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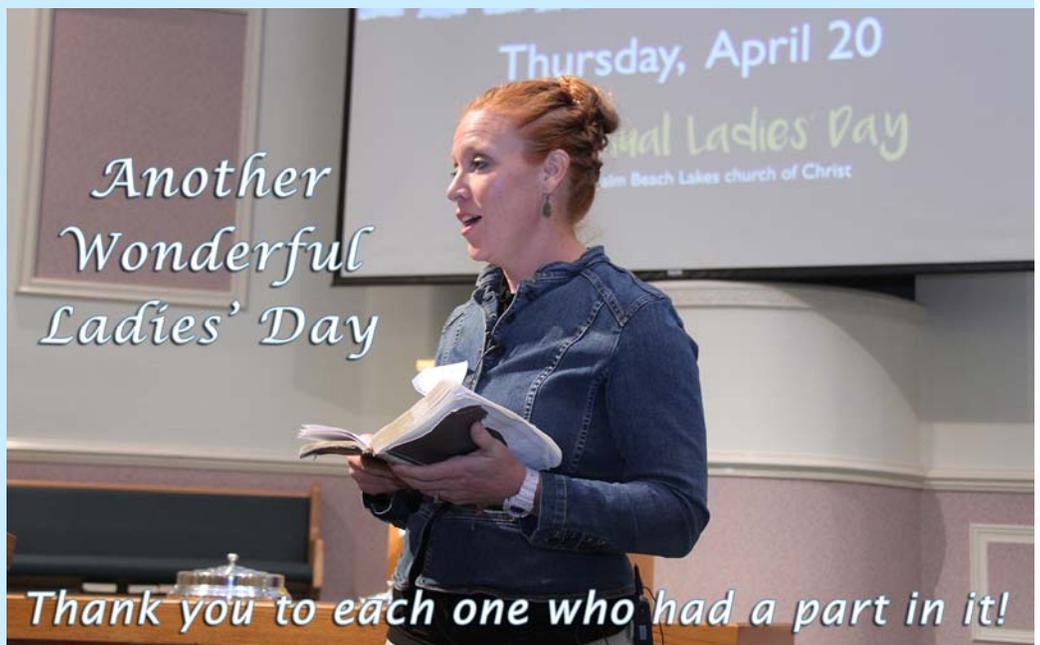
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Thank you to each one who had a part in it!





By Dan Jenkins

Have You Overlooked Something?

God's people had just returned from Babylonian captivity. They had no temple, no priesthood, no altar, and the city of Jerusalem was in ruins. This was far different from the glorious days of the past, and it would have been so easy to be discouraged. The holy city once had a population of hundreds of thousands, but the number of those who returned from captivity was about 50,000. Jehovah knew their thoughts and said to them, "For who has despised the day of small things" (Zech. 4:10)? The intent of His words was to remind Israel that while men might despise small things, our God is the one who has always used "small things" to accomplish His purposes.

The Lord used Gideon's small army to destroy the Midianites. The massive army of the Midianites had come against Israel with an army of at least 135,000. Gideon, having faithfully followed God's instructions about reducing the size of his army, came with his army of 300 soldiers. It would have been so easy to "despise small things" which Gideon used. He was outnumbered four hundred and fifty to one. We must learn to not despise small things when God is involved in using them. Had Gideon's army equaled the size of the enemy's army and won the battle, men could have given glory to Gideon. Read the story in Judges 7, and when you get to the end, all the glory belongs to God!

The Lord used the widow's small bottle of oil to feed her son and Elijah for months and months. The prayer of Elijah had shut the windows of heaven and brought devastation on all the people of the land. At God's instruction, the prophet left Israel and went toward Syria where he met the widow who lived in Zarephath (1 Kings 17). She and her son were dying of starvation, but she took the last oil from her jar and made a cake for Elijah. Miraculously, the oil in the jar kept replacing itself, and the container of flour did not run out until Elijah prayed again. One might despise the small container of oil as insignificant, but God used the small jar to accomplish His work.

The Lord can use the small things you have to accomplish His purposes. You may think you have little which God can use, but you are so wrong. The widow's two mites have taught millions about giving. The rod in Moses' hand parted the Red Sea and brought a river of water flowing from the rocks.

Is it possible we have overlooked "small things" we have? We have added souls to the kingdom from those small business cards and booklets available in the foyer. The friendly warmth at Palm Beach Lakes comes from joyful greetings of many members. The *House to House* labels and the magnetic bumper stickers have lead the lost to Jesus. Think about it. Are you letting God use your "small things" for His purposes?

God is the one who has always used "small things" to do His work



By David Sproule

"Does Your Church?" (Part 5)—The Worship of the Church

Worship is an interesting subject to discuss, as there seem to be so many varied ideas about what is or is not acceptable in worship. Some folks take a very open approach and suggest that "how" one worships really is not all that important, "as long as one is worshipping God." What do you think about that position? Do you honestly believe that it does not matter to God how He is worshiped? Rather than base our conclusions on our own speculation or personal judgments, let's allow the Bible to teach us.

Consider what we read about certain Bible characters worshipping God and what we can learn. We read about worship very early in the Bible (in Genesis 4). Ask Cain and Abel if it really matters how we worship? Scripture states, "And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering" (Gen. 4:3-5). In that situation, who would you rather be? Cain or Abel? Why? If it doesn't matter how we worship, then why would this statement even be found in the Bible?

What if we were to ask Nadab and Abihu if it matters how we worship (Lev. 10:1-3)? What about King Saul (1 Sam. 13:8-14)? What about King Uzziah (2 Chron. 26:16-21)? What about the Pharisees (Matt. 15:7-9)? Reading each of these accounts individually is instructive. Reading all of them together

shouts with one voice, "It matters how we worship!"

More than these examples of worship, Christians have the teaching of Jesus in the New Testament to direct us. Jesus taught, "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24). First of all, consider that God is seeking "the true worshipers." That obviously implies that one can be a false worshiper. It also should drive every believer to do whatever is necessary for God to FIND him when He seeks for His true worshipers. Are you one?

There is a standard set out for true worship—it is done "in spirit and in truth." God's Word is "truth" (John 17:17). Therefore, New Testament Christians have no further to look for clear direction in becoming "true worshipers" than to the New Testament itself. Read through your New Testament. That early church partook of the Lord's Supper every Sunday (1 Cor. 11:23-26; 16:1-2; Acts 20:7), sang hymns of praise as a congregation (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16), prayed to the Lord (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:14-16), gave of their means (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:6-8), and enjoyed the preaching of the gospel (Acts 20:7; 2 Tim. 4:2).

The church of Christ seeks to follow this authorized pattern for worship in the New Testament. Does your church?

Do you honestly believe that it does not matter to God how He is worshiped?



By Josh Blackmer

Are You Passing it On?

It seems it is difficult to be a father and not use stories or examples to pass on moral codes and life lessons. There are those stories that are intended to teach children to appreciate what they have. They typically start out, “When I was your age...” There are those stories that are conveniently remembered in the moment to enforce a truth or life lesson. They start out like, “You know, that reminds me of...” A similar style is used by Paul with Timothy.

We have two letters that were written to Timothy from Paul. They were written toward the end of Paul’s life and could have been the last letters he wrote. In them, he encourages Timothy to keep on with the charge that was given him—to strengthen the churches and not neglect the gift that was given to him (2 Tim. 1:6). There is an overall theme with these two books that speaks to the encouragement of Paul to Timothy. “You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the

“Entrust[ing] to faithful men” should include your children.

crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything” (2 Tim. 2:1-7).

Paul breaks down the work that Timothy was to do with some analogy. He addresses Timothy with love, “my child.” He reminds him of the strength that can be found in the grace of Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 12:9; Phil. 4:13; Heb. 4:16). These same concepts and teachings that he has heard from Paul and heard him publicly proclaim, he is to pass them onto other men who would teach them also. Much of Timothy’s work was a work of replication and repetition. Finally, we are given the three analogies of service. As a soldier, one is to serve with dedication, steadfastness and resolution—not being distracted by the things that would cause one to deviate from the course laid out by the Commander or “the one who enlisted him.” The athlete was to compete according to the rules. In much the same way, we are to live according to the form and pattern that is laid out before us (Rom. 6:17; Phil. 3:17). Finally, the “hard-working farmer” is able to receive fruit from the service that he renders. Paul was possibly eluding to the right that one has to receive material recompensation for the service rendered (1 Cor. 9:3-12; Phil. 4:15).

So Paul, like a father, teaches using these analogies to pass on to Timothy what he should know in his service to God. We also should make every effort to do the same.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“...But I can carry you!”

Near the end of “The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King,” when Frodo Baggins had nearly completed his task of carrying the One Ring into Mordor, he collapsed from sheer exhaustion. He could not go on. His friend, Samwise “Sam” Gamgee, tried to urge him to finish the journey, but Frodo seemed to have lost the strength to reach the end. Finally, his beloved friend, Sam, resolved, “Come on, Mr. Frodo. I can’t carry it for you...but I can carry you!”

Do you have a friend like that? As brothers and sisters in Christ, that is illustrative of the love that we are to have for one another, as we “consider one another” (Heb. 10:24), “serve one another” (Gal. 5:13), “comfort one another” (1 Thess. 4:18), “edify one another” (Rom. 14:19) and “bear one another’s burdens” (Gal. 6:2). How many of our brethren feel like they have lost the strength to go on? Will we be there for them to say, “Come on. I can’t carry it for you...but I can carry you!”? We need friends like that in the church! Conversely, we need to be that friend! Let us all resolve to be like our friend, Jesus, who carries us every day! – DS



“You have not because you ask not!”

You’ve heard of “unanswered prayers,” right? The idea is: (1) “I asked God for this.” (2) “I didn’t get it.” (3) “It’s an unanswered prayer.” Of course, such an approach severely limits God to only see, desire and give us what we want. An answer of “Yes,” then, is the only acceptable response for some, but we must realize that God sometimes answers “No,” or “Not right now,” or “Let me give you something better.” Really, there are no prayers that go unanswered.

While there is no such thing as an “unanswered prayer,” there is such a thing as an “unasked prayer.” James wrote, “You do not have because you do not ask” (Jas. 4:2). Think about that. It begs the question, “Why haven’t you asked?” Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given to you” (Matt. 7:7). John declared, “This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him” (1 John 5:14-15). Have you asked? In the right way? With the right motives? If not, don’t be surprised that you do not have! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Casey Crews	recovering from a broken hand
Maria Hackshaw	recovering at home from hospitalization
Dan Johnson	Gardens Court, recovering from knee replacement
Orlando Lolo	recovering from a second seizure
Harriet Morris	now at Victoria Gardens Nursing Home in Riviera Beach
Charles Norton	recovering at home from pneumonia
Janice Osborne	undergoing more medical testing
Joyce Parker	continues to slowly improve
Chuck Reeves, Jr.	good results from medical tests
Mary Reeves	fell and severely injured her back, in a lot of pain
Teresa Wiliams	dealing with bronchitis

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
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	Ruth Milton
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Janet Hickerson	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley



Lawrence Richardson upon the passing of his mother, **Eula Richardson**, last Tuesday.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Carol Adkinson	Patricia Harrington's sister, fell and broke her hip
Angela Blackmer	Josh Blackmer's mother, testing for neurological issues
Karen Brennan	Julie Trujillo's sister, diagnosed with Graves' Disease
Patricia Buonadonna	Ed Buonadonna's mother, Jupiter Hosp., breathing issues
Luke Cousins	Jeff & Sharon Feeney's grandson, testing for seizures
Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease
Shirley Franklin	Kay Richardson's sister, cancer and other health issues
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, recovering from shoulder surg.
Jacklyn Modery	Sharon Reitz's sister, recovering from back surgery
Pat Pittman	Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 23

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

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 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 Nate & Cindy Nelson.

Saturday, April 29

- ◆ **PBL Ladies’ Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.
- ◆ **EDP & Wives Cookout** at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 30

- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Cook Off** after evening worship. Bring your favorite (and best) Mac and Cheese. Or bring other finger foods, drinks and desserts to share.

Friday-Saturday, May 5-6

- ◆ **Evangelism Training for Youth Volunteers Needed.** Volunteers are needed to provide housing for boys & girls and to bring cookies & drinks. Sign up on the bulletin board if you can help.

Sunday, May 7

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

Sunday, May 14

- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Tuesday, May 16

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Monday, May 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies’ Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson.

Saturday, May 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod.

Friday, May 12

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Guys' Movie Night** at Downtown at the Gardens. See Shea Brown for more details.

Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Kayaking.** Location TBD. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, April 23

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

Friday-Saturday, May 5-6

- ◆ **Evangelism Training for Youth with J.D. Schwartz** beginning Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help with housing or to bring cookies and drinks.

Friday, May 12

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Guys' Movie Night** at Downtown at the Gardens. See Shea Brown for more details.

Saturday, May 13

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Picnic** at 10:30 a.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons. Bring food and games. See Ivan, Amber or Sarah for more details.

Sunday, May 14

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

May 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night a Charles & Rhona Hayes	2	3 b Julio Aristy b Bill Ingram, Sr.	4 b Dan Johnson	5 a Taylor & Natalie Reeves b Willie Wilkins b Trina Wright	6 ☆ Young Adult Devo b Rachel Fuller b Johnnie Green b Nicholas Pietro b Marie Thorpe
						ETY with JD Schwartz (5 th -6 th)
7 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit	8 b Jacqui Jenkins b Alice Nelson b Chuck Reeves, Jr. b Jackie Stout	9 b Carole Graff b Leigh Puckett	10	11 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting	12 ☆ Sr. High & YA Guys' Movie Night b Brianna Solis b Cathy Seay	13 ☆ Jr. High Family Picnic b June Pack b Susan Reynolds
14 ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Mattie Cox b Carolyn Cullom b Judy Lerro	15 b Pete Brown	16 ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting	17	18 a Josh & Cara Blackmer a Rick & Peggy Hall a Jerry & Lorena Pittman b Joan Holloway b Rick Price	19 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Linda Wolfe	20 ☆ YA Kayaking ☆ PBL Movie Night ☆ Ladies' Day at Suncoast a Jimmy & Helen Burney b Lovetta Harmon b Austin Reeves b Alex Romigh b Sheena Sink
21 b Jenisa Kenty	22 a Willie & Mattie Cox a Phylona Patterson b Karly Stone	23 ☆ Meat Night for YA Men a John & Sue Hoelzer b Natasha Campbell b Tyler Williams	24 a Nate & Cindy Nelson	25 a Jeff & Sharon Feeney	26 a Lawrence & Julie Williams b Gloria Boyd b Helen Chapman b Bob Higbee	27 ☆ VBS Work Day ☆ Wedding Shower for Grant & Kathryn Fuller a Bob & Sandi Hanna
28 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo b Margie Hardin b Peggy Simpkins	29 b Grace Judge	30 b Dianna Halenda b Jené Williams	31 a Gary & Angie Seames b Douglas Alvarenga			

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



Sunday
April 16

Dear brothers and sisters,

Words cannot express my gratefulness and appreciation for all of the love, support, prayers, sympathy and words of encouragement received over the passing of my mother. The flowers were a reflection of the love of my brothers and sisters. I truly appreciate each one of you. One of the most difficult times in my life was made easier because of you all.

In Christ,
Jon Jordan & Jenny

Thank you for the hugs and kind expressions of sympathy in the passing of my brother.

Love to all,
Betty Sanders

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Cindy Beard; Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Judy Beard; Mr. Jeremy Beasley; Mr. Jordan Beasley III; Mr. David Bound; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Mr. Kyle Coffman; Terry & Regina Crews; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Mr. Johnny Mark Davis; Ms. Stephanie & Justin Draine; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Hazel Hackshaw; Miss Selina Hodge; Mr. & Mrs. David Kimberly; Mr. Robert Lerro; Ms. Sue Maisano; Mrs. Sharon Mann; Mrs. Michelle Nomaga; Ms. Pat Patterson; Mr. & Mrs. Joel Perez, Amoz & Habakkuk; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mrs. Karla Santiago; Mr. & Mrs. James & Brittany Terry; and Ms. Barbara Smith.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Heath Johnson, Deerfield Beach, FL; Averie D. Jones; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. James Morgan, Greenville, SC; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Jessica Santana & Ethan; Mr. & Mrs. Wade & Sherri Trent & family, Okeechobee, FL; Mrs. Lenis Villard, Daytona Beach, FL; and Enid Youngman, Stuart, FL.



Tuesday (Apr. 25th)
Bethany Bertram

Thursday (Apr. 27th) cont.
Jessica Gibbins

Wednesday (Apr. 26th)
Helen Burney
Rick Hall
Ivan Villard

Friday (Apr. 28th)
Kane Campbell

Saturday (Apr. 29th)
Beth Fry

Thursday (Apr. 27th)
Jordan & Marsha Beasley (Ann.)

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, April 23

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Jerry Pittman
Scripture Reading.....Richard Lerro
Presiding at Table L.H. Richardson
Serve at Table:
Stephen Beliech Andres Fernandez
Josue Charles Chris Thompson
Tim Cox Mike Trujillo
Gorman Ericksen Shaun Tyson
Alternates
Lynn Parker Scott Studer
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Sunday Evening, April 23

Lead SingingDan McLeod
Opening PrayerGary Friedly
Scripture Reading..... David Thorpe
Presiding at Table.....Ken Tipton
Eddie Gooden
Jeff Leslie
Nick Pietro
Closing Prayer Nate Nelson
Wednesday Evening, April 26
Lead SingingShea Brown
Invitation.....David Lord
Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 16	Mar. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	278	248
Sun. A.M. Worship	441	373
Sun. P.M. Worship	180	198
Wed. Bible Study	198	204
Contribution	\$14,553	\$16,290

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +3,847

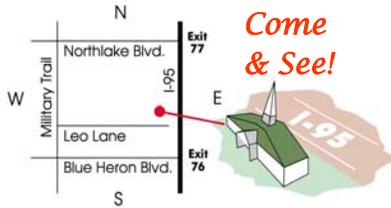
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Come & See!

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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: Servers for the Ladies' Day 2017 Dinner

EVANGELISM

Training for Youth

May 5-6 with JD Schwartz