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Lance Collier793-2718		
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Tim Fry373-9121		
Jeff Goodale 261-1188		
Rick Hall622-5131		0
Bob Higbee	f ifth Sunday Singing in the Lobby	Gunday, Oct. 30
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A Spirit of Fear, Ashamed of His Testimony



Paul's last letter was to Timothy, Paul's son in the faith and a younger preacher who had been the apostle's companion. Read the following words carefully, and discover a problem many Christians face. "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore

do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord" (2 Tim. 1:7-8). Timothy knew the truth, but circumstances in his life had caused him to withdraw because of his fear.

Think of the many examples found throughout the Bible where God's messengers boldly stood for their God and were not at all timid to openly stand for heaven's saving message. We may not know what caused Timothy's timidity, but we know so much about others who boldly spoke for the Lord.

Elijah was not afraid to stand for truth. Who has not stood in amazement at the confrontation he had with the 450 prophets of Baal? How can anyone forget his mockery of them when Baal would not send fire to consume their sacrifice? Paul's words to Timothy describe him so well-he was not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

Nathan was not afraid to stand for truth. His friend, King David, had done wrong and had successfully hidden his sins from an entire nation. The king was a lying, adulterous murderer. God's messenger, Nathan, went into the presence of the king who had already shown he would kill others just to cover his sin. What difference would it make if he murdered the only man on earth who knew all the details of his evil actions? Yet, Nathan courageously said, "Thou art the man." These four words could have cost the prophet his life, yet was not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

> John the Baptist was not afraid to stand for truth. The Jewish world knew how Herod had taken the wife of his brother, Philip, to be his own wife. John confronted the king. John told him that he had violated the law of God in his actions. The Greek indicates that this was not something he said just once, but over and over again he reminded the king of his sin. It cost John his life, but he was not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.

Are we afraid to stand for truth? Our nation has decided that it will openly redefine marriage and kill the innocent souls in the womb. Led by ungodly men in Washington, values which once were sacred, as we sought to be one nation under God, are now cast aside. It is not that His laws are just being ignored. Laws are being passed which unashamedly permit men to mock God. How do many Christians react? With a spirit of fear, they truly are ashamed of the testimony of the Lord. We ask, "How long, O Lord, how long?" Are you ashamed?



Election Depression Immunization

There is an expression which has be a new one (or maybe I just don't remember hearing it in previous years). Various news outlets are talking about people who are suffering with "election depression."

emerged this election season that seems to

By David Sproule There are numerous factors that are surely

involved in this, including how insufferably long the campaign process is and how horribly vicious the personal attacks are, but let's avoid that political skirmish for right now. What can a Christian do to inoculate against "election depression"?

First, remember that Jesus wins every time you vote for Him! There is no such thing as "wasting a vote" on Jesus! When you "elect" Jesus as your King (John 18:37), your Lord (John 20:28),

your Ruler (Matt. 2:6; Rev. 1:5), His victory is your victory! "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57). Romans 8:37 does not teach that Christians will be (one day in the future) "conquerors," but it affirms that right here and now (in the present tense), "We are more than conquerors thorough Him who loved us." If you're suffering from election depression, remember that "the Lord I know ruleth o'er everything, and all of my worry is vain!"

Second, remember that Jesus will never mislead you!

While it is hard to know sometimes if a certain person (including a political candidate) is being truthful, there is one thing we know for sure when we vote for Jesus-He is "the truth" (John 14:6). He "cannot lie" (Tit. 1:2), for it is "impossible" for Him to violate His nature (Heb. 6:18). Pick up His word. Read it. Believe every syllable of it with full confidence! If you're suffering from election depression, remember that "He rules the world with truth and grace!"

What can a Christian do to inoculate against "election depression"?

Third, remember that Jesus will not abandon you after you elect Him! How many times have politicians abandoned their campaign promises and gone about to fulfill their own agenda? Not Jesus! He not only stands by His Word (John 12:48) but He stands by you (2 Tim. 4:17)! The promise of heaven is that those who have Christ as their King can "know that all things work together for good" (Rom. 8:28).

Any why wouldn't it? If Jesus is "with us always" (cf. Matt. 28:20) and will never leave our side (cf. Heb. 13:5b), wouldn't it naturally follow that He is going to protect us and look out for us...now and eternally? Faithful Christian, you can "know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13)! (See "know" again?) If you're suffering from election depression, remember that "He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here!"

Jesus is asking for your vote! Don't be ashamed to vote for Him and to let others know He's always got your vote!

He has not given us the spirit of fear, but wants us to never be ashamed of Him

Levitical Worship Handed Down



It is clear that the Hebrew people had a different system of worship than what we are commanded to have. At the heart of that system is the Levitical priest. When Moses writes Deuteronomy, he summarizes the service of the Levites, "At that time the Lord By Josh Blackmer set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of

the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day" (10:8). In this passage there are three specific areas of their service that are highlighted: to carry the ark, to stand before Him in service and to bless His name. Each of these can play a role in causing us to examine our role in worship.

It must first be noted that the Levites had been set apart. We see this happen in Exodus 32 in

relation to the idol worship at Sinai. Moses called to him all the men who were for God and only the family of Levi came. He said to them, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Every man of you put his sword upon his thigh, and go back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor." So the sons of Levi did as Moses instructed, and about three thousand men of the people fell that day. Then Moses said, "Dedicate yourselves today to the Lord for every man has been against his son and against his brother in order that He may bestow a blessing upon you today" (Ex. 32:27-29). Tie in, "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26). It is easy to begin to see the parallel to us today. We must be set apart, even if it is from our own family.

To carry the Ark of the Covenant was to carry the central icon and the physical resting place of the presence of God

on earth. With it came the tabernacle and the furnishings of the tent. In a similar way, we are the temple of God. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?" (1 Cor. 6:19).

To stand before the Lord and serve Him is in reference to the sacrificial system. It was the Levites

that were commanded to administer these sacred offerings. We, too, have been called to a life of service. "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession..." (1 Pet. 2:9).

To bless Him carries the idea of worship. "To bless" in Hebrew means "bend the knee." It is our privilege to do the same in our worship to God and when we kneel in prayer. "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice..." (Rom. 12:1).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

A word we don't hear very often

While listening to the radio the other day, an advertisement came on that used a word that we don't hear very often down in South Florida. It just doesn't really fit in around here. Everyone understands its meaning and what's involved, but because of our environment, it is rarely heard. The word is "autumn." We just don't do autumn in South Florida! [smile]

That got me to thinking about other words that we don't hear anymore—Biblical words that everyone understands, but ones that many prefer not to hear. Words like "commandment," "submission," "obedience," "sin," "hell,"

"damnation," "judgment." These words (and others like them) have been determined in some circles as "offensive" or "harsh," and therefore are rarely heard in some places. But, is it really up to us to determine which Bible words are palatable and which are not? Is it up to us to "soften" Biblical truth, so that it might be more appealing?

We have a responsibility to speak the truth (in the words God uses) in Christian love! - DS

The balance of Jesus as "my personal Savior"

A common expression used in Christendom in recent years is to speak of Jesus as one's "personal Savior." It is usually used in the context of urging a person to "accept Jesus as your personal Savior," which is often tied to saying a prayer and asking Jesus into one's heart. However, there is no Scriptural support

for this as a means of salvation from sins.

There is certainly nothing wrong with speaking of Jesus as one's "personal Savior." His role as Savior is certainly very personal. However, for Jesus to be one's "Savior," one must obey what He commands as "Lord." Four times in his sec-

ond letter, Peter refers to Jesus as our/the "Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (1:11; 2:20; 3:2, 18). Jesus' role as Savior cannot be divorced from His role as Lord! In order to be our "Lord," we must obey His commandments (1 Thess. 4:1-3). Likewise, in order to be our "Savior," we must obey His commandments (Heb. 5:9).

Obeying His commands as Lord (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16) makes Him my Savior! - DS



Worship,

on purpose,

with a purpose

and

for a purpose.

Keep in Your Prayers

Pray for These PBL Members

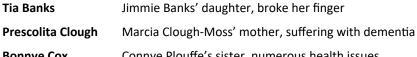
Mike Archer	recovering from procedure to alleviate hip/leg pain
Jimmy Burney	winter resident, has been sick all summer
Sharon Feeney	dealing with severe back issues
Jason Halas	dealing with severe back pain from auto accident
Shirley Hopkins	recovering from elbow surgery
Judie Jenkins	recovering from foot surgery
Deidra Miley	awaiting kidney surgery
Charles Norton	recovering at home, undergoing tests
Tommy Pauldo	ICU at St. Mary's (no visitors), suffered a massive stroke
Connye Plouffe	dealing with back problems
Jo Ann Rogers	JFK Hospital (room 3116), congestive heart failure
Jermaine Smith	recovering from neck surgery, in a lot of pain

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

Bonnye Cox	Connye Plouffe's sister, numerous health issues	
Lena Kelly	Adrienne Gadson's mother, recovering at home	Re
Ennis Mitchell	Kay Richardson's brother, stage 4 cancer	
Eula Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's mother, tracheotomy	V
Jacqueline Robinson	Marcia Walker's sister, recovering from surgery	Pa
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, recovering from cancer surgery	
Carol Wineinger	Cherylann Wineinger's mother, flu & bladder infection	Pa



Church Family Calendar of Events

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

Monday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

No Midweek Services. We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for 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	
Friday, Nov. 4	
Saturday, Nov. 5	
Sunday, Nov. 6	

7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.) 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 at Duffy's on Northlake Blvd. This is a "Happy Birthday" Celebration. RSVP to Joan Holloway.
- Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 10

• Family Group 1 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown.

Saturday, November 12

PBL Ladies' Friendship Tea at 2:00 p.m. at the Tipton's

Young Adults

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 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.

Saturday, November 12

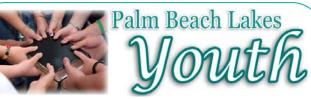
• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod.

Sunday, November 20

• Young Adult Meeting after evening worship in Adult 3.

Saturday, December 10

• Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party at 6:00 p.m.



Friday, November 11

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

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.

Sunday, November 27

• Sr. High Devo after evening worship.

Saturday, December 3

 Young Families' Holiday Party at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crotts. Bring a gender neutral gift and a donation to help with food and craft costs. All families with children in 5th grade and under are invited. See Hollie Crotts for more details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - November, 2016

		November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27	
Morning \	Norship Serv	rice				
Song Lead		Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	
Opening F	Prayer	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Ken Tipton	Richard Lerro	Novel Brown	
Scripture I	Reading	Tim Cox	Joe Maloney	Jim Davis	Bob Higbee	
Presiding	at Table	Dan Fuller	Taylor Reeves	Chris Thompson	Bill Ingram, Jr.	
Serving at	Table:	David Brown	Henry Bass	Josiah Blackmer	Jordan Beasley	
		Mike Damron	Doug Carrick	Cam Crotts	Chuck Clark	
		Eddie Gooden	Marvin Dozier	Andres Fernandez	Freddie Gadson	
		Dick Kelley	Errol Gower-Winter	Ed Gager	Wallace Jones	
		Ken Long	Gary Jenkins	Bobby Ingraham	Tim Mahlbacher	
		Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Jim Rogers	Scott Lewis	Scott Studer	
		Mike Trujillo	Darin Summerlot	Lynn Parker	Micah Trujillo	
		Nahum Villard	Simon Tyson	Lawrence Williams	Shaun Tyson	
Closing Pr	rayer	Kirk Crews	Henry Williams	Jerry Pittman	Jeff Goodale	
F orming M	Vanahin Carry					
	Vorship Serv	1	Jerry Pittman	Ken Tipton	Dan McLeod	
Song Lead		Stephen Beliech Victor Colage	Harrison Carter	Clayton Trujillo	Daniel Swayne	
Opening F	-	Gary Seames	Rick Hall	Nate Nelson	Glen Dawson	
Scripture I Presiding	0	Kevin Weeks	Jeff Leslie	Stephen Beliech	L.H. Richardson	
Serving at		Gorman Ericksen	Kane Campbell	Shea Brown	Bobbo Lupo	
Serving at	Table.	Jeremy Maloney	Harrison Crotts	Nick Pietro	Dirk Summerlot	
		Rick Price	Marty Williams	Leonard Williams	Austin Williams	
Closing Pr	2007	Phil Porter	David Holaday	Jon Jordan, Jr.	Charles Hayes	
	ayer		David Holaday	Joh Johdan, Ji.	Chanes Hayes	
Alternates	s:	-				
		Johnny Davis	Mike Erickson	Namdidie Ikon	Jimmy Banks	
		Orlando Lolo	Eugene Williams	Dan McLeod	Deltom Lequernaque	
Technical	Assignment	9				
Morning:	Computer	Shea Brown	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	
normig.	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	
Lverning.	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Kirk Crews	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	
Ushers - I	Morning & Ev	vening Services (Sun				
		Nov. 6 & 9	Nov. 13 & 16	Nov. 20 & 23	Nov. 27 & 30	
Head Ush	er	Richard Watson —			► >	•
		Lance Collier	David Lord	Carmen Ruckmen	Brent Leslie	
		Jacade Reynolds	Morris McDaniel	Brad Shelt	Justin Maloney	

• Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.

• Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.

• Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.

- Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.
- Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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



Ben & Joycelyn Harriott moved to Ft. Lauderdale.Rick & Melinda Price no longer have a home phone.



There will be a **PBL Ladies' Friendship Tea** on Saturday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Connie Tipton. Bring a teacup and saucer to exchange. To RSVP or for more details, see Connie Tipton.



Sunday, October 23

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Elaine Beato; Mr. Jean Charles; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber; Mr. Corey Haines; Justin & Allison Kelly; Gary Lober; John Loftis; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mann; John, Corinn, Linley & Ellie Miller; Miss Margurite Sanders; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons; and Miss Emma Teed.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Judy Chancey, Belle Glade, FL; Ms. Dorcas Francois, Corpus Christi, TX; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Ms. Tiara Jackson, Delray Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Mills & family, Ft. Pierce, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Ms. Tatiana Pierre-Pierre, Miami Gardens, FL; Mrs. Maxine Sockwell, Leighton, AL; and Mr. & Mrs. John & Darlene Wheeler, Rockport, TX.



Sunday (Oct. 30th) Marie Yolette Achille Kailee Stone

Monday (Oct. 31st) Les McQuinn

<u>Wednesday (Nov. 2nd)</u> Isolyn Sinclair Trish Clark



Saturday (Nov. 5th) Brent Leslie

Saturday Night, November 5

A little lectureship bonus!

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:45 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:45 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, October 30

Lead Singing	Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer	Mike Ellis
Scripture Reading	Richard Lerro
Presiding at Table	Freddie Gadson
Serve at Table:	
Josue Charles	Lynn Parker
Glen Dawson	Jerry Pittman
Edward Gager	Chris Thompson
Brent Leslie	Austin Williams
Alternates:	
Tim Cox	Scott Studer
Closing Prayer	Mike Archer

Sunday Evening, October 30

Lead Singing	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reading	Brad Shelt
Presiding at Table	Novel Brown
Lance Collier	
Jonathan Jordan	
Bobbo Lupo	
Closing Prayer	Jerry Hopkins
Thursday Evening, Nove	ember 3
Lead Singing	Gary Friedly
Invitation	Dan Jenkins
Family Prayer	David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Oct. 23</u>	<u>Sep. Avg.</u>	
Sun. Bible Study	270	262	
Sun. A.M. Worship	349	352	
Sun. P.M. Worship	174	184	
Wed. Bible Study	186	214	
Contribution \$	14,201	\$15,114	
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660			
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +26,453			

Ushers for week of Oct. 30: Head Usher: Rick Hall; Eddie Gooden & Brett Lau



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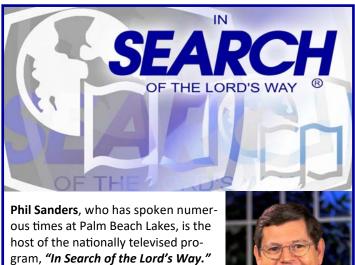
Service Schedule

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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"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).



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

Locally, those channels are: AT&T U-Verse (channel 180) Comcast (channel 7) DIRECTV (channel 307) DISH (channel 239)





Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.