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**Strengthening Our
Homes &
Marriages**

for the Good of the Church with **David Shannon**

Friday, Sept. 23
7:00-8:30 p.m.



**South Florida
Men's Fellowship**

Strong Leaders for Strong Churches

Saturday, Sept. 24

8:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

with **David Shannon** (Mt. Juliet, TN)



By Dan Jenkins

Our World Without God

It is difficult for us to imagine, but have you ever thought what this world would be like if God had totally removed Himself from it? What if when every thought of man was on evil continually, He had decided to not send the flood? Or what if He had not dealt with Sodom and Gomorrah? Suppose He had not descended to Mt. Sinai nor ever given any other messages through those Old Testament prophets? What if Jesus had not come? What do you suppose our world would be like?

We should be so thankful knowing that when God gave man the freedom to choose to do wrong that He did not remove Himself. Our loving God repeatedly tried to call mankind back to Himself. Tragically, the world ignored the preaching of Noah (2 Pet. 2:5) and then all the other attempts God made to reach the lost. Zechariah's words remind us how all the prophets were received. "They refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. Yes, they made their hearts like flint refusing to hear the law and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 7:11-12).

The history of God and the Jewish nation is so tragic,

but what if God had not sent a single prophet into that world? God was trying to call that nation to walk in the paths of righteousness, but almost all of His messengers were ignored. What if God had just quit dealing with His chosen people?

So what about the Gentiles? In Romans chapter one, Paul described how the Gentiles at one time knew God (v. 21). They turned away from God to serve idols. How did God respond? "Therefore God gave them up to uncleanness in the lust of their hearts" (v. 24). They despised the ways of righteousness and turned to sexual perversion. God's response? "God gave them up to vile passion" (v. 27). Read the next several verses. When they gave up on God, God gave up on them!

They ignored Him and the "godly" nation of Israel became Godless!

What about the Jews who were there when Jesus lived among them? Jesus described them so vividly. "This people draws near to me with their mouths, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me" (Matt. 15:8). The "godly" nation was Godless!

In spite of all that God did, before Jesus died on the cross, the world was in a wretched state. Now, just suppose that God had never done one thing to impact righteousness. There are not words to describe such a world.

Next week, we will look at your place in God's plan to change the world. We must never forget that God's plan to change the world includes us!



By David Sproule

Doing the Father's Will Is More Than Just Appearance

There were some individuals in the lifetime of Jesus who were having a very difficult time accepting that He had authority in religious matters and, therefore, that He had authority in their lives. They were constantly questioning and challenging that authority, as they did vehemently even in the week leading up to His death. They confronted Him in Matthew 21:23, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"

When His accusers arrogantly and pretentiously refused to respond to the question He asked in return, Jesus told a very simple parable about two sons. "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go" (21:28-30). Jesus purposefully told this parable at this time, in order that these high-minded chief priests and elders might see the seriousness of their rebellious, self-aggrandizing attitude. Some who had initially defied the will of God (including tax collectors and harlots), repented and obeyed His will, but others (including Jesus' scoffers) professed great righteousness but refused to actually obey. The application could not have been more emphatic.

The more things change, the more they remain the same. How many people are there today who have a difficult time accepting that Jesus is the One who has authority in religious matters and, therefore, that He has authority in their lives? To concede authority to another requires submitting to that authority. In our day and age, submission is not a popular notion. Thus, there are multitudes today that are still constantly questioning and challenging Jesus' authority.

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Yet, many of these same people are the ones who are supposedly saying, "I go, sir," to His command. They are teaching people about salvation (a thing Jesus commanded to do in Mark 16:15), but they are not teaching His requirement of immersion for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16). They are emphasizing the greatness of worshiping God (a thing Jesus commanded to do in Matthew 4:10), but they are not worshiping by the truth of God's Word (John 4:24; 17:17). Further examples could be lined up by the hundreds. Based upon the testimony of Jesus' enemies themselves, such behavior is not doing the will of the Father (Matt. 21:31).

To "enter the kingdom of God" (21:31), one must submit to the authority of Jesus in all matters (21:23-27), "believe" (21:32), "change his mind" (21:29) and humbly obey "the will of the Father" (21:31). Anything short of going into the vineyard as precisely instructed will lead to ruin.



By Josh Blackmer

A Song of My Beloved Concerning His Vineyard

“Let me sing now for my well-beloved a song of my beloved concerning His vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. He dug it all around, removed its stones, and planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it and also hewed out a wine vat in it; then He expected it to produce good grapes, but it produced only worthless ones” (Isa. 5:1-2).

I know that you probably don’t go around singing songs about agriculture, unless you are from the country and you like it that way. The Bible uses a lot of examples from agriculture to explain Biblical truths. This example from Isaiah is explained in verse 7, “For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel and the men of Judah His delightful plant. Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.” God said through the mouth of the prophet, “What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones” (Isa.5:4)?

There are three basic things that we can learn from this agricultural example. First, God has worked to prepare the way for His faithful people. In the case of the Jewish nation, it is clear that from the beginning God had been working to bring

about the circumstances of their growth and future blessing for all of mankind (Eph. 1:4). “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent” (John 6:29). God has worked towards our faith becoming a reality.

Second, there is an expectation that there will be results for His work. With the people in the time of Isaiah, God had been working with them, and it was time to receive good fruit from them, but they had not produced. The expectation that God had was reasonable, but they did not deliver anything but sour grapes. This was something that had been communicated to the people. They knew what God wanted and did not do what pleased Him. God’s expectation of His church has been clearly communicated to us. There is an expectation.

Third, with an expectation, there will be an evaluation of the validity of the expectation. There will be a judgment (Heb. 9:27). Matthew 7 speaks of judging people by the fruit of their labors. It is logical that with all the work that God has done, He would check on His work to make sure that it was not in vain and not worthless.

We need to understand that God has done His part. We must do all we can to meet the expectations that He has laid out for us. We know that what He is asking of us in nothing in comparison to eternity. We must make sure that we continue with the same diligence and efforts to please God.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Love yourself

What do you think about yourself? Scripture tells us very plainly that a Christian is “not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think” (Rom. 12:3). We must be “humble” (1 Pet. 5:5-6). We must “esteem others better than” ourselves (Phil. 2:3). But, does that mean we are to consider ourselves to be dirt? Does that mean we have no value or importance?

At least eight times in the Bible we read this command, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:39). The second greatest commandment has this qualifier— “love your neighbor AS YOURSELF.” Am I supposed to hate myself? No. Think that I’m dirt? No.

I am to see myself as made in the image of God, as everyone is (Gen. 1:26), and the object of God’s love, as everyone is (John 3:16). I am to prioritize the salvation of my soul (Acts 2:40; Phil. 2:12), as I look out for the salvation of others (Mark 16:15). I am to be mindful of my “own interests,” as I strive to be mindful of “the interests of others” (Phil. 2:4). I am important to God! – DS



All Christians had better be “people persons”

Are you a “people person”? Some people are, and some are not. But, as you might expect, I’d like to consider this from another angle.

One way to look at this is to realize that all of us rely on people every day of our lives. We rely on the people who grow our food. We rely on the people who deliver, sort and sell our food. We rely on the people who operate the water and power plants. We rely on the people who manufacturer materials for our homes, vehicles, clothes and daily necessities. While someone may not identify as a “people person,” where would we be without “people”?

Now, let me ask this: are there any people who rely on you? Maybe not for goods or services, because they could get them other “people.” But, how many people are relying on you (perhaps unknowingly) to share the good news of Jesus and help them get to heaven? Brethren, we’d better all be “people persons”! The Great Commission of our Savior demands it! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee	diagnosed with temporal arteritis
Pete Brown	recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
Dee Catanzaro	undergoing radiation treatments for breast cancer
Julie Charles	undergoing medical testing
Lowell Flowers	recovering at home from infection
Lester Galloway	recovering from neck surgery
Jennifer Higbee	recovering at home from gallbladder surgery
Ruth Milton	undergoing medical testing
June Pack	dealing with a stomach infection
Reginald Paul	Regina Paul's son, undergoing medical testing
Maurine Reed	Signature HealthCare (room 136), knee replacement
Tina Wagner	evaluating test results

Long-Term Health Issues

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

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Helen Gardner	Deidra Miley
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Loretta Holaday	Leigh Puckett
Shelton Howell	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bazil Calliste	Maria Hackshaw's bro.-in-law, blood clots in heart & hand
Aisah Emmanuel	Jean Archer's niece, recovering from colon surgery
Shirley Griffin	Mary Porter's mother, in the hospital in Georgia
Carla Kimberland	Cindy Nelson's mother, recovering from leg bypass surg.
Ron Nelson	Buzz Nelson's father, recovering from brain surgery
Diana Noel	Bonnie Arthur's daughter, recovering from surgery
David Porter	Phil Porter's father, in the hospital in Texas
Vivian Rackstraw	Tasha Ellis' grandmother, recovering from cancer surgery
James Rose	Willie Smith's uncle, suffered a stroke, now in rehab
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
Mariam Wagenknecht	Dick Kelley's sister, under Hospice Care

Remember
Our Mission Works

Paraguay
Troy & Andrea Spradlin

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 7

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **H2H Congregational Labeling Night** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, August 8

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

Tuesday, August 9

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 11

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Judy Lerro.

Sunday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 16

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara King.

Friday, August 19

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jean Archer. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Saturday, August 27

- ◆ **Area-Wide Congregational Singing hosted by Jog Road** at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 29

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

Sunday, September 4

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 11

- ◆ **Joey Treat Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Sunday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 30

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

Saturday, September 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Lynn & Cynthia Parker. See Shea Brown for details.

Monday, September 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Julie Trujillo. See Rachel Fuller for details.

Sunday, September 18

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

Saturday, October 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod. See Shea Brown for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, August 14

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

Sunday, August 28

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

Sunday, September 11

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

Thursday-Sunday, September 15-18

- ◆ **RUSH Weekend at FHU.** See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, September 17

- ◆ **Jr. High Mini-Golf.** See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

AUGUST:



To Live a Holy Life

“As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy’” (1 Pet. 1:15-16).

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (2 Cor. 7:1).

“For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness” (1 Thess. 4:7).

“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord” (Heb. 12:14).

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2).

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



Sunday,
July 31

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Tom Garrison; T.J. Hoelzer; Ms. Rebecca Huffman; Ms. Maral Rabbitt; Miss Kelly Rabbitt; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Paul Rodriguez; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons; Michael Staley; Terry West; and Ms. Marcile Williams Cooper.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Vickie Armstrong, Tampa, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Walt Arthur, Nashville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Mike Barrios, Collierville, TN; Ms. Mary Cheshier, Cedar Hill, TX; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Ken Garner, Fort Worth, TX; Holt Hamilton, Port St. Lucie, FL; Richard & Jan Hamlen, Valdosta, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Romigh, Dothan, AL.

Thank You Notes

Dear family at Palm Beach Lakes,

Thank you so much for the flowers, food, cards, and visits during the loss of Tim's father, **Charlie Fry**. Our family here at church gave us the support and strength to make it through this difficult time. We love and appreciate all of you.

In Christ,

Tim & Beth Fry

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Thank you so much for all the encouragement and prayers during this challenging time. We are so grateful for our incredible church family and can't wait for **Blake** to meet you all!

Love,

Brent, Andrea, and Blake Leslie

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (Aug. 7th)

Jeff & Jennifer Goodale (Ann.)
Kirk Crews
Brad Shelt

Monday (Aug. 8th)

Silas & Debora Lynch (Ann.)
Mary Porter
Gary Seames

Wednesday (Aug. 10th)

Phil & Mary Porter (Ann.)

Wednesday (Aug. 10th) cont.

Chris & Brittany Thompson (Ann.)
Paulette Cole
Loretta Holaday
Hayden Lau
Dan McLeod
Paul Metzkes
Wesley Williams

Friday (Aug. 12th)

Ben Harriott
Loretta James

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 9:45 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:45 p.m.

Sunday Morning, August 7

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Dick Kelley
Scripture Reading Jeff Leslie
Presiding at Table Justin Maloney
Serve at Table:
David Brown Orlando Lolo
Lance Collier Tommy Pauldo
Edward Gager Shaun Tyson
Namdidie Ikon Marty Williams
Alternates:
Paul Hensel L. H. Richardson
Closing Prayer Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, August 7

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Richard Lerro
Scripture Reading Daniel Swayne
Presiding at Table Kirk Crews
Novel Brown
Scott Lewis
Jacade Reynolds
Closing Prayer Chad Brown

Wednesday Evening, August 10

Lead Singing Shea Brown
Invitation Austin Metzkes
Family Prayer Cam Crotts

Our Record

Attendance	July 31	June Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	211	259
Sun. A.M. Worship	344	380
Sun. P.M. Worship	125	186
Wed. Bible Study	181	216
Contribution	\$14,613	\$15,085

2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +20,624

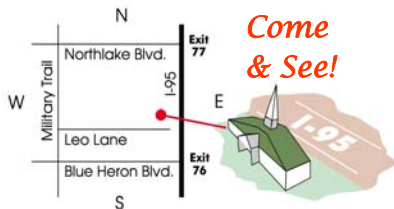
Ushers for week of **Aug. 7** Head Usher: Tim Cox; Morris McDaniel & Micah Trujillo



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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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BUT GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US IN THAT
WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS

CHRIST DIED FOR US

ROMANS 5:8