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FOREVER
CAMP 
at Central Florida Bible Camp

For Age 10-Grade 12: July 19-25

PRAY FOR:

-  Coordinators: Cam Crofts & David Pharr
-  The campers:
 - Older ones & younger ones
 - In the church & out of the church
-  The cabin counselors
-  The Bible class teachers
-  The chapel speakers
-  The kitchen staff
-  The activities staff
-  The weather

This year's focus is:





By Dan Jenkins

The Good—the Bad “Woman,” and the Future in Thyatira

We continue looking at the New Testament church, seeing what good things they were doing but also looking at that which needed to be improved and then looking to the future to see what “ugly” and what “beautiful” things lay before them. By now you may have guessed we are looking at the seven churches of Asia mentioned in the book of Revelation.

The city of Thyatira, vitally important but almost defenseless. This ancient city existed because so many important Roman roads intersected there. Sometimes cities were built because they could be fortified against the enemy, but such was not true of Thyatira. The church obviously existed there, and there were many things right in that church. However, it had one major problem, and Jesus addresses it. He looks to the future and promises that He would righteously judge both the good and the bad.

The church at Thyatira had many good and commendable attributes. Jesus mentions several of these in His opening words. “I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first” (Rev. 2:18). Take time to see what Jesus saw in their lives. They were a church that was motivated by love, and this resulted in service and faith. Add to this the fact that they did

Just imagine how great this church could have been if it had dealt with Jezebel

not just begin to serve Him, but they were steadfast in the midst of adversity. One member of the church from Thyatira specifically mentioned was Lydia, a seller of purple who was the first person baptized when Paul answered the Macedonian call and went to Philippi (Acts 16:14). They did not just begin to serve Him, but their works became greater as time passed.

The bad in the church of Thyatira. There was one major aspect that threatened the church. There was a woman named Jezebel (remember this book is filled with symbols and signs from the Old Testament) who in some way had obtained a major following in leading the church in the wrong direction. The specific doctrine she taught involved a problem confronting so many churches and that was sexual immorality in pagan worship. The church had foolishly let her harm the church. The church had not dealt with it, and Jesus said He was about to come in some way and deal with it. Evil, left unaddressed, will destroy the church, even if their works look so great.

The future for this church. Jesus is just, and it would be “ugly” for those who followed Jezebel. The justice of Jesus was such that He did not overlook those who continued in their patient works, motivated by love, service and faith. He promised them a great reward, described by Him as the morning star. Imagine this church if it had dealt with Jezebel!



By David Sproule

What Does a Rubber Duck Resemble?

In your imagination right now, visualize a rubber duck. What does it look like? Certainly its head is distinct from its body, sitting erect on the front edge of the body. It has an orange beak and two eyes. It likely has a tail-like feather sticking up in the back and even a wing-like protrusion on each side.

It is molded to float perfectly on the surface of the water, just like a duck would. When you look at a rubber duck, it is obvious what it resembles. It is not designed to look like a horse or a monkey or a fish. You know immediately that it was fashioned to look like a duck.

But, let me ask you another question. When you see a rubber duck, is it actually a duck? You're not fooled into believing that it is an actual duck. Just because something resembles something else does not mean that it actually is that other thing. Resemblance does not equal reality.

What does this have to do with us? Think for a moment about the fact that looking like a Christian and actually being a Christian are not the same thing. Resemblance does not equal reality. Let's see if we can think through this a bit.

If I go to church, which is something a Christian would do and may make me resemble a Christian, does that mean that I am actually a Christian? If I treat people kindly, which is

something a Christian would do and may make me resemble a Christian, does that mean that I am actually a Christian? If I refrain from using foul language or refrain from engaging in sex outside of marriage or refrain from drinking alcohol, which are things a Christian would do and may make me resemble a Christian, does that mean that I am actually a Christian?

A rubber duck may have an appearance that resembles an actual duck, but that does make it a duck. The same is true for someone who resembles a Christian. First, to be a Christian, one must do what the Bible teaches to become a Christian. Jesus taught that disciples are made by being baptized (Matt. 28:19). A disciple is a Christian (Acts 11:26); therefore, one must obey God's plan of salvation to become a Christian, which includes faith, repentance, confession and baptism (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:9; Gal. 3:26-27).

Second, to be a Christian, that person must then present his body as “a living sacrifice” to the Lord (Rom. 12:1), and choose to “conform” Himself to Christ and His standard of living, rather than that of the world (Rom. 12:2; 8:29; Gal. 2:20). The outward behavior must not only be in sync with the teaching of Scripture (Col. 3:17), but one's outward conduct must be a true reflection of a heart that is deeply devoted to Christ (Matt. 22:37; John 14:15; 15:14).

Are you a real Christian, or do you just resemble one?

Resemblance does not equal reality.



By Robert Lupo

Do You Have the Time?

There is a popular argument some try to make against the necessity of baptism for salvation. They present a hypothetical situation in which someone has come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, but on the way to get baptized, they die in a car accident. The person will then ask, "Do you really think God will send them to hell even though they meant to get baptized?" This argument relies on appealing to our emotions in order make us doubt what the Bible teaches about baptism.

However, there is dangerous flaw in this argument. Does it matter how I feel about God's judgment if He has declared that something is so? The Bible says, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16), "...unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5), and "There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism..." (1 Pet. 3:21). There is no hypothetical that can gloss over what is clearly taught in Scripture about the necessity of baptism for salvation.

Ignoring the Scriptures isn't the only dangerous thing this argument does. It also undermines the urgency of conversion. The Bible says in Romans 3:23, "...all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." And, as it says in Hebrews

9:27, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment..." One day, we are going to meet our Maker, and we do not know when that day will come, whether by death or when Jesus comes in glory. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matt. 24:36).

At any moment, we could be face to face with the Lord. Time is running out for each of us to obey the gospel. Ananias understood this when he met Saul and asked, "And now, why are you waiting? Arise, and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). And Paul implores us, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). The time to obey the gospel is now!

Consider this. What if someone was on the way to believing in Jesus Christ, but was killed in a car crash right before they were convinced, would God send that person to hell? They had been studying with someone, heard all of the arguments necessary for them to believe, and were certainly going to have faith in Jesus, but were killed a moment before. The answer is the same for belief as it is for baptism: they did not do what the Bible says is necessary before it was too late.

Each of us has an unknown span of time to obey the gospel. Do you have the time to wait?

Time is running out for each of us to obey the gospel.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Nothing to brag about

Jesus is the only person who ever lived who had any right to brag about Himself. But, where do you read Him doing that? You don't! In fact, just the opposite! The "mind" of Jesus was to do "nothing...through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind" to "esteem others better than himself" (Phil. 2:3-5). And those verses in Philippians are telling us to do the same.

The Bible tells us that *agape* love—which is the unselfish, unconditional, sacrificial love described in Philippians 2:3-5—"does not brag" (1 Cor. 13:4). A child of God makes the choice to "Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth" (Prov. 27:2), for "to seek one's own glory is not glory" (Prov. 25:27). No wonder the braggadocios Pharisee who "prayed thus with himself" was not "justified" in the eyes of God, for, as Jesus said, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled" (Luke 18:11, 14). Who would ever want to be "humbled" by God?

Bragging about self ought to turn our stomachs and churn our souls, as God Himself "is opposed" to such behavior (1 Pet. 5:5). — DS



Would they know?

Social media is an enjoyable way to keep up with our family and friends and all the fun, interesting or just random things that they are doing. Friends can see their friends on vacations, at celebrations, with their relatives, in selfies with random people, hanging out and eating at various places, etc. And your friends can see you doing the same kinds of things. They can know lots of things about you.

While your friends know a lot about you from your social media posts, would they know that you are a Christian? Would they know that you go to church? Would they know that you have a church family? Would they know that you read your Bible and do various activities because you are a Christian? Would they know that this (yes, this!) is the most important part of your life?

God expects His children to allow the world to "see your good works" (Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:11-12). Do we do that on social media? God expects His children to be identifiable by their love for their brethren (John 13:34-35). Do we do that on social media? Would people know that you are Christian? — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Marie Achille	recovering at home from stroke
Lucy Bond	severe pain in her back, may need surgery
David Brown	recovering from reverse shoulder replacement
Skye Brown	lung cancer surgery on July 31
Carolyn Cullom	moved to rehab in Central Florida
Paul Davidson	broke his forearm
Sandy DeVal	dealing with severe pain
Dianne Halenda	recovering from a back procedure
Lynne Jorgensen	dealing with health issues
Charlene Knowles	recovering from Mohs surgery
Janice Osborne	awaiting neurological tests
Amy West	undergoing chemo treatments

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

Patterson Alexander	Jean Archer's brother, suffering from kidney failure
Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, cracked vertebra in back
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, ongoing health issues
Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, recovering at home
Paul Eutsey	Janice Maloney & Mary Quinn's brother, mild stroke
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, 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
Tania Llarena	Islay Rodriguez's sister, undergoing chemo for cancer
Rochelle Lord	David Lord's mother, recovering from procedure
Austin Reeves	Chuck Reeves' son, recovering from colonoscopy

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-Saturday, July 19-25

- ♦ **Forever Camp at CFBC.** Please pray for all of the kids and adults who will be at camp this week.

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume on July 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.**

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. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Wednesday, August 5

- ♦ **Summer Series: "Because He Lives"** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Kenneth Hill will be speaking on *"I Know I Must Live a Holy Life."*

Saturday, August 8

- ♦ **Baby Shower for Darin & Brittany Summerlot** at 2:00 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered on Babylist. It's a boy! This is for PBL Ladies only. Please RSVP to Dannette Margarini by July 18.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, July 25

- ♦ **Young Adult Beach Dinner** at 6:00 p.m. at Ocean Cay Park. See Ivan Villard for more details.

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!

Friday, September 11

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

Saturday, October 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ♦ **Forever Camp at CFBC** for Age 10-Grade 12. Please pray for all of the kids and adults who will be at camp this week.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 25-29

- ♦ **Digging Deeper at CFBC (formerly Upward Bound).** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 a Darin & Brittany Summerlot
2 ☆ Youth & Family Singing	3 ☆ No Monday Night Bible Study b Stephen Beliech b Karen Lester b Allison Roman b Seth Watson	4 b Bryan Galvez	5 ☆ Summer Series with Kenneth Hill a Roy & Charlene Knowles	6 b Lena Gadson	7 a Jeff & Jennifer Goodale b Kirk Crews	8 ☆ Baby Shower for Darin & Brittany Summerlot ☆ Youth & Young Adult Basketball a Silas & Debora Lynch b Michael Menendez b Mary Porter
9 ☆ Back-to-School Ice Cream Social	10 ☆ No Monday Night Bible Study a Phil & Mary Porter b Paulette Cole Loretta Holaday b Dan McLeod b Paul Metzkes b Cody Price	11	12 ☆ Summer Series with David Pharr b Loretta James	13 b DL Moore	14 a Mike & Donna Erickson	15 a Tim & Beth Fry b Buzz Nelson
				Polishing the Pulpit (August 14-20)		
				PBL Group to Polishing the Pulpit (August 13-17)		
16 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo	17 ☆ No Monday Night Bible Study	18 ☆ No Tuesday Morning Bible Study b Benny Rodgers b Deboria Walker	19 a David & Mary A. Jackson	20	21 b Josie Dawson b Bettye King	22 ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting b Nicole Freseman b Lindsey McPherson
23 ☆ His Kids Class a Orlando & Lilly Lolo b Skye Brown b Tom Garrison b Cristian Suarez	24 b Turkessa Staley	25	26	27 b Allison Snyder	28 ☆ Ladies' Fellowship	29 b Jordan Beasley b Amira Hill
30 ☆ Wayne Parker Mission Report ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Young Men Conducting Evening Services ☆ Sr. High Devo b Mary Brown	31 a Dan & Luann McLeod a Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro b Cheryl Banks					

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 12

Lightpost

Brent & Lindsey McPherson placed membership on Sunday, July 5.



David and I would like to thank our PBL family for all the prayers, concern, text, encouragement and love through our recent medical tests. It has provided so much peace in the process and diagnosis. God's hand has been evident every step of the way! We are blessed through each of you!

David & Skye Brown

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Susan Branden; Miss Jamie-Lee Brown; Mrs. Jessy Cesar; Ms. Carolyn Deem; Mr. Mark Lester; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. Wilton Moorner; Ms. Nancy Meyer; Ms. Michelle Pateau; Mr. Lissandro Pateau Perrier; Ms. Jean Powers; Ms. Kelly Vittum; and Mr. Trevor Wellington.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Dena Bedsole, Guntersville, AL; Miss Kendall & Miss Reagan Collier, Chapel Hill, NC; Mr. & Mrs. James & Tammy Eads, Mattoon, IL; Mr. Luke Eads, Mattoon, IL; Mr. Andres Fernandez, Jr., Lake Placid, FL; Miss MacKenzie & Miss Janie Reames, Franklin, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie & Mary Taylor, Sparta, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, July 19th

David & Traci Sproule (Ann.)
Jeff Leslie

Thursday, July 23rd

Sarah Collier
Tina Wagner

Monday, July 20th

Gorman Erickson

Friday, July 24th

Sylvester & Crystal Jackson (Ann.)
Dan Jenkins

Tuesday, July 21st

Kirk & Mendy Crews (Ann.)

Saturday, July 25th

Kameron Heitler

Wednesday, July 22nd

Summer Snyder

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 19

Singing Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper Ivan Villard
Singing
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Michael Menendez
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jimmie Banks

Serve at Table:

Casey Crews	John Patrick
Kingsley Gardner	Jim Rogers
Connor Goodale	Joseph Snyder
Jeff Leslie	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, July 19

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Dan Jenkins
Scripture Reading Kane Campbell
Singing
Lord's Supper John Hoelzer
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Kirk Crews

Serve at Table:

Mike Damron	Kameron Heitler
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Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, July 22

Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Dirk Summerlot
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	July 12	Jun Avg
Sun. Bible Study	147	149
Sun. AM Worship	218	257
Sun. PM Worship	108	96
Wed. Bible Study	116	115
Contribution	\$15,524	\$17,118

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$9,703

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

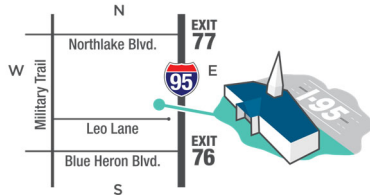
Ushers for this week: Islay Rodriguez & Eugene Williams
Safety Team for this week: Vincent Rogers



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: **David Brown & Victor Colage**

Summer Series Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Because *He Lives*

Upcoming Lessons!

July 22

I Know My Debt Was Fully Paid
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

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