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Welcome New Members



Graff, Carole

Group 4

Identified February 5



Hamilton, Jeannie

Group 4

Identified February 5

The EMBRACE
of God's GRACE

GOSPEL MEETING
WITH DAN WINKLER

March 5-8



By Dan Jenkins

Make Melody Where?

Some have asked that if we are to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs then why would it not be right to sing with instruments of music since the Jews used them in their worship to God. It is obvious that the psalms (particularly Psalm 150) commanded the use of eight instruments—trumpet, lute, harp, timbrel, stringed instruments, flute, loud cymbals and clanging cymbals—so why would the way they worshiped be wrong for us to worship?

This question seems so valid but, while it might at first seem right, a closer examination shows that it is flawed reasoning. If it is true that because the psalms validate instrumental music, look at what else they validate. The psalms also speak of incense (Psa. 66:65; 141:2), but would this make them proper for worship in the Christian age? The psalms sanction burnt offerings (50:8; 51:19; 66:13) and the offering rams, bulls and goats (Psa. 66:15), but who would reason that because they are approved in the psalms they can be part of Christian worship? The psalms also talk about the Sabbath (heading of Psa. 92) and the rest God provides, but who would say that simply because they are mentioned in psalms they can become part of our worship. *Yet, all of these stand or fall together.* If the mention of instruments authorizes them, then it would also authorize the other aspects of Judaism.

Judaism often focused on the external aspects of worship, but Christianity...

A study of the music mentioned in the psalms and the music mentioned in the New Testament shows a remarkable contrast. The Jews were told to sing and to make music using instruments and also which instruments they were to use. Look at these words from the psalmist. "Praise the Lord with the harp; make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings" (Psalm 33:2). "Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm" (Psa. 98:5). The singing and melody of the Old Testament came from the harp.

Now look at the instructions about singing and the instruments involved in Christian worship. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). The Old Testament instruction was to "make melody with an instrument of ten strings" but the New Testament instruction is to "make melody in your heart."

Judaism often focused on the *external* aspects of worship and service. Christianity has its focus on the *internal* aspect of our worship. Let us worship Him in spirit and truth in the way He has given for all men in the New Testament, not in the way given to the Jews in an Old Covenant. Think about it.



By David Sproule

Don't Be Deceived By an Ox and a Donkey

In reading through the Old Testament, a Bible reader will find that God had some very specific laws to which He expected His people to adhere. At first reading, some may appear to be superfluous or extreme or just plain unnecessary. It is possible that some Jews may have thought, "That's no big deal. I can handle that. This doesn't apply to me."

In Deuteronomy 22:9-11, God gave some laws that dealt with some specific matters of separation. "You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed." There was to be separation! Can you imagine a well-meaning Jew saying, "Well, the average cultivator couldn't handle two different seeds planted next to each other, but that's no problem for me. I can handle it. This doesn't apply to me"?

"You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together." There was to be a separation! Can you imagine a well-meaning Jew saying, "Well, the average farmer couldn't handle two different beasts in the same yoke, but that's no problem for me. I can handle it. This doesn't apply to me"?

God drew lines of separation, forbidding the mixing of various kinds together. Even if these things could go together, the overriding responsibility was to obey God. Consider some New Testament applications for us, where God has drawn

some lines of separation that He expects to be maintained.

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14). "Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Pet. 2:11). "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (Eph. 5:11). "Make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts" (Rom. 13:14). "Friendship with the world is enmity with God" (Jas. 4:4). "Evil company corrupts good habits" (1 Cor. 15:33). "Do not love the world or the things in the world" (1 John 2:15).

Can you imagine a well-meaning Christian saying, "Well, the average Christian probably couldn't handle yokes, fellowship and friendships with the world, but seriously, that's no problem for me! I can handle it just fine! I know my own strengths and weaknesses! I know where my line is! This doesn't apply to me"?

It is no wonder that we find the same direct exhortation in several passages where God is calling for our separation from the ways of the world—"Do not be deceived!" (1 Cor. 6:9; 15:33; Gal. 6:7; Jas. 1:16). God drew lines of separation, forbidding us to cross them, and then pleading with us not to be deceived into thinking, "It's no big deal. I can handle it."

God has called upon us to "come out from among them and be separate" (2 Cor. 6:17). Our overriding responsibility is to obey God and respect His lines of separation!

We find the same direct exhortation, "Do not be deceived!"



By Josh Blackmer

Resist!

“He didn’t fall! Inconceivable!” says the Sicilian. The Spaniard turns to the Sicilian and says, “You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means.” That can happen. Like, we use a word literally all the time that we totally don’t know the meaning of or how it should be used in context. Recently, resist has been thrown around a lot and the word of choice amongst activists. As I thought about that word and the concept, I thought, “What would resist be like in the church during the first century?”

The early church had a lot of opposition—persecution from the Jewish community (Acts 7:57-58; 8:1; 12:1-3), oppression from the Romans (Acts 19:23-41) and seizure of property (Heb. 10:34). Not to mention the general pagan climate of the Roman world was a constant barrage against the moral sensibilities of the church. Slavery was a big part of Roman life. By the end of the first century, 35 to 40 percent of Italy’s population were slaves. The church did not teach against slavery, but it sowed the seeds of its demise (Matt. 7:12; Eph. 6:5-9; 1 Tim. 6:1-2).

So, how did the church resist? It must be remembered what Jesus said to Pilot, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting...” (John 18:36).

The question is not if you should resist but rather what you should resist.

Here is what the Bible teaches about resistance: “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm” (Eph. 6:10-13). “Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (Jas. 4:7). “Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you” (1 Pet. 5:8-10).

The question is not you should resist but rather what you should resist. Those who have gone on before us are shouting, “Stand up, stand firm, resist!” (Heb. 12:1-2). Here are a few thoughts. Are we fighting wickedness or flirting with it? Are we resisting Satan or marching with him?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“Do unto others”

While most Christians know “The Golden Rule,” there are many of us who have a hard time living it consistently. Meditate on this paraphrase (“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”), and ask yourself, “Is this my standard operating procedure?”

What if God had said, “**Think** about others as you would have them think about you”? Do I want others to be mindful of me, to think positively about me, to want what is best for me? Do I, in return, think that way of others? My golden-rule actions toward others will first begin with having the proper golden-rule thoughts toward others (Luke 6:45). Love “thinks no evil” (1 Cor. 13:5).

What if God had said, “**Speak** about others as you would have them speak about you?” Do I want others to speak kindly OF me and to speak kindly TO me? Do I, in return, speak kindly OF them and TO them? How well am I practicing my golden-rule words (Eph. 4:25, 29-32)?

Do my thoughts, words and actions toward others emulate Jesus? – DS



Loneliness is not the same as alone!

American screenwriter, director and film producer, Joss Whedon (known for “Avengers” and “Buffy, the Vampire Slayer”), once said, “Loneliness is about the scariest thing out there.” For too many people, they would agree with that conclusion. But, let’s make a distinction.

Do you think there were any Bible characters who experienced loneliness? Joseph? David? Jeremiah? Paul? Most certainly there were times when many of the faithful of old felt lonely, however, it can be undeniably stated that the Lord’s faithful were never alone!

David knew, “You are with me” (Psa. 23:4). Paul was confident, “No one stood with me...But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me” (2 Tim. 4:16-17). We can take confidence in our Lord’s promises: “Fear not, for I am with you” (Isa. 41:10). “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5). Christians have Jesus’ promise, “I am with you always” (Matt. 28:20). Whenever you feel lonely, remember that you are never, ever alone! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmy Burney	recovering at home and doing better
Claire Crews	St. Mary's Children's Hospital, diagnosed with diabetes
Carolyn Cullom	recovering from a fall, very bruised and sore
Maggie Dozier	undergoing physical therapy for severe back pain
Jennifer Goodale	good MRI results, back surgery was cancelled
Carol Hardman	recovering from neck surgery (No Visitors)
Dan McLeod	radiation treatments for prostate cancer
Ruth Milton	now at home, improving but still very weak
Silas Moses	has not been doing well
Connie Plouffe	having injections to alleviate back pain next week
Andrea Spradlin	recovering from dental surgery in Paraguay

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
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	Shelton Howell
Sandra Daniels	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Annie Faison	Deidra Miley
Helen Gardner	Tommy Pauldo
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Janet Hickerson	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Angela Blackmer	Josh Blackmer's mother, continued health issues
Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease
Jack Jimmerson	Louise Phillips' grandson, Ft. Pierce ICU, broken vertebrae
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, remains in the hospital
Katherine Meess	Micky Affron's stepmother, brain tumor & spots on lungs
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, mass between kidney & bladder
Pat Pittman	Jerry Pittman's brother, hospitalized with dementia
Eula Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's mother, trach. issues & very weak
Edward Sims, Sr.	Jimmie Banks' stepfather, upcoming knee replacement

Remember
Our Mission Works

Paraguay
Troy & Andrea Spradlin

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

Africa
Tamuka Arun Ashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 19

- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 20

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

Tuesday, February 21

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

Friday-Sunday, February 24-26

- ◆ **Parenting Seminar hosted by West Broward with Dr. Sam Heastie.** Begins Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, February 25

- ◆ **PBL Ladies’ Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, February 26

- ◆ **Deadline for Pantry Items Needed.** Please help restock the food pantry by bringing the food items below. Leave items beside the Pantry door.
 - Family Group 1 - Chef Boyardee Meals
 - Family Group 2 - Canned Fruits
 - Family Group 3 - Canned Soups
 - Family Group 4 - Canned Meats/Tuna

Sunday-Wednesday, February 26-March 1

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Okeechobee** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Jerry Martin will be speaking on *“Mentoring & Motivating the Next Generation.”* See the bulletin board for more details.

Wednesday, March 1

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Friday-Saturday, March 3-4

- ◆ **Men’s Retreat at CFBC.** This year’s theme is *“Teammates.”* Cost is \$40 per person. Register online.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, March 4

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

Friday, March 10

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies’ Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Monday, March 13

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies’ Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. See Rachel Fuller for details.

Saturday, April 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

Monday, April 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies’ Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD. See Rachel Fuller for details.

Friday, April 14

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies’ Hangout** at 7:30 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, February 19

- ◆ **Sr. High Bowling** after evening worship at Jupiter Lanes. Cost is \$10 per person (includes bowling, shoes, pizza and a drink). Parents will need to pick up their teen. RSVP by Feb. 15 to Josh Blackmer or Cam Crotts.

Friday-Sunday, February 24-26

- ◆ **Y.E.S. Weekend** for Grades 8-12 at the Forrest Park congregation in Valdosta, GA. Cost is \$50 per person. Meet at the church building at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 26

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

Friday, March 10

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies’ Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, March 11

- ◆ **Jr. High Bike Riding** at 10:00 a.m.

March 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Prayer Meeting b Willie Smith	2	3 b Angela Walker	4 ☆ PBL Work Day ☆ Young Adult Devo b Glen Dawson
					Men's Retreat at CFBC (3rd-5th)	
5 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b John Hoelzer	6 b Susie Cox b Linda Studer	7 b Justin Maloney b Bob Swayne	8 b Henry Bass b Bereather Williams	9 b Bonnie Quigley	10 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout	11 ☆ Jr. High Bike Riding a Godfrey & Norma Pratt
Gospel Meeting at PBL with Dan Winkler (5th-8th)					Scrap the Weekend at CFBC (10th-12th)	
12 ☆ Daylight Savings Time Begins ☆ Troy Spradlin Mission Report ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Jim & Robin Davis b Marvin Dozier	13 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night a Bob & Jennifer Higbee b Leesa Schenk	14 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting b Mike Erickson	15 a Henry & Josephine Bass	16 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting b Tim Cox b Lynne Jorgensen b Cassie Lavender b Sue Shelt	17	18 b Jackie Price
19 ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated	20 b Silas Moses	21 ☆ Sr. High & YA Guys' Devo b Yolanda Stewart	22 a Christopher & Yolanda Stewart	23 b Betty Sanders	24	25
26 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo a Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham b Matthew King b Carmen Ruckman	27 b Danielle Carter b Jerry Hopkins b Jerry Pittman	28	29 b Cruz Fernandez	30	31 ☆ Sr. High Spring Formal b Bryce McDaniel	

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



Sunday
February 12

LOCL VISITORS: Gail Archer; Ms. Lori Armstrong; Larry & Judy Beard; Mr. Jean Charles; Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Susan Crosswhite; Tom Garrison; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Jennifer King; Mrs. Sharon Mann; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker; Karen Rattigan; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Steve & Cindy Shafor; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Smith; and Mrs. Machel Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Diane Dixon, Weeki Wachee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kos, Pittsburgh, PA; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Miss Ashaki Ure, Mastic, NY.



Food Pantry Restock

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Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (Feb. 20th)
Robyn Landen

Thursday (Feb. 23rd)
Ricky Smedley

Tuesday (Feb. 21st)
Lillian Bankston

Saturday (Feb. 25th)
Kaitlyn Donahue
Lisa Eutsey

Wednesday (Feb. 22nd)
Lester Galloway



Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ,

Thank you for all the prayers and cards. It is so good to be part of your church family.

Love,
Bette Sproule

A big “Thank You” to the Youth Group and to all who worked to put on the Sweetheart Banquet for all of us. Good food and fun entertainment. The servers did such a good job. We love you all.

All the 55+ members

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, February 19

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Nate Nelson
Scripture Reading..... Lynn Parker
Presiding at Table Morris McDaniel
Serve at Table:
Henry Bass Kenneth Long
Kane Campbell Vincent Rogers
Mike Damron Simon Tyson
Delton Lequernaqué Nahum Villard
Alternates
Kirk Crews Tim Fry
Closing PrayerGlen Dawson

Sunday Evening, February 19

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Chris Thompson
Scripture Reading..... Novel Brown
Presiding at Table..... Darin Summerlot
Lance Collier
Clayton Trujillo
Austin Williams
Closing Prayer Tom Martens
Wednesday Evening, February 22
Lead Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation..... Jeff Leslie
Family Prayer L.H. Richardson

Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 12	Jan. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	248	273
Sun. A.M. Worship	367	369
Sun. P.M. Worship	181	182
Wed. Bible Study	202	201
Contribution	\$17,519	\$14,733

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +155

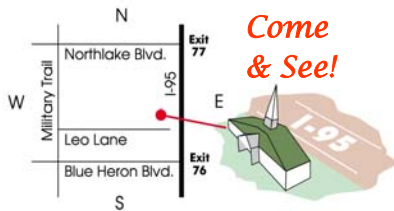
Ushers for the week of **Feb. 19:** Head Usher L.H. Richardson; Cam Crotts & David Thorpe



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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.

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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).



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.”*



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