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Welcome New Members



Hanna, Sandi

Group 2

Baptized December 6



Kenty, Jenisa

Group 3

Baptized December 12



Villard, Nahum

Group 2

Identified December 20



Swayne, Robert

Group 4

Identified December 20



By Dan Jenkins

The Importance of Obedience

As Jesus began teaching, He went to a mountaintop and with His disciples around Him, He startled those who heard Him by the way He preached. "When Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt. 7:28-29). So much of what He taught was so different from what most individuals thought about religion.

Many Jews of His day strongly believed that the outward manifestation of their devotion was the evidence of their acceptance by God. They thought that long, repetitious prayers publicly delivered showed that those praying were accepted by God (Matt. 6:5-7). They thought that regular fasting characterized by disfigured faces indicated the holiness of the person fasting (Matt. 6:16-18). They thought that those who gave great gifts to those in need, in such a way so that others saw it, was the proof of great spirituality (Matt. 6:1-3).

Jesus looked at those who taught these ideas and described them as wolves who looked like sheep. He urged His followers to take a deeper look at these religious leaders and judge them by their fruits (Matt. 7:15-16).

Look at the clarity of His words as He neared the end of this discourse, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,'

shall enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 7:21). This was the exact opposite of those who defined spirituality with the wrong measure. Those who did this thought their salvation was assured because they called Him "Lord," yet Jesus said that such did not guarantee acceptance.

He then mentioned other things which would not bring salvation. At the final judgment there would be those prophets (preachers) claiming to speak for God who would be lost. He said that there would be those who claimed they were performing miracles like casting out demons who would be lost. He said there would be those who claimed to perform mighty deeds who also would hear the words, "Depart from Me, I never knew you" (Matt. 7:22-23).

Then, who will be saved? He answers this in one brief phrase and one parable. Who will be saved—those who do the will of My Father (Matt. 7:21)! External religion without obedience to what He says cannot bring salvation. The parable of the two builders vividly shows one's "spiritual house" does not stand unless the rules are followed.

It is not enough to be religious. The only one who is assured by Jesus of salvation is the one who "...does the will of My Father." True religion is manifested in the life of an individual, but those deeds come from a heart which first seeks the will of the Father. This shows the importance of obedience!

In one brief phrase and one parable Jesus shows why we must obey Him



By David Sproule

God's One-Way Street

Two cars approach one another, going opposite directions on a well-lit, single lane street. There is a solid wall on the right and a solid wall on the left. There is no other direction to go. Who must yield the right of way? Would it help to know that it is a one-way street? Now, which one must yield?

This is not a hard scenario to solve. Obviously, the driver going in the wrong direction must back up, turn around and go in the right direction. Once he is shown the "One Way" sign, he would have no other argument or recourse than to comply.

Similarly, two individuals may approach one another, going in opposite directions on a well-lit, single Bible doctrine. Let's assume that there is a solid wall on the right and on the left, meaning that there is no other direction or option. One of these people is going in the right direction and the other is not. Who must yield the right of way?

This scenario, for some, may not be as easy to solve. Obviously, the Bible student going in the wrong direction must back up, turn around and go in the right direction. But, how can it be shown who is going in the right direction and who is going in the wrong direction? Bible students must pay attention to the directional (i.e., One-Way) signs that God gives in

the Bible. God puts down road signs that are very clear.

God has only one truth (John 8:32; Eph. 4:5). No person has a right to alter that one truth one iota (Deut. 4:2; Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19). God's truth will never contradict itself (2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 6:18). No person should try to set one verse against another (2 Tim. 2:15). God's ways are always right (Hos. 14:9). Man's ways are not (Prov. 14:12). God's doctrines are truth (John 17:17). Man's doctrines are not (Matt. 15:8-9).

How can I know if I'm going in the right direction? How can I know if I have God's truth on a matter, or if I'm the one who is wrong? To know God's truth on a Bible doctrine, gather all of the relevant Scriptural evidence on that Bible subject (the "sum" of it) (Psa. 119:160). Handle it aright (2 Tim. 2:15) by putting it (and keeping it) in its original context and studying what it meant to its original recipients. Put all things to the test (1 Thess. 5:21), using clear Bible teaching as the only standard (Acts 17:11). Respect the authority of the Scriptures as final (Matt. 28:18; Col. 3:17).

The Bible was not written to have multiple meanings but only one (Matt. 21:25; Jude 3). The Bible is not a two-way street, but a one-way (narrow) street that leads to life (Matt. 7:13-14; John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:4). Man's doctrine will lead you in the wrong direction! Read the Bible! Respect God's "One Way" signs! Yield to His truth in all things! Don't be ashamed!

The Bible is not a two-way street, but a one-way (narrow) street that leads to life!



By Josh Blackmer

Are You a Christian or a Cliché?

You have seen them. These are the “Jesus is my co-pilot” bumper sticker Christians. The ones that just “feel” like they know what God wants for their lives. The ones that are “called by God” to make a ministry out of every obscure verb or concept. The ones that say they are praying for you but are never around when life gets really hard. The ones that can’t back their faith up with facts, just feelings. In the end, they are a hollow cliché. Due to the overwhelming number of cliché Christians, the name Christian has become a societal pigeon hole for good people that mention Jesus and have weird ideas on moral issues. Because of them, you have a hard time telling people you are a real and legitimate follower of Christ. They think, “Oh, another Christian,” and into the pigeon hole you go. You then try to take the time to explain what the Bible says about being a Christian. But, you get the “I have never heard of that” response, and you are stuck into the pigeon hole labeled, “What I Don’t Understand,” next to tax law and The Hitch Hiker’s Guide to the Galaxy.

So, what do we do to stem the tide of confusion? First, let’s all make a pact not to be a cliché Christian. Don’t start a conversation about a Bible subject with, “I feel.” It doesn’t matter what you feel, only what is written. Be a student of the Word and back up doctrine with corresponding

Scripture. Did you know that the phrase, “It is written,” is found 63 times in the New Testament? Learn to use the Sword of the Spirit with surgical precision.

Second, continue to hold your moral compass in line with God and “His righteousness” (Matt. 6:33). We must be those who would live above reproach, even to the detriment of our own desires (1 Tim. 6:14; 1 Cor. 8:13). When we compromise and stray from moral center, then we become just one of the masses that claim to know Jesus.

Third, be ready to receive those that repent and help them come out of sin. This can be difficult. It involves a lot of prayer and time spent with people. Remember always that you are helping people escape the captivity of Satan’s snares (2 Tim. 2:26). The golden rule applies here also (Matt. 7:12). You may one day need that same help yourself.

Lastly, remember that Christ fought against the clichés also. He repeatedly stated, “You have heard that it was said...but I say unto you” (Matt. 5:21-22). They weren’t Christians then. They were Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes and Jews. Whenever we change, water down, skew or otherwise taint the image of the original, we become a cliché. The Bible says we become a stumbling block (Rom. 14:13), a hindrance to the knowledge of Christ. Do not be a cliché or a cheap imitation. Put the effort into being a genuine Christian.

Do not be a cliché or a cheap imitation. Put the effort into being genuine.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“I am so much better than you!”

Do you know how easy it is develop within our hearts and be fully convinced, “I am better than others”? “I’m more educated than you, so I’m better.” “I have more money than you, so I’m better.” “I’m older than you, so I’m better.” “I’m younger than you, so I’m better.” “I have more experience than you, so I’m better.” “I’m more successful than you, so I’m better.” “I’m better-looking than you, so I’m better.” “I’m your supervisor, so I’m better.” “I’m a guy, so I’m better.”

Obviously, the list of examples could go on and on. The point is that it is so easy, whatever our station in life, to be persuaded that we are superior to others in some way. The reality is that there is One person who IS better than all of us—Jesus Christ, the Son of God! And, the truly amazing thing is that when He came to this earth, He did NOT take on or demonstrate an attitude of being “better.” The Son of God emptied Himself and humbled Himself (Phil. 2:5-8).

I am not better than Jesus, therefore, I am not better than anyone else. Do I believe that? – DS



What’s the state of your union?

Each year we are presented with a “State of the Union” address from the President. If a person knew nothing else about our nation and only listened to the “State of the Union” address each year, he might have some very confused ideas about our union. That’s the nature of “grand speeches”—they don’t always present a full picture and often lean in a certain direction.

Forget about this nation for a moment. What’s the state of *your union*? That could be directed at your marriage, since God united you together (Matt. 19:6). Is your marriage union strong? Even more, the question could be directed at your relationship with Christ, since you have been “joined to the Lord” (1 Cor. 6:17; cf. Rom. 6:3-6; Eph. 5:31-32). Is your union with Christ strong?

Rather than deliver a “grand speech,” which would only highlight the “highlight-able,” examine your own heart... thoroughly. Is your union strong, weak, lukewarm? Does it need attention, work, repairs? What steps are needed to make it stronger? This is critical! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Ally Alberga	recovering from surgery
Jimmie Banks	recovering from outpatient procedure
Gloria Boyd	scheduled for surgery on Tuesday (1/19)
Judy Carmack	dealing with neck and back pain
Peggy DeLaney	recovering from Achilles tendon surgery
Janet Hickerson	recovering at home, pneumonia & blood clots
Juanita Huser	fell & broke her left upper arm
Verdell March	recovering at home from car accident
Silas Moses	now at home, improving and getting stronger
Kay Richardson	recovering from vein surgery
Jim Rogers	recovering at home from chemo for leukemia
Giselle Smith	sickle cell crisis & blood clots in lungs
Tina Wagner	awaiting medical test results
Wesley Williams	recovering from eye surgery

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Annie Faison	suffering with chronic pain
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Godfrey Pratt	suffering with back issues
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Kay Fish	Deidra Miley
Helen Gardner	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Joe Quigley
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Shelton Howell	Margaret Wade

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bonnye Cox	Connye Plouffe's sister, chemo for chronic leukemia
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, rehab, recovering from hip surg.
Sarah Hall	Lynne Jorgensen's grandmother, under Hospice Care
Curtis Spann	Glen Dawson's cousin, pneumonia & heart problems

Pray for Our Missionaries

Troy & Andrea Spradlin	Paraguay
Robert & Mary Martin	Pacific Islands
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan	Pacific Islands
Joey & Tammy Treat	Pacific Islands
Tamuka Arunashe	Zimbabwe
Nnanna Aforji	Nigeria
Apologetics Press	Montgomery, AL
Maricio Yegros	Pompano Beach, FL



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 17

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Monday, January 18

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19

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

Thursday, January 21

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Friday, January 22

- ◆ **Family Groups 3 & 4 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

Saturday, January 23

- ◆ **PBL Family Picnic** on the church property at 12:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring sides, drinks and desserts, and bring some games and activities to enjoy outside. See Darin Summerlot for details.

Friday, January 29

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joan Holloway. All ladies are welcome. RSVP to Joan to have your name added to the gate list.

Saturday, January 30

- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

Sunday, January 31

- ◆ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work.
- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby** during evening assembly.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Sunday, January 17

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.

Saturday, January 23

- ◆ **Young Adult, Sr. High & Jr. High Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 26

- ◆ **Meat Night for YA Men** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Sproule. BYOM.

Monday, February 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hayden Lau.

Saturday, February 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Sunday, February 21

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Saturday, January 23

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project with the Young Adults.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 24

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

Saturday, January 30

- ◆ **Sr. High Trek & Dinner** at 1:00 p.m. at the building. Bring \$5 to cover costs. Youth will be traveling together to the trek location. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday, February 13

- ◆ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.**

Sunday, February 14

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

New 10-Week Bible Class Session

Begins January 31

Adults, Sr. High & Jr. High (2nd 10 Weeks)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M. (Jan. 31-Apr. 3)

Auditorium	Numbers & Deuteronomy (Part 2)	<i>Josh Blackmer</i>
Adult 1	The Bible and Science	<i>Jim Davis</i>
Adult 2	Having the Faith of Abraham	<i>Ken Tipton</i>
Adult 3	Young Adults: Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon	<i>David Sproule</i>
Conf. Room	Fundamentals of the Faith (cont.)	<i>Dan Fuller</i>
Sr. High	James, 1-2 Peter	
Jr. High	Divided Kingdom	

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M. (Feb. 3-Apr. 6)

Auditorium	Hebrews (Part 2)	<i>David Sproule</i>
Adult 1	Encouraging One Another	<i>Dan Fuller</i>
Adult 2	Ladies: Bible Character Studies	<i>Various PBL Ladies</i>
Adult 3	Grace, Faith & Works	<i>Dan Jenkins</i>
Sr. High	Make Your Stand	
Jr. High	Christian Evidences	

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

"With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!" (Psa. 119:10-11).

"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psa. 119:97).

"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'" (Matt. 4:4).

"As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2).

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

News & Notes



Sunday,
January 10

The PBL Family Picnic will be on the church property on Saturday, January 23 at 12:00 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring sides, drinks and desserts, and bring some games and activities to enjoy outside. All members are encouraged to attend! See Darin Summerlot for details.

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Karen Bibbee; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Terry Crews; Mr. Joshua Desulme; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Errol Gower-Winter; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Keith Hatchett; Ms. Rebecca Huffman; Mr. Milton Jones; Mrs. Karen Lester; Mrs. Joy Lombardi & Nikolas; Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Lockett; Ms. Ina Mitchell; Ms. Rimma Nikulova; Mrs. Ann Marie Robinson; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Stewart; Mrs. Cecilia Tipton; Mrs. Marion Vanderwende; Mr. Roger Washell; Mr. Ralph Williams, Jr.; Mr. Gary Woods; and Ms. Mary Sue Young.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Mike Barrios, Collierville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown & Kinsey, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. Kyle Butler, Melbourne, FL; Miss Squadeina Davis, Pembroke Pines, FL; Mr. John Duck, Marion, AR; Mr. James Egner, Louisville, KY; Mrs. Patricia Kato, Chattanooga, TN; Ms. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mann, Delray Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jim Risk, Carmel, IN; and Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (January 17th)
Cynthia Parker

Thursday (January 21st)
Doug Carrick
Edward Gager

Monday (January 18th)
Terry Denton

Friday (January 22nd)
Cora Lee Dennis
Andrea Leslie

Tuesday (January 19th)
Cornelius & Andrea Henderson (Ann.)

Saturday (January 23rd)
Jaqua' Lewis
Luther Robinson

Wednesday (January 20th)
Julie Charles
Godfrey Pratt
Norma Pratt
Kari Reeves



January 31

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, January 17

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading.....Bill Ingram, Jr.
Presiding at Table Jeff Goodale
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Jacade Reynolds
Tim Cox Adam Seal
Gorman Ericksen Austin Williams
Morris McDaniel Eugene Williams
Alternates:
Freddie Gadson Taylor Reeves
Closing Prayer Ken Tipton

Sunday Evening, January 17

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Gary Friedly
Scripture Reading..... Gary Seames
Presiding at Table..... Chris Thompson
Serve at Table:
Michael Fox
Nick Pietro
Brad Shelt
Closing Prayer Dave Holaday

Wednesday Evening, January 20

Lead Singing Adam Seal
Invitation..... Jim Davis
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 10	Dec. Av.
Sun. Bible study	256	232
Sun. A.M. Worship	407	375
Sun. P.M. Worship	205	183
Wed. Bible study	228	187
Contribution	\$15,968	\$15,475

2016 Weekly Budget: TBA

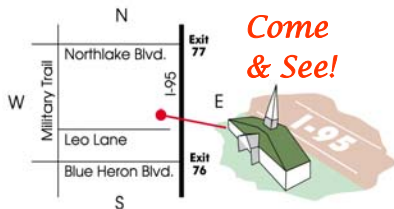
Ushers for the week of Jan. 17 Head Usher: Victor Colage; Tim Fry & Eddie Gooden



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Come & See!

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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.

Front Cover: Youth Group Visiting Janet Hickerson

I HAVE SET THE
LORD
BEFORE ME
CONTINUALLY;
BECAUSE HE IS AT MY
RIGHT HAND,
I SHALL NOT BE MOVED.

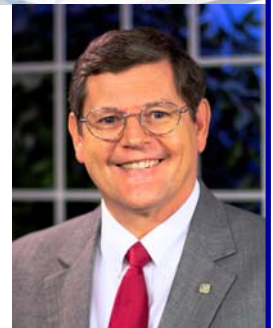
PSALM 16:8



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
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Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.