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Welcome New Members



Houghtaling, Valerie

Group 2

Baptized March 28



Patterson, Phylona

Group 3

Baptized April 20



Damron, Mike

Group 3

Restored May 18



MacDougal, Valerie

Group 4

Restored May 18



By Dan Jenkins

Jesus, Traditions and Obedience

I find it remarkable that some have thought that Jesus' rebuke of the devotion of the Jewish leaders to their traditions minimizes the importance of obedience. It is true that He had little regard for the traditions and rules these leaders had created. It is equally true that He believed that our relationship with God depends on our obedience.

He was so different from other teachers of His day. In the Sermon on the Mount, He contrasted His teachings with the teachings of the first century rabbis. In Matthew chapter five, there is a marked contrast between "You have heard that it has been said" and what "I say to you." What they had "heard that has been said" was often where the Jewish leaders read a passage from the Old Testament and then gave their interpretation about what it meant. Sometimes they even added a "passage" to the Bible like, "you shall hate your enemies," to fortify their traditions.

Man's traditions can never negate God's commandments. For example, the Old Testament never indicated that when the Ten Commandments said that you shall not kill, such would give license to hate a brother, call him a fool and treat him with contempt. This might have been what the rabbis said,

but Jesus showed this attitude would negate any sacrifice they brought to God (Matt. 5:21-23). However, His rebuke of their "rules of righteous behavior" could never make void obedience to God. He was simply emphasizing obedience to all the teachings of the Bible.

Think also about how the rabbis taught that all that was involved in divorce was simply giving a writing of divorce. Nowhere in the Old Testament was divorce permitted for every cause. Moses had given one reason (Deut. 24:1), yet the rabbis added their traditions to God's words, forbidding adultery and allowing people to divorce for every cause. The rabbis' teaching resulted in adultery, the very thing Moses had forbidden.

What did Jesus teach about obedience? He taught that any persons who ignored God's commands and taught others that these commands were not important were the least in the kingdom. Those who taught others to keep His commands were the great ones in the kingdom (Matt. 5:19).

Do not be led astray. Jesus' rebuke of the "rules of righteousness," often based on a misinterpretation of what God said, never gives license for us to ignore what the Bible says. The only one who will enter the kingdom is the one who does the will of the Father (Matt. 7:21). Traditions, theirs or ours, must never give us permission to do wrong!

Those who teach others to obey God shall be called great in the kingdom



By David Sproule

What Is a "Non-Denominational Church"?

Have you heard of some churches calling themselves "non-denominational"? What does that mean? Is that a good thing—i.e., does it mean that they are not a man-made organization? How should we respond to the terminology of a "non-denominational church"? Is it Scriptural?

First of all, we need to understand that some individuals (and some groups) are going to have different ideas and definitions of what "non-denominational" means. Most, in the denominational world, seem to define "non-denominational church" as a church which is not formally connected to a larger denomination (like Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.). This simply means that they have exercised some independence in forming a "new church" of their own. When men become dissatisfied with the beliefs and practices of their own denomination, they often will break away and start a "new church" (i.e., denomination, having divided from another) with an emphasis on beliefs and practices that are important to them. It is actually a new denomination.

From personal experience, "non-denominational" is a term that is often used to not express complete separation from denominational groups (with their beliefs and practices) but rather to emphasize a "multi-denominational" approach.

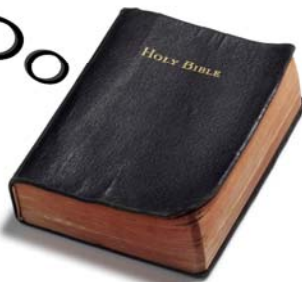
Many of the so-called "non-denominational" groups are in reality a conglomeration of various denominational folks who have joined together to be more accepting of all peoples and less dogmatic about particular beliefs and practices.

Why does any of this matter? Sometimes the Lord's church is referred to (even by members of the church) as a "non-denominational church." As that term is used in today's society, it cannot and must not be used to apply to the Lord's church! **The church of Christ is not a denomination!** And, **the church is not "non-denominational,"** for all "non-denominational churches" today have been established by and ordered by man-made doctrines.

The church of Christ is the church that Christ established in the New Testament. There are no man-made doctrines or traditions to which it holds; there are no religious headquarters to which it answers! The Lord's church has no connection at all to anything denominational, as it was established by Christ hundreds of years before any man-made denomination ever existed.

"The church" is from Christ. "Denominations" (even ones that call themselves "non-denominational") are from man. Let us determine to call Bible things (like the church) by Bible names, and to do Bible things in Bible ways. If we will do that, then there should not be any confusion regarding man-derived terminology, beliefs, practices and organizations.

The church of Christ is not "non-denominational"!



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Watching you, watching you!

Hall and Oates sang in the early 1980s about “Private Eyes—They’re watching you, they see your every move, they’re watching you, watching you, watching you.” More than 30 years later, we have NSA surveillance of just about every aspect of our lives, usually without our permission or our knowledge. We are constantly being watched.

But, as a Christian, it’s not the Private Eyes or the NSA watching us that should be our concern. It is the human eyes that observe our words and behavior on a daily basis—young children, older children, older adults, strong Christians, weak Christians, new Christians, babes in Christ, struggling in Christ, not-yet-in Christ, outsiders, non-Christians, skeptics, enemies, strangers, friends, acquaintances, opposite races, opposite sex, opposite stage in life, etc., etc.

The words of our mouths and the conduct of our bodies tell a story (2 Cor. 3:2-3). What kind of story? Do others hear and observe Jesus when they’re watching you, watching you? – DS

The grass is always greener...or is it?

Why is it that the grass always seems greener on the other side? Other couples seem to be happier. Other husbands/wives seem to have it better. Other kids have nicer parents. Other coworkers have it easier. Other church members don’t have it as hard. Other congregations are happier and seem more blessed. Other people’s lives just look so much better.

Why doesn’t “our grass” look that green? Because we live on our grass. We walk on our grass. We know the ins, the outs, the tops and the bottoms of our grass. We’re familiar with every inch of our grass, and so it may have become “stale” or “dull” to us. But, here’s a reality-check for you. Did you know that people living on other grasses (that look so green to you) look at your grass and think it’s so much greener and more appealing than their own grass? You know why? They know the problems with their grass, but they think yours looks problem free. (Little do they know! Right?) One could define “contentment” as: “seeing the real greenness of your own grass and not being fooled by the fake greenness of somebody else’s”! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

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|----------------------------|---|
| Helen Bashaw | suffering with back problems |
| Gloria Boyd | in a lot of pain |
| Pearl El | suffering with congestive heart failure |
| Tasha Ellis | recovering at home from eye surgery |
| Margie Fortenberry | hospitalized last week, now at home |
| Patricia Hackshaw | recovering from surgery, in a lot of pain |
| Shirley Hopkins | recovering at home from knee surgery |
| Judie Jenkins | recovering from another foot surgery |
| Angie McNicol | recovering from foot surgery |
| Leigh Puckett | scheduled for foot surgery (6/9) |
| Angie Seames | scheduled for foot surgery (6/10) |
| Cathy Seay | recovering at home from surgery on carotid artery |
| Norm Smedley | having breathing problems, at home |
| Cherylann Wineinger | having ear problems, surgery is possible |



Beth Fry, upon the passing of **her mother, Dottie Thomason**, last week.

Jeff Goodale, upon the passing of **his brother, Ronnie Morris**, last week.

Long-Term Health Issues

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Millie Ames | receiving specialized care |
| Lillian Bankston | dialysis treatments |
| Janet Hickerson | suffering with back pain |
| Lennie Langley | Palms Edge, Hospice Care |
| Deidra Miley | dialysis treatments |
| Silas Moses | dialysis treatments |
| Charles Norton | dialysis treatments |
| Gene Puckett | dialysis treatments |
| Les Sawyer | recovering from radiation |
| Patricia Ventress | both kidneys removed |

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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|--------------------|----------------|
| Vera Day | Gladys Jackson |
| Cora Lee Dennis | Jean McMasters |
| Kay Fish | Betty Matter |
| Margie Fortenberry | Rosa Nash |
| Helen Gardner | Leigh Puckett |
| Margaret Griffo | Ricky Smedley |
| Margie Hardin | Margaret Wade |
| Loretta Holaday | Karen Watts |
| Shelton Howell | |

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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| Ed Campbell | Tasha Ellis' stepfather, suffering with heart & blood issues |
| Craig Clark | Chuck Clark's brother, terminal |
| James Cunningham | Jackie Price's father, hospitalized for possible stroke |
| Dawn Fish | Kay Fish's daughter, under Hospice Care |
| Carl Hoeweler | Jenny Jordan's uncle, large tumor, undergoing testing |
| Ulysses Jones | Sallie Moses' son, undergoing medical testing |
| Perry King | Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer |
| Mason Lerro | Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, surg. complications |
| Robert Lerro | Richard & Judy Lerro's son, hip replacement surgery |
| Willie Moore | Linda Coe's uncle, recovering from heart surgery |
| Mario Moss | Marcia Clough-Moss' husband, undergoing medical testing |
| Charles Thomas | Giselle Smith's father, recovering from heart attack |
| Terry West | Amy West's father, undergoing cancer treatments |

Pray for Our Missionaries

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Josh & Cara Blackmer | Paraguay |
| Troy & Andrea Spradlin | Paraguay |
| Robert & Mary Martin | Pacific Islands |
| Scott & Rebecca Shanahan | Pacific Islands |
| Joey & Tammy Treat | Pacific Islands |
| Tamuka Arunashe | Zimbabwe |
| Nnanna Aforgi | Nigeria |
| Apologetics Press | Montgomery, AL |
| Mauricio Yegros | Coral Springs, FL |



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 8

- ♦ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake Blvd. See Joan Holloway to RSVP or for more details.

Monday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Wednesday, June 11

- ♦ **Kick Start Your Summer Series: "Count Your Blessings."** Terry Casey will be speaking on "You Have God's Peace."
- ♦ **Vacation Bible School Decorating** begins after Bible Study. See Nate Nelson or Cam Crofts for details.

Thursday-Friday, June 11-13

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School Decorating** each night starting at 7:00 p.m. See Nate Nelson or Cam Crofts for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 15-18

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m. Register your children for FREE online at www.ChurchOn95.com or by calling the office.

Wednesday, June 25

- ♦ **Kick Start Your Summer Series: "Count Your Blessings."** James Mayo will be speaking on "You Have God's People."

Sunday, June 29

- ♦ **Church Family Devo** after evening worship. Josh Blackmer will be speaking live from Paraguay. All families are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, July 2

- ♦ **Kick Start Your Summer Series: "Count Your Blessings."** Kevin Patterson will be speaking on "You Have God's Providence."

Sunday, July 6

- ♦ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Wednesday-Friday, June 11-13

- ♦ **VBS Decorating** each night starting at 7:00 p.m. (Begins after Bible study on Wednesday.) See Cam Crofts or Nate Nelson for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 15-18

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** at 7:00 p.m. each night. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.

Monday, July 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Goodale.

Saturday, July 12

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

Sunday-Saturday, July 20-26

- ♦ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, June 8

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

Sunday, June 22

- ♦ **Jr. High Devo** after evening worship.

Saturday, June 28

- ♦ **Sr. High Visitation Day** from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Meet at the church building and bring money for lunch. See Dan or Loni Fuller for details.

Sunday, June 29

- ♦ **Church Family Devo** after evening worship. Josh Blackmer will be speaking live from Paraguay. All families are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday-Sunday, July 9-13

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** See Dan Jenkins or David Sproule for details.



Finishing Strong, Spiritual Development

By Josh Blackmer

You've done this, we all have. We start a project, book, resolution, and we start it very well. What is normally the hardest is finishing strong. Sometimes we take the opposite approach to the spiritual development of our children. We start too late in laying a foundation of practices and exemplifying Christian virtues. When the children reach adulthood and haven't made a choice about their faith we wonder, "Where did I go wrong?" Let's look at two things. First, some things that you can do to lay a good foundation with your young children. Second, some habits we can make with our older children that will help orient them in the faith.

Young children are great. Full of energy, always discovering things, and through their eyes everything is new. The ages 0-7 are extremely important formative years. In the first seven years of life, a foundation is laid that cannot be changed. This is the age of mimicking. They learn from doing and experiencing. They are cameras recording EVERYTHING. It is through these experiences that they form their ideas of what life is—what a father is, what a mother is, what a family is, what appropriate love is, what discipline is, what boundaries are, and what the word "no" means. Their mental chip is being programmed by their environment. Have you ever said something or done something that was exactly like what your mom or dad did? That thing you said you would never do? Yeah, that's the programming we are talking about.

Now take that idea and imagine the best possible environment for your child to grow in faith or knowledge of God. This environment would involve faithful attendance to worship and Bible class. This environment would involve a home that talks about God and has His precepts at its center. It would involve other faithful people of various age groups. Show your children what it looks like to be faithful in every age of life. In the home, it is imperative that you model godly living. When it is appropriate, answer questions with, "What does the Bible say about that?" Also, use inclusive language—"we" and "us"—in reference to acceptable and non-acceptable behavior. For example, "We don't talk like that," or "Very good, that's how we (insert last name) act." By doing this we reinforce the family bond and sense of belonging, and it will later translate to a sense of belonging to Christ and/or the church.

Now your question may be, "What do I do with my children that are already beyond that seven-year window?" Everything mentioned above, plus the following. Use family time—a meal or long car ride—to talk about what they or you learned in Bible class or worship. Then walk through how you would put it into practice. Ask questions like, "What would it look like?" "How would people respond to..." "How would people feel if..." Help them process the information they are receiving. Another practice for older children is to be open about age-appropriate faith struggles. It can be dangerous if we try to portray the image that Mom and Dad are spiritual giants that never struggle, doubt or fear. They need to see that these things are normal and you need to show them how to overcome these struggles. Incorporate other people. Show them that it is part of the life of a Christian. If they reach young adulthood without the proper tools or resources to work through problem-solving, life could be very rocky. Part of the process of spiritually and emotionally healthy children is allowing them to learn to struggle and problem-solve and overcome while they are with us. We allowed them space to learn to crawl and walk and run. They need the same space to do this spiritually. If we remove the struggle/work and hand them everything, we have taught them only to be beggars.

Lay the spiritual foundation while they are young. Create the optimal environment for spiritual formation. In the adolescent years, focus on application. Show them struggles and problem-solving skills. Get them involved in actives and with other people and mentors. Help them run, spiritually soar, and you will be able to say, "We finished strong."

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Monday (June 9th)

Scott & Linda Studer (Ann.)
Stephen & Carolina Beliech (Ann.)
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Tuesday (June 10th)

Rob & Lenelle Crowell (Ann.)
Bill & Gai Ingram (Ann.)
Helen Bashaw
Amberdenise Puckett
Josh Seames

Wednesday (June 11th)

Alex & Emily Lane (Ann.)
Jennifer Anderson
Betsy Donahue
Richard Watson

Friday (June 13th)

Tim & Susie Cox (Ann.)
Judie Jenkins

Saturday (June 14th)

Jeff & Diane Leslie (Ann.)
Brian Mayerbach
Nikki Revoli



Sunday,
May 25

LOCAL VISITORS: Paul & Nellie Batitsky; Miss Alice Davis; Gary Eutsey; Shantal Martin; Jose Martinez; John Morgan; Miss Natasha Ortiz; Jannette Pottinger; David Santana; Kevin Schenk; Lana Smith, Sasha & Alexis; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; and Joe Woodfall.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Suzanne Branard, Merritt Island, FL; Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Diamond Cobb, Ft. Pierce, FL; Brad & Amanda Costello, Manchester, TN; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Miss Mariah Mobley, Ft. Pierce, FL; and Gordon Sullins, Rogers, AR.



Food Pantry *Restock*

Cornerstone Group 3 - Please help restock the Food Pantry by bringing in **Canned Fruits & Vegetables**. Leave the items at the Welcome Desk or beside the Pantry door.



Thank you to all my brothers and sisters at Palm Beach Lakes for your thoughts, prayers, and cards during the loss of my brother. Your love is appreciated.

Mattie Cox

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Thank you to the church for the beautiful flowers you sent me for my dad's death. They made me smile at a time I needed it.

Angie McNicol

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

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, June 8

Lead Singing Dave McLeod
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading..... Kane Campbell
Presiding at Table Ivan Villard, Jr.
Serve at Table:
Chad Brown Dave Payne
Harrison Carter Gene Puckett
Tim Fry Ross Stone
Bill Ingram, Jr. Clayton Trujillo

Alternates:

Chris Thompson Rick Tibbetts
Sermon..... Dan Jenkins
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, June 8

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Taylor Reeves
Scripture Reading..... Ted Friesner
Presiding at Table..... Jim Rogers
Serve at Table:

Doug Carrick, Austin Metzkes &
Leonard Williams

Sermon..... Dan Jenkins
Closing Prayer Chuck Clark

Wednesday Evening, June 11

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Extend Invitation..... Willie Smith
Family Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Our Record

| Attendance | <u>June 1</u> | <u>May Avg.</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Sun. Bible study | 231 | 244 |
| Sun. A.M. Worship | 371 | 387 |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 191 | 179 |
| Wed. Bible study | 202 | 194 |
| Contribution | \$17,034 | \$14,896 |
| 2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670 | | |
| Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +16,616 | | |

Ushers for the week of **June 8**: Head Usher: TBD, Rick Hall & Chuck Reeves, Sr.

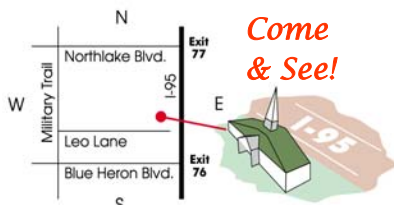


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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

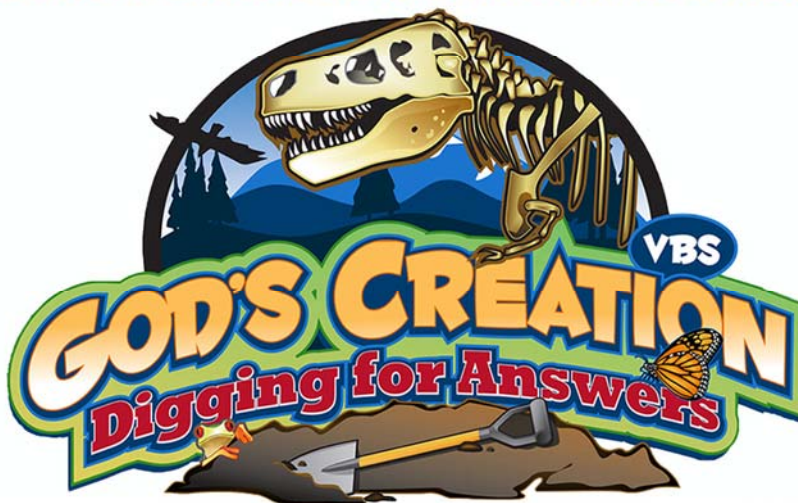
Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ



June 15-18

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