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Welcome
NEW MEMBERS



Matthew & Maria Brinckerhoff

(Identified September 6)

What
Matters
Most.

Friends & Family Day
with Eric Garner

Sunday, September 20



By Dan Jenkins

When the Saints Sleep

I think that many who read these words know the story of Eutychus, the man who went to sleep and fell out the window while Paul was preaching. He actually missed out on hearing the great apostle preach.

What we may have overlooked is other times when individuals went to sleep and almost missed being part of some of the most remarkable times in history. This lack of knowledge makes it difficult to see and learn the lessons from other times when men slept.

Jesus only took three of the apostles to the mountain where He was to be transfigured and engaged in conversations with Moses and Elijah. These men went with Jesus who went to the mountain to pray with Him (Luke 9:28). I cannot imagine what it would have been like to hear the Master pray. Can you believe that these three men could have heard His prayers, but they fell asleep (Luke 9:32)? Had they not been asleep they could have known the full conversation Jesus, Moses and Elijah had.

The apostles slept in Gethsemane and were not there to watch and pray with Jesus as the enemies were approaching. At first, He woke the disciples but later let them sleep. Jesus needed them, and they had fallen asleep. Saints sometimes sleep when others need us.

Christians see death differently. It is not the end, but it is just the beginning.

There are times when saints “sleep,” and those times become a great blessing. Before Jesus’ resurrection, the fear of death brought bondage to mankind (Heb. 2:14-15). He who was the resurrection and life did not see death in this way. His disciples did not understand why Jesus wanted to go the Bethany and wake Lazarus up (John 11:12-13). Yet, we know what He meant when He said He was going to awake Him from sleep.

Seeing death as going to sleep removes the fear we have of the unknown nature of death. We go to sleep every night and rest, and we do it without fear. When saints die, the truth is that they have fallen asleep awaiting the morning of their resurrection.

When Jesus arrived at the house where a twelve-year-old girl had died, the Bible describes what was happening as loud wailing, tumult and commotion. When Jesus said that she was not dead, but simply asleep, they ridiculed Him. He used their definition of death and not His. When properly understood, death is like going to sleep. We do not fear going to sleep and saints should never react as the world does when someone dies.

At the end, there will be the final trumpet that sounds, and there will be a resurrection of all that are in the grave. While the world views death as the end, Christians see it so differently. It is not the end! It is the beginning! Our bodies sleep; our souls are with Jesus. God hasten the day!



By David Sproule

“New to the Bible? Here’s a Good Place to Start”

In last week’s article, we noted that folks often ask where is a good place to start reading the Bible. While most folks would probably just start on page one, the fact that the question is even asked shows that folks are looking for ways to best understand a very large book. It was noted in last week’s

article that there may not really be a “wrong way” to answer the question of where to start, but I do have a favorite suggestion that I give to folks when they ask.

In my opinion, a great place to start reading the Bible (especially for folks who have never picked it up before) is the book of John. I recognize that is right in the middle of the book, but there is something about this book that makes it, in my view, the perfect introduction to the Bible for someone who is not familiar with the Bible. Why is that?

First and foremost, the stated purpose of the book of John is to create faith. Near the end of the book, John affirmed that he had “written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31). Perhaps even the entire Bible could be said to have been written for that purpose—“Faith comes by hearing...the word of God” (Rom. 10:17). For someone who does not know Jesus, the book of John is a great place to start.

For someone who does not know Jesus...

The book of John emphasizes the deity of Jesus from its very first verses. Jesus is God, who became flesh and dwelt among humanity on this earth (John 1:1-14). That is important for a first-time reader to know. Jesus emphasized repeatedly His relationship with the Father, “making Himself equal with God” (5:17-18), for they are “one” (10:30; 17:11, 21-22).

The book of John emphasizes the authority of Jesus. He spoke the very words of God while on this earth (12:49-50; 14:10; cf. 6:38). He has the “authority to execute judgment” (5:27), and His word “will judge [man] in the last day” (12:48).

The book of John emphasizes the compassion of Jesus. Someone has counted 27 personal conversations of Jesus in this book. Whether it was a Samaritan woman, a blind man, a Roman governor or even antagonists out to get Him, Jesus showed Himself to be a man of kindness and selflessness.

The book of John emphasizes the love of God. The most well-known Bible verse is here in John 3:16. Jesus affirms that there is “no greater love” than what was demonstrated on the cross (15:13). His love is so deep that it compels us to love Him in return through our obedience (14:15; 15:14; 21:15-17).

Are you looking for a place to start, to get an idea of what the Bible is about and help you to see why it is such a great book to read and study? Start in John. (more next week)



By Robert Lupo

Defiantly Trust in the Lord

One of the most extraordinary figures in the Bible is Caleb. Caleb was one of the twelve spies sent to report on the land of Canaan. When he and Joshua refused to side with the bad report of the other ten, he became one of the greatest examples of trusting in the Lord.

When Israel arrived at the river Jordan, they were fully equipped to trust in the mighty power of God. They saw how the Lord parted the Red Sea and swallowed up Pharaoh's army (Ex. 14:28-29), they saw the Lord deliver them from the Amalekites in Rephidim as Moses raised his hands (Ex. 17:8-13), and they heard the voice of the Lord as Moses brought to them the Ten Commandments (Ex. 19:9-25).

But, when the spies returned from the Land of Canaan, they feared the inhabitants over the power of God. In Numbers 13:28, the fearful spies reported to Moses, "Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there." These ten spies still had not learned to trust in the Lord. Arrogantly, they tried to use their majority to dominate the report and sway Moses to retreat from Canaan.

Caleb, however, refused to let their numbers intimi-

date him. In verse 30, the Bible says, "Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, 'Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.'" Caleb defied the majority and stood up for the Lord who guided them out of Egypt.

Caleb would go on to defend the Lord with Joshua against the congregation of Israel, but they did not listen. Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years, and none of their generation entered the promised land except Caleb and Joshua. The majority succeeded swaying the crowd, but Caleb succeeded at remaining in God's favor.

Caleb stands as an example for us to never let the majority be the arbiter of righteousness. It does not matter how many voices are behind something if it defies the will of God. Faithful children of God must be willing to stand up and quiet those who speak against the commands of the Lord.

Many today say that if the church doesn't modernize her doctrines, she won't survive the changing culture. They are cowards. We must be like Caleb and defiantly trust in the Lord. We know the power of God and that He has promised that the church will endure any trial (cf. Matt. 16:18). Then, we know what we must do. "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13).

...never let the majority be the arbiter of righteousness.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Tomorrow?

Our calendars are filled with tomorrows. And most of our tomorrows have something marked for us to do when those tomorrows come. "Tomorrow" always seems like "a good day" to do what we can't get done "today." While that may not be a big deal when it comes to getting gas or doing laundry or responding to an email, waiting until "tomorrow" to do what really matters can have an eternal impact on your soul.

Are you waiting until tomorrow to do what is necessary to be saved? God says, "Now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). Are you waiting until tomorrow to fortify your faith and live the faithful Christian life? God pleads to do it "while it is called 'Today'" (Heb. 3:13). Are you waiting until tomorrow to put the Lord's will foremost in your life? God tells us that we "do not know what will happen tomorrow," for our life is "even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (Jas. 4:13-14).

Your calendar is filled with tomorrows, but you are not promised a single one. What will you do TODAY, while you still have it? —DS



Thank God for her example and her encouragement

Due to multiple chronic health issues, it takes her hours (literally) to get ready to go to church. It's a long and arduous process. (Most folks couldn't even imagine, and a lot of folks wouldn't even do it.) Then, before she can leave, she has to get her elderly mother situated in her room with everything she needs. When mom is settled, this determined Christian lady pushes her walker outside, folds and lifts it into her back seat, and drives 30 minutes to the church building. It takes her a while to unload and then walk up to the church building, and she couldn't do it without her oxygen machine that she has been lugging the whole time. As she steadily makes her way inside the building, there is one thing that she shares with everybody—her smile! She is so happy to be there! She wants to be where God's people are! And she'll do that every time the doors are open, if she can muster the strength.

What about you? It is evident what is "first" with her (Matt. 6:33). Again, what about you? —DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	undergoing medical tests at Cleveland Clinic
Skye Brown	having extended pain from lung cancer surgery
Paul Davidson	dealing with a several health issues
Sandy DeVall	dealing with severe pain
Beth Fry	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Lynne Jorgensen	dealing with health issues
Wilton Moorner	medical tests on September 15
Phil Porter	cataract surgery on September 10
Isolyn Sinclair	undergoing physical therapy on her knee
Jermaine Smith	recovering at home from hospitalization
Amy West	recovering at home from hospitalization

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
Bill Ingram, Jr.	advanced Alzheimer's
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Rochelle Lord	David Lord's mother, recovering from pacemaker surg.
Jeanette Volker	Tom DiNetta's sister, very rare immune system disease
Curtis White	Betty White's brother, hip replacement surgery (9/11)

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 13

- ♦ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, September 14

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult 3.

Tuesday, September 15

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

Friday, September 18

- ♦ **Deadline for PBL Ladies' Bible Study Journal Order.** We will be studying through the book of First Peter, using the Evergreen Cypress Light journals. Cost is \$25 for the journal. Please let Lisa Metzkes or Traci Sproule know you'd like to join the study and give them your payment by Friday, September 18. The first Bible Study will be held on Thursday, October 8.

Saturday, September 19

- ♦ **Teacher Appreciation Banquet** for our teachers of children and adult Bible classes at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Please RSVP to David Sproule or the church office.

Sunday, September 20

- ♦ **Friends & Family Day with Eric Garner.** There will be a combined class at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults in the auditorium. Bring potluck dishes and drinks for lunch. We will have a 12:45 p.m. worship instead of a 6:00 p.m. worship
- ♦ **Gospel Meeting with Nathan Franson hosted by West Broward** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

Wednesday, September 23

- ♦ **2-Week Mini-Session Class** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults meet in the Auditorium. Age 3 thru Grade 5 meet in Adult 1-2.

Saturday, September 26

- ♦ **Widows Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Ladies only, please. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship together!

Sunday, September 27

- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry for details.
- ♦ **2-Week Mini-Session Class** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults meet in the Auditorium.



YOUNG ADULTS

Friday, October 2

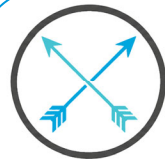
- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Thursday, October 8

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. We will be studying through the book of First Peter, using the Evergreen Cypress Light journals. Cost is \$25 for the journal. Please let Lisa Metzkes or Traci Sproule know you'd like to join the study and give them your payment by Friday, September 18.

Saturday, October 24

- ♦ **Young Adult Sunrise & Breakfast** at 7:00 a.m. at Juno Beach. Breakfast will be at Juno Beach Café. See Ivan Villard for more details.
- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. All Jr. High, Sr. High & Young Adults are invited. Please bring a pumpkin to carve, and drinks and desserts to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.



YOUTH & FAMILY

Sunday, September 13

- ♦ **His Kids Class** 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the Auditorium.

Sunday, September 20

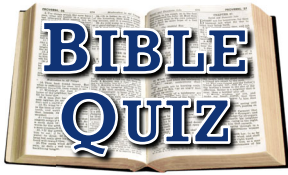
- ♦ **2-Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3 thru Grade 5 meet in Adult 1-2.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Hangout** after worship services from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Anchorage Park. Bring outdoor games, fishing poles and water. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Wednesday, September 23

- ♦ **2-Week Mini-Session Class** at 7:00 p.m. Age 3 thru Grade 5 meet in Adult 1-2.

Thursday-Sunday, September 24-27

- ♦ **RUSH Weekend at FHU for Grades 8-12.** The cost is \$40 per person (plus money for 10 meals/snacks). We will leave Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and be returning late Sunday night. You will need to bring sleeping bags, pillows and towels & your normal luggage.



Sleepers and Non-Sleepers

1. Who had surgery performed on him while he slept (Genesis 2:21)? _____
2. Who was killed as he slept in the tent of Jael (Judges 4:21)? _____
3. Who slept in the bottom of a ship as it rocked in a storm (Jonah 1:5)? _____
4. Who suggested to Jezebel's priests that Baal was sleeping on duty (1 Kings 18:27)? _____
5. Who slept at Bethel and dreamed about angels (Genesis 28:11-15)? _____
6. Who slept at David's door while he was home from war (2 Samuel 11:9)? _____
7. Who could not sleep after Haman built gallows for hanging Mordecai (Esther 6:1)? _____
8. Who had troublesome dreams that kept him from sleeping (Daniel 2:1)? _____
9. Who was visited by an angel of the Lord while sleeping (Matthew 2:13)? _____
10. Who slept while Jesus prayed in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45)? _____
11. Who sneaked into Saul's camp while he was asleep (1 Samuel 26:7)? _____
12. Who did not sleep while Daniel was in the lions' den (Daniel 6:18)? _____
13. Who slept through a haircut (Judges 16:19)? _____
14. Who fell asleep during Paul's sermon and fell out of the window (Acts 20:9)? _____
15. Who was awakened from sleep by an earthquake that shook a prison (Acts 16:27)? _____
16. Who did Jesus say was not dead but only sleeping (Luke 8:52)? _____
17. According to Proverbs, what does it take for the wicked to sleep well (Proverbs 4:16)? _____
18. What boy was called out of his sleep by the voice of God (1 Samuel 3:2-10)? _____
19. Who was in a deep sleep as the angel Gabriel explained a vision (Daniel 8:15-18)? _____
20. Who was sleeping between two soldiers when an angel came to release him (Acts 12:6-7)? _____

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
September 6

Lightpost

It's  girl!

Congratulations to **Nicole Freseman**, upon the birth of her granddaughter, and to **Dan & Judie Jenkins**, upon the birth of their **great-granddaughter, Lily Danielle Jenkins**, on Saturday, September 5 to **Andrew & Rachel Jenkins** weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz.

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Claudia Brooks; Mr. Jean Charles; Mr. Alex Cornwell; Mr. Wyatt Dickerson; Mr. Joseph Dolan; Mr. Robert Freiday; Mr. Richard Gathright; Mrs. Michelle Immekus; Mr. Mark Lester; Mr. & Mrs. Brandon & Andrea McElroy; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Mr. & Mrs. Weston & Megan Nesbitt; Mr. Cristopher Osorio; Ms. Jean Powers; and Ms. Milande St. Jean.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Dena Bedsole, Guntersville, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Pete & Kristi Harker & Jamie, New Market, AL; Mrs. Mary Alice Moorer, Port Orange, FL; and Mr. Micah Wainwright, New Market, AL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday, September 14th

Josh Blackmer
Taylor Hayes

Thursday, September 17th (cont.)

Lisa Metzkes
Sadie Myrie

Wednesday, September 16th

Justilien & Adelene Honore (Ann.)
Peggy Hall

Friday, September 18th

Marcia Kelley

Thursday, September 17th

Robert Lupo

Saturday, September 19th

Justilien Honore

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 13

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Wilton Moorer
Singing
Lord's Supper David Lord
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Gary Jenkins

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Gorman Ericksen	Bobby Shelton
Freddie Gadson	Cristian Suarez
Can Margarini	Darin Summerlot

Sunday Evening, September 13

Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reading Douglas Alvarenga
Singing
Lord's Supper Bret Nesbitt
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Singing
Closing Prayer Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:

Ed Gager Ken Gonsalves

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Ivan Villard

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, September 16

Singing Wilton Moorer
Invitation Dan Jenkins
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	Sep 6	Aug Avg
Sun. Bible Study	137	153
Sun. AM Worship	225	234
Sun. PM Worship	118	92
Wed. Bible Study	102	118
Contribution	\$16,604	\$16,964

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$5,877

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

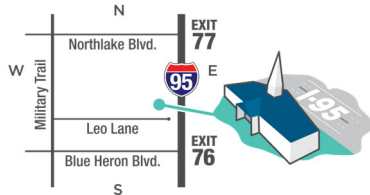
Ushers for this week: Addison Collins & Eugene Williams
Safety Team for this week: Dirk Summerlot



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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: Allison Roman, Taylor Sue Price & Melinda Price

- His master said to him,
- Well done, good and faithful servant. You
- have been faithful over a little;
- I will set you over much.

ENTER INTO:

THE JOY OF YOUR MASTER. ●

- Matthew 25: 21