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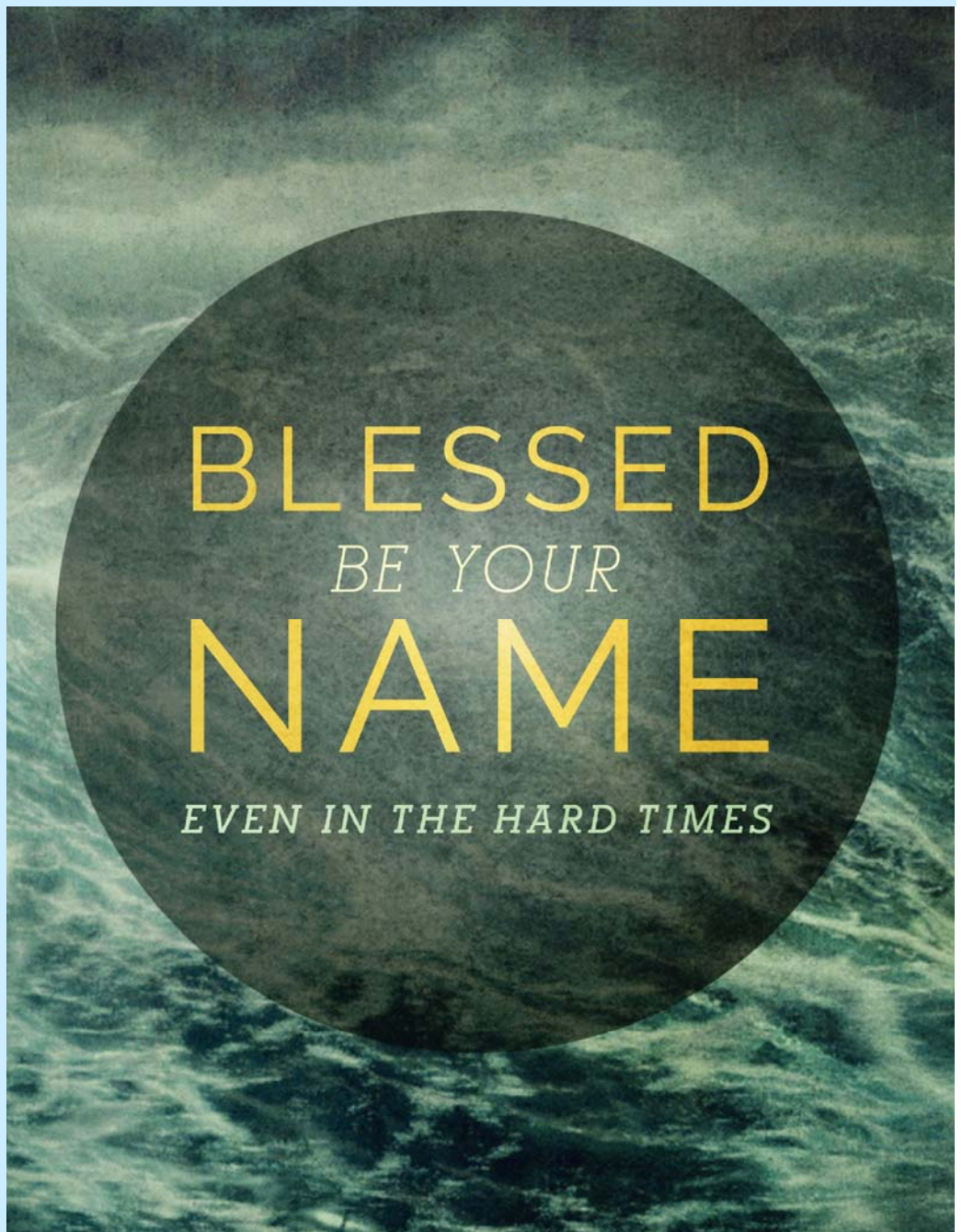


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By Dan Jenkins

The Importance of “Little” Words

There are no words in the Bible that are there by accident. When the Bible speaks of inspiration, it is not in vague terms as though God gave His thoughts to His prophets and they did their best to put heavenly thoughts into human words.

Think of how “inspired” the words were on the tablets of stone Moses received from God. Every word was specifically given by God. Paul shows the same is true of the New Testament. The American Standard expresses it best. After affirming that it had not entered the heart of any man as to what God’s plan was for the redemption of man, Paul said, “But unto us God revealed them...which things also we speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth...combining spiritual things with spiritual words” (1 Cor. 2:10-13). God gave the truth by giving those truths in the very words selected by the Holy Spirit.

The importance of the word “to.” There are those who believe that when Jesus returns from heaven in the clouds he will at that moment establish the kingdom for the next thousand years. They think this is what Daniel said in Daniel chapter seven. “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days and they brought Him near

before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom.” At first glance it might seem as though when Daniel saw Jesus coming in the clouds at the end of time, that God would then establish the kingdom. However, read it again carefully. This is not a picture of Jesus coming *from* heaven. Look at one word in the text. He was not descending from heaven, but He was ascending *into* heaven! He came not *from* God but Daniel saw a vision of Jesus ascending *to* God. One small word chosen by God! Daniel’s vision was of Jesus’ ascension and the establishment of that kingdom on Pentecost. One word makes the difference.

Just remember to look at every word when you are studying the Bible

The importance of the word “and.” Here is a three letter word chosen by God which so powerfully expresses eternal truth. It is a coordinating conjunction. By definition, “coordinating conjunctions are used to join two parts of a sentence that are grammatically equal.” Both parts are equal in importance. Look at two passages. “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). In reference to salvation, by definition, baptism is equal in importance to faith. Look also at Acts 2:38. “Repent and be baptized every one of you...for the remission of sins.” In reference to the remission of sins, baptism is equal in importance to repentance.

There’s more that we will say about this next week. Just remember to look at every word when you study!



By David Sproule

“Does Your Church?” (Part 9)—The Undenominational Church

When God foretold of His coming church through the prophets (Isa. 2:2-4; Dan. 2:44; etc.), which denomination did He say it would be? Read through the Old Testament—which denomination does He mention?

When Jesus promised to build His church (Matt. 16:18), which denomination did He say it would be? Read through the gospel accounts—which denomination does He mention?

When the Holy Spirit came with power in the establishment of the church in Acts 2, which denomination was it? Read through that chapter—which denomination was started that day?

When the apostles and early Christians went about preaching the gospel and churches were established in the book of Acts, of which denomination were these congregations? Read through Acts—which denomination is mentioned in that book?

When Paul (and Jesus in Revelation 2-3) wrote letters to churches throughout the first-century Roman Empire, to which denomination was he writing? Read the epistles of the New Testament—which denominations are mentioned?

Isn’t that amazing! One can read the Bible from cover to cover and never read (with approval) of one single denomination (let alone dozens, or hundreds, or thousands)! As the only authoritative source of divine truth, the Bible uniformly

speaks of “the church” (singularly) as the culmination of the eternal purpose of God (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23; 2:14-22; 3:10-11).

In fact, whenever Scripture does speak of denominationalism, it is always with strong disapproval. “Some will depart from the faith” (1 Tim. 4:1-3). “They will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires...they will heap up for themselves teachers, and they will turn their ears away from the truth” (2 Tim. 4:3-4). “...Men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves” (Acts 20:28-30). “And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed” (2 Pet. 2:1-2).

The church established in the New Testament was undenominational! The church did not owe its origin, its doctrine, its organization or any of its practices to any man or group of men! There were no creed books, church manuals or Statements of Faith! There was the Bible! And every time it was planted, an undenominational church of Christ sprung up! And every one of them was to teach and practice the very same thing (1 Cor. 1:10; 4:17; 7:17; 14:33; 16:1; 1 Pet. 4:11)! So simple! So beautiful! So divine!

The church of Christ today is undenominational! It has no ties to any human organization, headquarters or creed! It speaks only where the Bible speaks! It seeks to restore the New Testament church in its purity! Does your church?

It has no ties to any human organization, headquarters or creed!



By Josh Blackmer

God's Communication to Man

Of all the things God could have had written in the Bible, He chose these things. Those without much affiliation with it consider the message of the "good book" to be little more than, "Do this" and "Don't do this." While there is some of that in it, there is so much more. God could have written a book that was just a moral code. All the "thou shalt" and the "thou shalt not" lined up, categorized and ready for any cultural situation. However, He left in it the human element. All the good and bad that people have done over thousands of years of God's interaction with man. Why? I assume partly because He knew how we would react to a list of 1s and 0s coded. We need to see the human element in the narrative—that part of the struggle to overcome that validates our own struggles and feelings. Knowing that people like us have gone through the same thing helps us to stand up to the life we face. It is encouraging, and we need that. We all need that motivational speaker. Maybe not the one that lives in a van down by the river eating a steady diet of government cheese. But, the One that has walked with man since his inception and told him, "I will be with you."

There is a section of Law, the last half of Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy. This section provided explicit instruction about the Mosaic covenant, moral and dietary code,

the construction of specific worship items, and the social division of the tribes.

More than this there is a large portion of historical narrative. This included Genesis, first half of Exodus, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Jonah and Acts. This provides man with an origin story, and also the beginning of God's concern for our spiritual wellbeing.

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Another common genre of literature in the Bible is prophecy. This includes Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. In the prophets we have God's messengers communicating God's word to His people, confirming both His justice and patience for His creation.

Some smaller sections include wisdom (Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes) and Poetry (Psalms, Song of Solomon and Lamentations). These speak to the mind and heart of man. Apocalyptic (Daniel and Revelation) speak of future, to those who originally received the letters, destruction.

The New Testament is broken into two major sections. The Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) and epistles which include the remaining books. Of all the ways He could have communicated He chose these. He knew this was the best way. What do you think about His "good book"?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The richest homes in America

In January 2017, the most expensive home ever listed in America was put on the market in Bel Air, Los Angeles for \$250 million. The home had everything that anyone could ever want, including a helicopter, car collection, twenty-one bathrooms and \$200,000 worth of candy. But, did you know that your home can be much more valuable than that?

The wise Solomon wrote, "In the house of the righteous there is much treasure" (Prov. 15:6) or "great wealth" (NASB). The treasure in the home of the righteous is much more valuable than any material wealth in any earthly home. Rather than "things" (Luke 12:15) that are subject to wear, tear, decay and theft (Matt. 6:19; 1 Tim. 6:17), the righteous enjoy heavenly values, spiritual blessings, agape love, incomprehensible peace, inexpressible joy, living hope and the promise of an "incorruptible and undefiled" inheritance "that does not fade away" (1 Pet. 1:4).

How wealthy is your home? It has nothing to do with your checkbook or savings account! – DS



Things you can't control

Does it make you angry when someone cuts you off in traffic? Do you come close to losing your temper when the cable is out and the company is unresponsive? Does it just about put you over the top when you find out that someone has been talking about you behind your back?

In those three scenarios, there are some things that we can control and some things that we can't control. We can't control what someone else says or does, and we can't control when services (like cable) might be unavailable. It is critical that we learn to put things that we cannot control into a "box" in our minds and mark it, "Can't control these!" (Close your eyes! Look at the label! "Can't control these!") But, there is something that we can control—our response.

Whether I lose my temper or not is up to ME! How I handle the maltreatments, uncertainties and inconveniences of life is TOTALLY within MY control! When life throws you a knuckle ball, remember that the one thing you can (and must) control is YOU (1 Pet. 3:8-12)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Mike Archer | having severe pain, tests to determine possible surgery |
| Jordan Beasley | St. Mary's Hospital (room 3003), slowly improving |
| Mattie Cox | undergoing medical tests |
| Lynne Jorgensen | slowly improving after multiple health issues |
| Chuck Norton | still very weak |
| Connye Plouffe | having injections for back pain |
| Betty Sanders | awaiting test results |



The family of **Ruth Milton**, upon her passing last Sunday morning. The funeral was held on Thursday morning.

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 | Godfrey Pratt |
| Margie Hardin | Leigh Puckett |
| Janet Hickerson | Ricky Smedley |
| Loretta Holaday | |

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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|-----------------------|---|
| Sharon Banks | Jimmie Banks' sister, recovering from hospitalization |
| Bonnye Cox | Connye Plouffe's sister, Lou Gehrig's disease |
| Betty McDaniel | Morris McDaniel's mother, recovering from hospital stay |
| Jason Mann | Sandy Mann's son, awaiting test results |
| Bill Mills | Tasha Ellis' father, recovering from a car accident |
| Jacklyn Modery | Sharon Reitz's sister, recovering from back surgery |
| Pat Pittman | Jerry Pittman's brother, under Hospice Care, broken hip |
| Tom Schuemann | Laura Schuemann's father-in-law, serious health issues |

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
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, May 21

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

Monday, May 22

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

Tuesday, May 23

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

Thursday, May 25

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

Saturday, May 27

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.
- ◆ **Wedding Shower & Reception for Grant & Kathryn Fuller** at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Wal-Mart and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Saturday, June 3

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.
- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.
- ◆ **Ladies’ Seminar hosted by West Broward** beginning at 8:00 a.m. The theme is *“Women’s Spiritual Health.”* See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, June 4

- ◆ **High School Graduates’ Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **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.

Saturday, June 10

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Saturday, May 27

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.

Tuesday, May 30

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

Friday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 3

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations.
- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brett & Hayden Lau.

Monday, June 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies’ Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, May 28

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

Friday, June 2

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

Sunday, June 4

- ◆ **High School Graduates’ Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Sunday, June 11

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

Wednesday-Saturday, June 7-10

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** See Dan, David or Josh for details.

June 2017



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1 b Cynthia Ingraham b Melinda Price b Austin Williams | 2 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout a Ken & Connie Tipton | 3 ☆ VBS Work Day ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon ☆ Young Adult Devo ☆ Ladies' Seminar hosted by West Broward b Jenny Jordan b Daniel Swayne |
| 4 ☆ High School Graduates' Luncheon ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit ☆ H2H Labeling | 5 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Lance Collier b Haley Hall b Shirley Hopkins b Brandon Thomas | 6 a Andy & Letha Anderson b Sandy DeVall | 7 a David & Daisy Lord b Ted Friesner b Maria Hackshaw | 8 b Maggie Dozier | 9 a Stephen & Carolina Beliech a Scott & Linda Studer b Namdidie Ikon | 10 ☆ VBS Work Day a Bill & Gai Ingram b Errol Gower-Winter b Phyiona Patterson b Amberdenise Puckett b Joshua Seames |
| Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women (7th-10th) | | | | | | |
| 11 ☆ LTC Lessons Presented ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Betsy Donahue b Richard Watson | 12 | 13 a Tim & Susie Cox b Judie Jenkins b Tonya Ross | 14 a Jeff & Diane Leslie a Jacade & Susan Reynolds | 15 a Gary & Sue Shelt b Rosemarie Joseph b Austin Metzkes | 16 b Ally Alberga b Michael Fox | 17 ☆ Young Adult Mini Golf b Helen Gardner b Nyla Hackshaw b Mary Jackson |
| VBS Decorating Nights (14th-16th) | | | | | | |
| 18 a Dan & Judie Jenkins b Charles Fifield | 19 a Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot b Judy Carmack b Gwen Lyons | 20 a Cam & Hollie Crotts a Dan & Loni Fuller b Evetta Wilson | 21 a Ivan & Amber Villard b Eddie Gooden | 22 b Kahla King | 23 a Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon b Les Sawyer | 24 b Morris McDaniel |
| Vacation Bible School (18th-21st) | | | | | | |
| 25 ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ Jr. High Family Devo a Tom & Rose Martens | 26 | 27 a Joe & Marian Holland b Mary Thomas | 28 b Cam Crotts b Cheryl Milton | 29 b Steven Livergood b Dorothy Savage | 30 a Edward & Ellen Gager b Adrienne Gadson b Marcia Walker | |

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



Sunday
May 14

Dear PBL family,

Words alone cannot express the thankfulness we have for all your support, love, and prayers for us all these years. God has truly blessed us in so many ways and we are so thankful for the love and history we have with Palm Beach Lakes!! Thank you so much for the generous gift card to help us with our repatriation that we received from the congregation, as well as those little gifts that made their way into a purse or pocket when we weren't looking. We are especially grateful for the beautiful new Bible presented to us with loving encouraging messages from each of the elders. We will treasure it forever. We love you all so much. Gracious por todo!!

Andrea & Troy

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Judy Beard; Mr. Jean Charles; Mrs. Susan Crosswhite; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ron Jenkins; Ms. Jennifer King; Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Pat Patterson; Mr. Covin Pierre; Mr. Angel Santiago; and Miss Jaena Smith.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Jeff Bond, Pensacola, FL; Mrs. Dianelys Chancey & Judy, Belle Glade, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Pearl Coleman, Daytona Beach, FL; Undre & Inyam Griggs, St. John's, FL; Bethany Leslie (Orlando); Mrs. Yvonne Mobley, Ft. Pierce, FL; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Cindy Shafor, Dorr, MI.



Sunday (May 21st)

Jenisa Kenty

Wednesday (May 24th)

Nate & Cindy Nelson (Ann.)

Monday (May 22nd)

Willie & Mattie Cox (Ann.)
Phyiona Patterson
Karly Stone

Thursday (May 25th)

Jeff & Sharon Feeney (Ann.)

Tuesday (May 23rd)

John & Sue Hoelzer (Ann.)
Natasha Campbell
Tyler Williams

Friday (May 26th)

Lawrence & Julie Williams (Ann.)
Gloria Boyd
Helen Chapman
Bob Higbee

Saturday (May 27th)

Bob & Sandi Hanna (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, May 21

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading..... Nate Nelson
Presiding at Table Stephen Beliech
Serve at Table:
 Josiah Blackmer Errol Gower-Winter
 Josue Charles Lynn Parker
 Victor Colage Simon Tyson
 Eddie Gooden Lawrence Williams

Closing PrayerTom Martens

Sunday Evening, May 21

Lead SingingDan McLeod
Opening Prayer Jim Davis
Scripture Reading.....Mike Erickson
Presiding at Table.....Kevin Weeks
 Harrison Crotts
 Tim Mahlbacher
 Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Johnny Davis

Wednesday Evening, May 24

Lead SingingShea Brown
Invitation..... Johnny Davis
Family Prayer Cam Crotts

Our Record

| Attendance | May 14 | Apr. Avg. |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 255 | 243 |
| Sun. A.M. Worship | 345 | 389 |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 142 | 170 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 186 | 189 |
| Contribution | \$12,016 | \$15,187 |

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

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

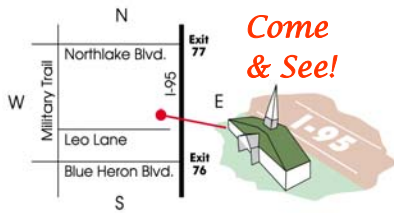
Ushers for week of **May 21**: Head Usher: Lance Collier; Andres Fernandez & Paul Metzkes



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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

Upcoming Events

June 7-11

Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women

June 18-21

Vacation Bible School

July 16

Promotion Sunday

July 23-29

Jenkins' Week at Central Florida Bible Camp

August 13

Back-to-School Ice Cream Social

September 10

Super Sunday with Kirk Brothers

October 8

Robert Martin Mission Report