in heaven.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (v. 18). Gratitude is far more valuable than we realize. Whether it is directed toward the Lord or to the brethren, it always goes a long way.

"Test all things" (v. 21). Don't believe every wind of doctrine (cf. Eph 4:14). Let the Scriptures guide you.

"Hold fast what is good" (v. 21). Study the goodness of God and show it in every area of your life.

"Abstain from every form of evil" (v. 22). Don't try to find loopholes around sin. Avoid every shape they come in.

Let this be a reminder to add these words to your daily life, and you will be a much more consistent Christian.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### One positive for every negative?

What if...? What if for every negative comment you made you had to in turn make one positive comment? How would this affect you? Would you reduce the number of negative comments you make?

What if every time you complained about your boss, complained about your work, complained about your spouse, complained about your kids, complained about the elders at your congregation, complained about something in the worship service, complained about someone at church... what if every time you complained or made a negative comment...you had to immediately say something positive, nice and uplifting?

Too often we find ourselves imitating the Israelites (i.e., the Complainers) in the Old Testament, as they seemed to grumble and complain about nearly everything. No wonder God used them "as examples...for our admonition," commanding us not to "complain" like they did (1 Cor. 10:10-11). Under-score the word "all" in Philippians 2:14—"Do all things without complaining and disputing." Let's fill our hearts and our speech with positives, not negatives! —DS



### A briquette and a Christian

A man was dealing with a very cold winter and no heat in his home, so he decided to go to the store and buy a bag of charcoal. When he got home, he wanted to spread the heat out in his home, so he placed one briquette in his bathroom, one in his bedroom, one in his closet, one in his kitchen, one in his dining room, one in his living room, one in his laundry room, one in his garage, etc. He spread them out everywhere. But, to his surprise, he was still cold.

The reason that didn't work is that charcoal briquettes are not designed to be spread out. They only work properly and fulfill their purpose when they are kept together.

Christians are the same! We have been designed by our Savior to work together and fulfill His purpose side-by-side together (Phil. 1:27; 1 Cor. 12:12-27). When we keep ourselves apart from the group, we defeat our God-given design and weaken our God-given capabilities. Fellow Christian, as "members of one another" (Rom. 12:4-5), we need each other to do His work most effectively. —DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Marie Achille</b>	now at home, recovering from stroke
<b>David Brown</b>	scheduled for reverse shoulder replacement on July 15
<b>Skye Brown</b>	awaiting test results
<b>Carolyn Cullom</b>	back in Encompass Rehab in Stuart
<b>Paul Davidson</b>	broke his forearm
<b>Dianne Halenda</b>	recovering from a back procedure
<b>Charlene Knowles</b>	having Mohs surgery on July 15
<b>Lisa Metzkes</b>	recovering from surgery on her broken arm



**Carolyn Preston**, upon the passing of her father, **Leroy Rollins**, this week. She is also dealing with the recent passing of her sister and daughter.

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Jimmie Banks</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Judy Carmack</b>	chronic health issues
<b>Dianne Halenda</b>	pain, swelling in legs & back
<b>John Loftis</b>	back pain, weakness
<b>Tiffany Mayes</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	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
Kassandra Jones	Evetta Wilson
Owen Miley	

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Patterson Alexander</b>	Jean Archer's brother, suffering from kidney failure
<b>Russell Beliech</b>	Stephen Beliech's brother, cracked vertebra in back
<b>Barbara Coe</b>	Linda Coe's mother, ongoing health issues
<b>Donald Coe</b>	Linda Coe's father, recovering at home
<b>Paul Eutsey</b>	Janice Maloney & Mary Quinn's brother, mild stroke
<b>David Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's father, hospital, undergoing tests
<b>Thelma Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's mother, very weak
<b>Vera Gibson</b>	Ophelia Holmes' sister, moved to rehab, stroke
<b>John Griffin</b>	Jennifer Goodale's father, dealing with health issues
<b>Laura Griffin</b>	Jennifer Goodale's mother, dealing with health issues
<b>Rochelle Lord</b>	David Lord's mother, recovering from procedure

**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, July 12

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

## Monday, July 13

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

## Tuesday, July 14

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

## Wednesday, July 15

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

## Tuesday, July 21

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume on June 28.

## 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 Leslie or Ivan Villard for details.

## Wednesday, July 29

- ◆ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Mauricio Yegros will be speaking on *"I Know He Reigns Right Now."*

## Sunday, August 2

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

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**Young Adults**

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- ◆ **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. Bring ice cream scoops, too. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship!

## Saturday, September 11

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. See Ivan Villard for more details.



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**Youth**

## Saturday, July 18

- ◆ **Movie Night for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. 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](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org). Donations are needed for scholarships.

## Saturday-Wednesday, July 25-29

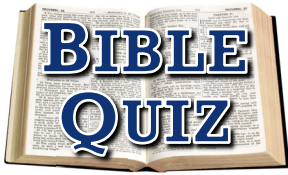
- ◆ **Upward Bound at CFBC.** Register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org).

## Sunday, August 2

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

## Saturday, August 8

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



# Did You Hear That Voice?

1. Who said the bridegroom's friend is happy when he hears the bridegroom's voice (John 3:29)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What trees are splintered by the voice of the Lord (Psalm 29:5)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What raises its voice in the streets and open squares (Proverbs 1:20)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. According to Jesus, whose voice do the sheep know (John 10:4)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who heard God's voice in the temple in the year that King Uzziah died (Isaiah 6:8)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who came forth when Jesus called to him in a loud voice (John 11:43)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What major prophet predicted that Rachel's voice would be heard, weeping for her children (31:15)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who heard the voice of Jesus many months after Jesus' ascension to heaven (Acts 9:4)? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Whose voice will be heard at the resurrection of the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:16)? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What prophet's voice did the returned Jewish exiles obey (Haggai 1:12)? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What would the coming voice in the wilderness be doing (Isaiah 40:3)? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who heard the divine voice telling him to eat unclean animals (Acts 10:13-15)? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What king heard God's voice just as he was boasting about great Babylon (Daniel 4:31)? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Who recognized Peter's voice after he was miraculously delivered from prison (Acts 12:14)? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What would the Messiah not do with His voice (Isaiah 42:1-2)? \_\_\_\_\_
16. In what language did the divine voice speak to Saul on the road to Damascus (Acts 26:14)? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What king called to Daniel in a lamenting voice (Daniel 6:10)? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What was the voice that restrained the madness of a prophet (2 Peter 2:16)? \_\_\_\_\_
19. At the return of Jesus, who will hear His voice (John 5:28)? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What was heard when Jesus said, "Father, glorify Your name" (John 12:28)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
July 5

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Alex Bogner; Ms. Susan Branden; Mr. & Mrs. Matthew & Maria Brinckerhoff; Ms. Arbina Howze; Mr. Mario Johnson; Mr. & Mrs. Jean-Max & Rachel Lemene; Mr. Mark Lester; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Ms. Nancy Meyer; Ms. Ann Marie Newman; Mr. Nathan Norwood; and Mrs. Jean Pieros.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Blake & Kari Carden, Jackson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Janie Flournoy, Lauderhill, FL; Ms. Audrey Freeman, Severn, MD; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; Mr. Austin Metzkes, Brentwood, TN; Ms. Carmen Perez, Orlando, FL; Ms. Stephanie Purnell, Chicago, IL; and Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN.

Thank You  notes

On behalf of my sister, Vera Gibson, I'd like to thank all of you for your prayers. I'm so blessed to be among people who pray.

Ophelia Holmes

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Thank you for the many wonderful encouragement cards we received during Ken's quadruple bypass heart surgery and my triple bypass heart surgery that followed 8 days later. We are getting stronger daily and so grateful for the many prayers given on our behalf.

Ken & Connie Tipton

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *This Week*

Tuesday, July 14th

Can & Dannette Margarini (Ann.)  
Kasandra Jones

Thursday, July 16th

Jim Davis  
Astrid Menendez

Wednesday, July 15th

Robert & Norma Mariano (Ann.)

Saturday, July 18th

Chuck & Marisa Reeves (Ann.)  
Carolina Beliech

**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 12**

Singing ..... Robert Lupo  
Opening Prayer ..... Freddie Gadson  
Scripture Reading ..... Dan Fuller  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Gary Jenkins  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Dave Holaday

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna     Can Margarini  
Addison Collins     Bobby Shelton  
Gorman Erickson     Cristian Suarez  
Rick Hall             Dirk Summerlot

**Sunday Evening, July 12**

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes  
Scripture Reading ..... Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Daniel Wagner  
Singing  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Douglas Alvarenga

Serve at Table:

Ed Gager             Ken Gonsalves

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

**Wednesday Evening, July 15**

Singing ..... Freddie Gadson  
Invitation ..... Tim Cox  
Family Prayer ..... David Lord

**Our Record**

Attendance	July 5	Jun Avg
Sun. Bible Study	119	149
Sun. AM Worship	219	257
Sun. PM Worship	118	96
Wed. Bible Study	123	115
Contribution	\$17,836	\$17,118

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,340

Service Coordinator:  
Eugene Williams

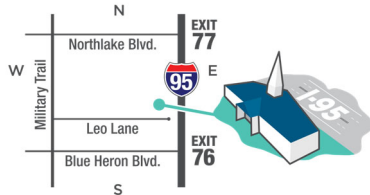
Ushers for this week: Mike Damron & David Lord  
Safety Team for this week: Jack Holoman



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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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## Summer Series Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

# Because

# He Lives



## Mark Your Calendar!

July 15

**I Know My Labor Is Not in Vain**  
**Gale Nelson**

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**I Know I Must Live a Holy Life**  
**Kenneth Hill**

August 12

**I Know He Intercedes for Me**  
**David Pharr**