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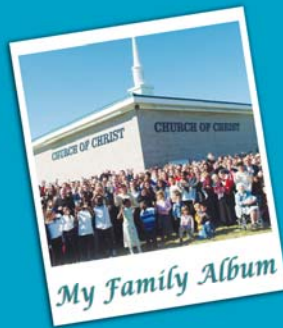
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21st Annual South Florida Lectureship



WAIT on the Lord

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By Dan Jenkins

Have You Stolen Heaven's Incense?

Is there anything more touching than the following story? She sits alone in one of the finest houses to be found. Her husband is dead. He had been so successful and provided for her and her needs after his death. Her phone is by her side, but it rarely rings. Her children never call. She would give anything to hear from them. She sits there waiting, but it never rings. Is there a scene more tragic? Consider the following spiritual parallel to this situation of loneliness.

The God of heaven and earth sits in heaven waiting to hear from His children. He would give anything to just hear from them. He knows they have needs, even though they may not realize it. He is ready to help, but they do not call. He made an amazing promise to them, "If we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know we have the petitions that we ask of Him" (1 John 5:15). Yet, they do not call. Beloved in Christ, is God's heart heavy because you do not call?

There is an amazing picture in the figurative language of the book of Revelation. God sits on His throne. When the Lamb of God comes before our awesome God, heaven explodes with worship of the Lamb. There are those twenty-four elders who have harps in their hands, but they also have bowls filled with incense. Immediately, heaven is filled with the aroma

of that incense as the elders fall down before the Lamb, and golden bowls filled with incense become part of the heavenly joy and adoration of Jesus (Rev. 5:8-9).

That incense is mentioned again in this book. In chapter six, the saints of God are calling out to God to respond and bring His judgment on those who are persecuting the church. They are told God will respond very soon. In chapter eight, He does. An angel comes to God with incense in a censer. He adds fire from heaven's altar, and the wrath of God is poured out on the earth. The saints of God have called out for God to act, and He responded.

When incense was needed in heaven, there was none. How did this happen?

What does that have to do with the church? Take a look at God's description of that heavenly incense of the praise of Jesus. Look at what is part of the incense which caused God to come to the rescue of those suffering saints. The bowls in the hands of the elders are full of incense. The Bible tells us exactly what the incense is—it is "...the prayers of the saints" (Rev. 5:8).

What does that have to do with you individually? Imagine those elders about to praise the Lord, and there is no incense because you are not praying! Our lack of praying to heaven robs it of the praise that is around the throne.

God sits in heaven longing for you to call out to Him. He sits there awaiting your incense to fill heaven with its aroma, but there is none! Is there anything more tragic?



By David Sproule

Your "First" Priority on Election Day

Election times are always interesting events to observe, for one can see a side of the candidates and the citizens that is often not seen. (This is true for all elections at all levels—federal, state, local, municipal, etc.). Interestingly, there is also an unusual side of Christians that is seen during election times.

Does the Bible have anything to say about Christians and elections? Or should one's politics be kept completely separate from his religion? And vice versa? It is beyond amazing that any Christian would think that there is ANY part of his life that should be kept separate from his faith.

As election seasons roll around and as you consider how you vote (in national, state and local races and referenda), may I suggest to you that God has given us a filter through which to pass every decision we make. The filter that God has provided helps me to see that there are matters much larger than my personal preferences, my personal rights or my personal freedoms. How often do we vote for someone because of what they can do "FOR ME" or because of what they have promised "TO ME"? God's filter supersedes how something might benefit me personally! What are the most important issues this election season? It's not the economy, foreign policy, healthcare or education!

God has given us a filter through which to pass every decision we make

May I suggest to you that the filter which God has given to us through which to pass our every decision is a filter that forces us to place our focus on something much more important, valuable and eternally significant than our personal preferences or rights. Please examine this filter with me and see if it relates to your choices during any election season. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). This is the "first" filter through which every decision we make (including in the voting booth) must be passed.

No election and no candidate will ever be perfect. Unless Jesus is on the ballot or I am on the ballot, I will never fully agree with any of my options. But, here's the question: How can I use my vote for the good of the church/kingdom and God's righteousness? How can I use my vote to protect the church and to ensure the gospel has free course?

The church and righteousness are being attacked by all parts of our nation and in every "house" in Washington (the White House, Capitol House and Court House), and it is only going to get worse. How can I use my vote—not to make a political statement—but to guard the most precious institution of all?

When you, as a Christian, cast your ballot, remember that your "first" focus is not on you or on your rights. You are voting for the Lord's church and what is right for her! Make this count (realistically)...for Him and His cause on this earth!



By Josh Blackmer

Is Your Kid Kind?

It was the habit of President Abraham Lincoln to cheer wounded soldiers in the hospitals by visiting them. The story goes that while visiting one young union soldier who was very near death, he asked, "Is there anything I can do for you?" The boy replied, "Can you write a letter for me?"—not knowing he was speaking to the President of the United States. The Commander and Chief wrote as the soldier spoke. As the boy finished, he signed, "Written for your son by Abraham Lincoln." The soldier read it in surprise. Mr. Lincoln asked, "Now, is there anything else I can do?" "Could you hold my hand? I think it would help me pass," was his reply. Abraham Lincoln held his hand until he passed a short time later.

Kindness is an indelible trait. According to a recent study by the Making Caring Common Project, kindness may not be a trait that our children are growing up with. Eighty percent of the children in the study said that their parents were more concerned about their academic achievements and happiness than how they treat others in their community. The researchers, led by Harvard psychologist Richard Weissbourd, stated, "Children are not born simply good or bad, and we should never give up on them. They need adults who will help them become caring, respectful, and responsible for their communities at every stage of their childhood" (Amy Joyce, *Are*

You Raising Nice Kids?).

This study provided five suggestions to raising kinder children. 1. Make caring for others a priority, and balance it with other healthy needs. 2. Provide opportunities for them to practice being kind. 3. Extend your child's circle of concern beyond your immediate family. 4. Be a strong model and mentor by modeling ethical values. 5. Guide children in managing destructive feelings like anger, envy and jealousy.

Kindness comes from a heart that has learned to have compassion for others.

While these are good practical suggestions, listen to what the Bible says about kindness. "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32). "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men" (Luke 6:35). "So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Col. 3:12). "The merciful man does himself good, But the cruel man does himself harm" (Prov. 11:17).

Kindness comes from a heart that has learned to have compassion for others. President Lincoln demonstrated this in his famous Lincoln Letters. His stark contrast to our current options only highlight the extreme need of kindness.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Wives, it still says "respect"

These are challenging times for marriages. What is depicted in Hollywood, the media and many relationships today is far from what God designed husbands and wives to be.

So, is this justification for a husband to not fulfill his God-given roles if "nobody else is," or for a wife to not fulfill her God-given roles if "nobody else is"? No, not at all! In fact, it is needed now more than ever! Husbands are instructed to love their wives, "just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her" (Eph. 5:25). No husband has the right to say, "Well, my wife is not worthy! The way she treats me—she doesn't deserve my unconditional, sacrificial love!"

The same can be said for today's wives, who are instructed to "submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord" and to "respect her husband" (5:22, 33). No wife has the right to say, "Well, my husband is not worthy! The way he treats me—he doesn't deserve my respect!" Every husband and every wife falls short, but heeding God's design can improve any marriage! – DS



Would they know who to call?

"In case of emergency, please provide contact information." That statement is found on many forms that you'll fill out in your lifetime: forms for your child to attend a camp, forms at your child's school, forms at your doctor's office, forms before a medical procedure, etc. They need to know who to contact, in case something happens.

The following message was left on a church answering machine: "I'm calling about Tommy. I think he's a member there. I just got word that he is in the hospital. Just thought I would let you all know." The caller did not know anyone at the church; the church did not know the caller. BUT, the caller knew (1) where Tommy went to church, (2) that the church was a big deal to Tommy, (3) that Tommy must be a big deal to the church, (4) the church was the place to call.

This made me wonder about the rest of us. "In case of emergency," would anyone in our lives think to contact the church? Is the church that important to us? Do people know it? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Sharon Feeney	dealing with severe back issues
Shirley Hopkins	recovering from elbow surgery
Deidra Miley	awaiting kidney surgery
Charles Norton	recovering at home from hospitalization
Janice Osborne	undergoing more tests
Tommy Pauldo	ICU at St. Mary's (no visitors), suffered a massive stroke
Jo Ann Rogers	JFK Hospital (room 3116), congestive heart failure
Jermaine Smith	recovering from neck surgery, in a lot of pain
Jené Williams	multiple health issues and undergoing tests

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Prescolita Clough	Marcia Clough-Moss' mother, suffering with dementia
Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, numerous health issues
Ennis Mitchell	Kay Richardson's brother, stage 4 cancer
Gail Livergood	Steven Livergood's mother, recovering from cancer surg.
Eula Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's mother, hospitalized, tracheotomy
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, recovering from cancer surgery

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

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

Monday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 25

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Quigley.

Saturday, October 29

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Suncoast** at 11:00 a.m. Clarissa Jones from the Pembroke Park congregation will be speaking on "Serve One Another with Love".

Sunday, October 30

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning worship** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Baby Shower for Brent & Andrea Leslie** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Baby Blake is now 3 months old. They are registered at Target.

Sunday, October 30 (cont.)

- ♦ **Fifth Sunday Singing** in the Lobby during evening assembly.

Wednesday, November 2

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.** Lectureship begins Thursday. We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

Thursday-Sunday, November 3-6

- ♦ **21st Annual South Florida Lectureship. "Wait on the Lord."** See the Welcome Desk for a full schedule.

Thursday, Nov. 3	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 4	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 5	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, Nov. 6	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:25 a.m. Bible Class

Sunday, November 6

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- ♦ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday, October 28

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, October 29

- ♦ **Young Adult Costume Party with the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crotts. See Cam or Hollie about helping with food and games.

Sunday, October 30

- ♦ **Young Adult Morning Worship at Belle Glade** followed by a fellowship meal. Shea Brown will be preaching. Please bring a dish to share. See Shea to carpool or for more details.

Tuesday, November 1

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

Monday, November 7

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. See Rachel Fuller for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, October 23

- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Friday, October 28

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, October 29

- ♦ **Jr. High, Sr. High & Young Adult Costume Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crotts. See Cam or Hollie for more details.

Sunday, November 13

- ♦ **Jr. High Thanksgiving Lunch & Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for the day and meet in the Family Room after worship. Will return around 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

November 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ☆ Meat Night for YA Men	2 ☆ No Midweek Services b Isolyn Sinclair b Trish Clark	3	4 b Chad Brown b Richard Lerro b Phil Porter	5 b Brent Leslie
21st Annual South Florida Lectureship (3rd-6th)						
6 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Ends ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Flo Aristy b Trudie Holland	7 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night a Jim & Jo Ann Rogers b Peggy DeLaney	8	9	10 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting b Shaun Tyson	11 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout	12 ☆ PBL Ladies' Friendship Tea ☆ Young Adult Devo b Dee Catanzaro
13 ☆ Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting ☆ EDP Meeting ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Lance & Brenda Collier	14 b Harrison Crotts	15 b Lovella Rogers	16	17 b Esther Saintil b Kelly Sproule	18 a Silas & Sallie Moses b Diane Leslie b Natalie Reeves b Norman Smedley	19 a Buzz & Kathy Nelson b David Thorpe
20 ☆ Baby Shower for Ivan & Amber Villard ☆ Young Adult Meeting b Freddie Gadson b Matthew Jones b Leonard Williams	21 b Karen Bibbee	22 b Elizabeth Carter b Rose Jean-Baptiste	23 ☆ Congregational Singing a Dick & Marcia Kelley	24 ☆ Thanksgiving Day	25 a Kevin & Leesa Schenk b Sue Hoelzer b Kayanna Richardson	26 b Julio Aristy, III b Orlando Lolo
27 ☆ Sr. High Devo a Brent & Andrea Leslie b Gary Friedly	28 b Mike Damron	29 ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting b Jonathan Jordan b Regina Paul	30 b Andres Fernandez			

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

Members Traveling
this week



Sunday,
October 16

Those reported out of town last Sunday were **Natasha Campbell; Kaylani Carmona; Helen Chapman; Victor & Sandy Colage; Brenda & Sarah Collier; Tonya Davis; Andres, Angelica & Cruz Fernandez; Patricia Harrington; Charles Hayes (2 wks); Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham; Mary Jackson & Jonetta Green; Dan & Judie Jenkins; Deltom Lequernaqué; Sandy Mann; Cynthia Parker; Winifred Patterson; Nick & Sabrina Pietro; Connye Plouffe; Amberdenise Puckett; Bonnie Quigley; Mary Reeves; Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona; Aaron Ross; Sue Shelt (TN); and Scott & Linda Studer (Orlando).**

Those who plan to be away this week are **Marie Yollette Achille (Haiti); Micky Affron; Helen Chapman; Glen & Josie Dawson; Beth Fry; Charles Hayes; Bill & Inell Ingram and Bill & Gai Ingram (Jacksonville, FL); Gary & Jacqui Jenkins (AL); Wallace Jones; Steven Livergood; Orlando & Lilly Lolo; Dan & Luann McLeod; Sue Shelt; and Rick Tibbetts.**

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Earlene Bassie; Wayne Boone; Randall & Cindy Deem, Lexi & Cameron; Miss Jamie Granino; Jason Perez Groner; Mr. Corey Haines; Ms. Jennifer King; Timothy Lockhart; John Loftis; Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons; Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Sink; Miss Emma Teed; Ms. Marcia Walker; Jonas Watkins; and Ms. Machel Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Katherine Brown, Patterson, NJ; Mr. & Mrs. Ken Butler, Valrico, FL; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Scott Kelley, Jacob & Colton, West Broward; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Bailey & Bryce McDaniel, Mt. Dora, FL; Ms. Carolyn Preston, Atlanta, GA; and Mrs. Cecilia Tipton, Tallahassee, FL.



Sunday (Oct. 23rd)

Millie Ames
Josephine Bass

Monday (Oct. 24th)

Lydia Quinn

Wednesday (Oct. 26th)

Kane & Fran Campbell (Ann.)
Samantha Eutsey
Ekaette Ikon

Wednesday (Oct. 26th) cont.

Sadie Tennant

Thursday (Oct. 27th)

Traci Sproule

Friday (Oct. 28th)

Dianne Frye

Saturday (Oct. 29th)

Lawrence H. Richardson

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, October 23

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Orlando Lolo
Scripture Reading L.H. Richardson
Presiding at Table Jeff Leslie
Serve at Table:

Victor Colage Jim Rogers
Gorman Ericksen Carmen Ruckman
Paul Hensel Ivan Villard
Bobby Ingraham Richard Watson

Alternates:

Kirk Crews Taylor Reeves
Closing Prayer Dan Fuller

Sunday Evening, October 23

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Morris McDaniel
Scripture Reading Shea Brown
Presiding at Table Chuck Clark
Harrison Crotts
Michael Fox
Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Tom Martens

Wednesday Evening, October 26

Lead Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation Willie Smith
Family Prayer Dan McLeod

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 16	Sep. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	233	262
Sun. A.M. Worship	331	352
Sun. P.M. Worship	148	184
Wed. Bible Study	213	214
Contribution	\$13,264	\$15,114

2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +26,972

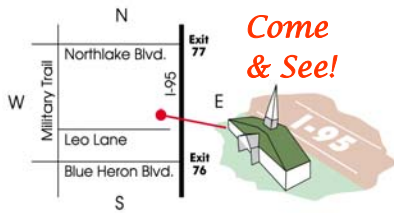
Ushers for week of **Oct. 23** Head Usher: Rick Hall; Daniel Swayne & Shaun Tyson



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, silent where the Bible is silent.



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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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First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

Speaking where the Bible speaks

Silent where the Bible is silent

Calling Bible things by Bible names

Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

- 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- 2. Repent of your sinful ways**
"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
- 3. Confess your faith in Jesus**
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
- 4. Be immersed in water**
"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
- 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).