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New Bible Classes (OCT. 4 - DEC. 9)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Maximizing Your Encouragement Potential

Dan McLeod (Auditorium)

Faithful Men Who Lead

David Sproule (Adult 1-2)

Young Adults: Finding Hope

Gary Jenkins (Adult 3)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

Second Kings

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

LADIES: Through the Lens of Eternity: Focusing on What Matters (Traci Sproule, Adult 1-2)

NEW BIBLE CLASSES FOR JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH

JR. HIGH: SUNDAY AM
Esther Becomes Queen

SR. HIGH: SUNDAY AM
Survey of the O.T. & N.T.

JR. HIGH: WEDNESDAY PM
The Church
(Dan Fuller)

SR. HIGH: WEDNESDAY PM
Interpreting the Bible
(Robert Lupo)



By Dan Jenkins

The Wrath of Dan...

Bible study that changes one's life is not an intellectual exercise of finding verses and memorizing them. Simply finding truth is not the ultimate aim. Knowledge helps, but it does not change who we are. Can I share with you one approach I use as I read the Bible? The Bible uses the word "man" in so many places, and I often read a verse that has the word "man" in it and substitute the word "Dan" in its place.

For example, when I read that "...it is appointed unto man once to die," I make it personal and read it again as, "...it is appointed unto Dan once to die." Doing this helps me see how what God says applies in my daily life. Your name doesn't have to rhyme, but let me encourage you to put your name in these verses.

I have struggled all my life with controlling my temper and anger. One verse that helps me is one that talks about a man's anger. So, I read the verse that says, "The wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (Jas. 1:20) and change it to speak of the wrath of Dan. That's personal and that helps me change my life.

Now with this truth as a basis, look at how what the Bible says about anger and wrath becomes part of the process of trying to become like Jesus. The word "man" is not found in

many of them, but I read them and think about how these verses apply to me. "A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up strife" (Prov. 15:1). My name is not in this verse, but my life is. Look at how the ESV translates Proverbs 15:18. "A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger quiets contention." As I read these words, I remember that the "...the wrath of Dan does not produce the righteousness of God."

Look at it again. "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (Jas. 1:19). This is not the way I read it, for I read it, "Let every Dan be swift to hear..." That makes it personal. I know by experience that "...the tongue no 'Dan' can control" (Jas. 3:8, DJV), but I try to write what God has said about controlling anger on my heart, on my soul. I read them as if God is personally speaking to me.

"Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:31-32).

This article is not about me. It is written to encourage every reader to read the words of the Bible as though God is speaking directly to each one who reads. Make His instruction and admonitions personal. Bible study is not about reading. It is about writing His words on our hearts!

This article is not about me, but about making the Bible personal in your life



By David Sproule

Have I, in So Doing, Fulfilled My Purpose?

It can be easy for us to forget or overlook it sometimes, but we have a defined purpose on this earth, as specified for us by God Himself. We can get so wrapped up in the affairs of daily living that our sights get set more "on things on the earth" than "on things above" (Col. 3:2).

Likely this is why God regularly reminds us in Scripture that "it is He who made us, and not we ourselves" (Psa. 100:3), and that having been "bought with a price," we are "not [our] own" (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Jesus tells us that we are to let our light shine (Matt. 5:16). But why? We are to love and serve one another (John 13:34-35). But why? We are "created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Eph. 2:10). But why? What is our purpose?

Our purpose is summarized in passages such as these. "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). Through us is to "be made known" the "manifold wisdom of God," that the beauty of His church might be on full display (Eph. 3:9-11). All that we do is designed to help others to see Christ (1 Cor. 11:1; Gal. 2:20) and to "glorify God" (1 Pet. 2:11-12). That! That is my purpose! Thus, everything that I say and do must be measured against that purpose—"Have I, in what I say and what I do, fulfilled my purpose?"

What Jesus says about someone who does not fulfill their God-given purpose

When I give someone a piece of my mind, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I keep myself distanced from involvement in the church other than Sunday morning attendance, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I post mockeries or rebukes of fellow Christians on social media, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I prioritize my children's sports and extracurricular activities over the church, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I choose to go along with the wishes of society and remain silent about godly values and Biblical morality, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I regularly post and comment about divisive political matters but rarely or never post about Christ and His church, have I fulfilled my purpose?

When I talk to folks about nearly everything under the sun but choose to avoid discussing the gospel of Jesus and their soul's destiny, have I fulfilled my purpose?

Do you know what Jesus says about someone who does not fulfill their God-given purpose? These are His words. Such individuals are "good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men" (Matt. 5:13). May God help me to examine myself and set out daily to fulfill HIS purpose!



By Robert Lupo

The Greatest Story Never Gets Old

One of my favorite songs we sing in worship is “Tell Me the Story of Jesus.” It has a simple melody, easy harmonies, and straight forward lyrics. But something about the song really makes it stand out.

The song is from the perspective of someone who desires to hear the gospel message. In each verse, the speaker asks to hear about a different phase in the life of Jesus, beginning with His birth, then through His ministry, and finally His death, burial, and resurrection. When the story is fully laid out, the speaker expresses their response to that most wonderful story. They say, “Love in that story so tender, clearer than ever I see. Stay, let me weep while you whisper, love paid the ransom for me.”

The most simple interpretation of this song is that the speaker is someone who has not heard the gospel yet. Who would be more desirous to hear the gospel than someone who is lost? No one needs the story of Jesus more! When they finally hear and accept the truth of Jesus’ story, they are able to respond and obey the gospel plan of salvation, saving their soul from condemnation (cf. Rom. 10:17; Acts 2:37-38).

However, if you look a little closer, the subject of the song might not be so obvious. Notice that it is the speaker of

the song who lays out all of the points of Jesus’ life. It is the speaker who notes the angels who welcomed the birth of Jesus. It is the speaker who tells of the temptation and painstaking works of Jesus’ ministry. And it is the speaker who perfectly describes the agony of Jesus’ death and triumph of His resurrection. The speaker knows the story of Jesus!

What makes this song stand out is that the one asking to hear the story of Jesus is someone who is already well acquainted with it. It is a Christian who already knows the love of that story so tender and has received the ransom for their sins. This Christian loves that story so much that they can’t wait to hear it again.

Before you sing this song next, answer these questions. Do you long to hear the story of Jesus told? Do you desire to have every word of the gospel written on your heart? Is the message of Jesus really more precious to you than any story you’ve heard? Does this song describe you?

If the answer is yes, then it should be evident in your daily life! Would the speaker of this song miss a sermon? Would they neglect their personal study of the Bible? Would the speaker of this song shy away from telling the story to others? There are millions out there pleading, asking, “Tell me the story of Jesus.” We must desire it, we must learn it, and we must tell it.

Does this song describe you?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

It’s your choice

The customer service representative to whom you are talking tells you something that you did not want to hear. How you respond is your choice. A driver cuts right in front of you so that you have to brake hard. How you respond is your choice. Your boss takes someone else’s word about a situation over yours and then unjustly punishes you. How you respond is your choice. Your spouse quips back at you with a not-so-pleasant tone. How you respond is your choice.

Sometimes our emotions (or we could use the word “tempers”) get stirred up and certain words and/or actions come to mind of how we would really like to respond in that moment. But our emotions or our hurt feelings or our perception of injustice are no excuse for not exercising patience (1 Cor. 13:4; Col. 3:12) and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23; 2 Pet. 1:6). “Everyone” in James 1:19 includes you—“But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.” God has “given us a spirit of... discipline” (2 Tim. 1:7)—it is up to us to exercise it.

The next time someone upsets you, remember that how you respond is your choice! – DS



Are God’s details optional?

When God gave His instructions to Joshua for the conquering of Jericho, there were numerous details involved. The Israelites were to “march around the city” (Josh. 6:3)? What if they wanted to run instead? No! March! They were to “go all around the city once” for “six days” (6:3). What they did it for five days? What about eight days? What if they got it all out of the way in one day? No! Details matter to God! The seven priests with trumpets were to go “before the ark” (6:4). What about behind the ark? No! Before the ark—just like God said.

We could keep going, but you get the idea.

When God specifies, it is not up to man to innovate or substitute! The same is true today! When God specifies for men to take positions of leadership in the church and its worship (1 Tim. 2:8-14), those details are not optional. When God specifies for singing in worship (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16) and weekly communion (Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; 16:1-2), those details are not optional.

When God specifies, man must obey! There is no room for man’s innovations (Rev. 22:18-19)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Paul Davidson	dealing with a several health issues
Sandy DeVall	has been improving
Janice Osborne	dealing with severe neck pain
Phil Porter	recovering from second cataract surgery
Emma Reeves	having surgery on October 2
Isolyn Sinclair	undergoing physical therapy on her knee

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Kari Carden	Chuck Reeves' sister, Kari Carden, awaiting test results
Laura Griffin	Jennifer Goodale's mother, breast cancer surgery (9/30)
Roy Knowles	Charlene Knowles' husband, recovering from a fall
Stacey Lynch	Debora Lynch's daughter, undergoing medical tests
Linda Price	Rick Price's mother, recovering from knee surgery
Mary Reeves	Chuck Reeves' mother, dealing with kidney issues
Curtis White	Betty White's brother, recovering from hip replacement

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

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 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.

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

- ♦ **2-Week Mini-Session Class** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults meet in the Auditorium.

Saturday, October 3

- ♦ **Bilingual Ladies' Day Hosted By West Broward** from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Michelle Goff will be speaking on "All In! Living Fully in Christ." See the bulletin board for more details.
- ♦ **22nd Annual Lectureship hosted by South Seminole** from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, October 4

- ♦ **Deadline: Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home.** Please bring Publix, Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards and place them in the box in the Lobby.
- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults (*Stepping into the Bible, Semester 1*).

Monday, October 5

- ♦ **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, October 8

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. The Evergreen Cypress Light study journals for First Peter will be distributed in this first meeting. See Lisa Metzkes or Traci Sproule for more details.

Saturday, October 17

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.



YOUNG ADULTS

Friday, October 2

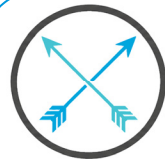
- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Bring desserts and drinks to share. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Thursday, October 8

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. The Evergreen Cypress Light study journals for First Peter will be distributed in this first meeting. See Lisa Metzkes or Traci Sproule for more details.

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 27

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

Wednesday, September 30

- ♦ **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 the Sr. High Room.

Sunday, October 4

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults (*Stepping into the Bible, Semester 1*).
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Sunday, October 11

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Brent & Lindsey McPherson. We will be going over plans for 2027, so **parents are encouraged to be there**. Bring drinks and desserts to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - October 2026

October 4 ^(P)

October 11 ^(A)

October 18 ^(L)

October 25 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Dan Fuller	Dan McLeod	Tim Cox	David Lord
Scripture Reader	David Lord	James Green	Trevin Roman	Gary Jenkins
Presiding at Table	Kirk Crews	Dan Jenkins	Robert Mariano	Dan Fuller
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Can Margarini Wilton Moorner Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez Darin Summerlot	Matthew Brinkerhoff Michael Erickson Kingsley Gardner Jeff Leslie John Patrick Jim Rogers Vincent Rogers Marty Williams	Jack Holoman Namddie Ikon Todd Juckett Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Joseph Snyder	Ed Buonadonna Gorman Ericksen Ed Gager Richard Gathright Can Margarini Bobby Shelton Cristian Suarez Darin Summerlot
Closing Prayer	Dave Holaday	Jeff Goodale	Beau Caviness	Freddie Gadson

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Robert Lupo	Ivan Villard	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	David Brown	John Hoelzer	Victor Colage	Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reader	Daniel Wagner	Eugene Williams	Andres Fernandez	Mike Damron
Presiding at Table	Dirk Summerlot	Kane Campbell	Philip Porter	Douglas Alvarenga
Serving at Table	Addison Collins Richard Gathright	Kingsley Gardner Kameron Heitler	Tim Fry Joe Maloney	Ken Gonsalves Daniel Wagner
Closing Prayer	Douglas Alvarenga	Islay Rodriguez	Stephen Beliech	Wilton Moorner

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Jack Holoman	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Ivan Villard	Buzz Nelson	Addison Collins
Video	Ed Gager	Scott Studer	Ed Gager	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Mike Damron	Kirk Crews	Rick Hall	Nahum Villard
Usher	Jimmie Banks Michael Menendez	Rick Hall Gary Jenkins	Tim Fry Bret Nesbitt	Chuck Reeves, Jr. Dirk Summerlot

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Eugene Williams	Rick Hall	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 6-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 20

Lightpost

Sandy DeVall is only using her cell phone: 312-2604.

Richard Gathright placed membership on Sunday, September 20.

Tiffany McIntosh placed membership on Sunday, September 20.

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Madelene Alford; Mr. Jack Charles; Ms. Lillian Cunningham; Ms. Stephanie Flournoy; Mr. Sterling Frederick; Mrs. Evelyn Green; Ms. Briania Heath; Ms. Tamber Jackson; Ms. Helen Knight; Mr. Williams Lee; Mr. Mark Lester ; Ms. Shirley Lynch; Ms. Christelle, Whitney & Winston May; Ms. Reina Murray; Mr. Vondredi Myrttil; Mr. Nathan Norwood; Ms. Camille Pierce; Ms. Annie Polack; Ms. Jean Powers; and Ms. Denise Yates.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Janie Flournoy, Lauderhill, FL; Mr. Eric Garner, Chattanooga, TN; Ms. Jenay Jackson, Douglasville, GA; Mrs. Mary Alice Moorer, Port Orange, FL; and Mr. Devin Simmons, Miami, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Tuesday, September 29th

Judy Bird
Angelica Fernandez
Bobby Shelton

Friday, October 2nd

Casey Crews
Kingsley Gardner

Wednesday, September 30th

Calissa Hodges

Saturday, October 3rd

Kathy Nelson

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 27

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Bret Nesbitt
Scripture Reading Robert Mariano
Singing
Sermon
Lord's Supper
Contribution
Invitation
Singing
Closing Prayer Phil Porter

Serve at Table:

Beau Caviness	Orlando Lolo
Andres Fernandez	Steward Lynch
Jack Holoman	Taylor Reeves
Namdidie Ikon	Trevin Roman

Sunday Evening, September 27

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading Joe Maloney
Singing
Lord's Supper Tom Garrison
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Singing
Closing Prayer Tim Fry

Serve at Table:

Andres Fernandez Trevin Roman

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: TBA

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, September 30

Singing Freddie Gadson
Invitation Trevin Roman
Family Prayer Dan McLeod

Our Record

Attendance	Sep 20	Aug Avg
Sun. Bible Study	143	153
Sun. AM Worship	246	234
Sun. PM Worship	108	92
Wed. Bible Study	93	118
Contribution	\$13,788	\$16,964

2026 Weekly Budget: \$17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$7,279

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

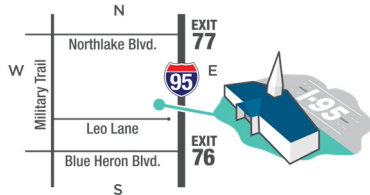
Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Nahum Villard
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



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: **Nahum Villard, Sofia McLeod, Levi Nelson,
Rod McLeod, Trevin Roman & Addison Collins**

What Jesus **DID** for YOU ...and why

He created you
(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

He came to this earth for you
(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

He died on the cross for you
(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

He shed His blood for you
(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

He was raised from the dead for you
(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

Because...

He loves you
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

He wants to save you
(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

He wants to take you to heaven
(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)

What Jesus **EXPECTS** of YOU ...and why

Learn and know the truth (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

Obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

Believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

Repent (turn) from your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

Confess your faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

Be immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

Live faithfully and serve Him (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

So that...

You can prove your love for Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

You can be saved from your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

You can go to heaven (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)