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Welcome New Members



Morning, Michael & Quinia

Group 1

Identified January 7

2018 Theme:

28 DAYS

Walking Daily with My Lord

Spend 28 days every month
 being transformed
 into the image of Jesus
 and walking closer with Him.



By Dan Jenkins

“Traditions” or Traditions

The Bible speaks so clearly about the place of traditions in our service to the Lord. Jesus lived in a world which was beset with Jewish “traditions,” which were so embedded in daily living that they often kept men from serving God. On the other hand, there are verses which clearly tell us we must keep traditions and never depart from them. How can this be? How do we distinguish between “traditions” which keep us from God and the Divine traditions we must embrace?

The clearest understanding of the difference comes from a careful reading of Mark chapter seven. Jesus’ disciples were criticized because they violated the “traditions” regarding eating with unwashed hands and ignored the “traditions” regarding the cleansing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels and couches (verse 4). Look carefully how Jesus delineates between “traditions” which are not binding and those which are.

The Holy Spirit describes the Jewish “traditions” as being the “traditions” of the *elders* (v. 3), and the Pharisees referred to them in the same way—the “traditions” of the *elders* (v. 5). Jesus called them the “traditions” of *men* (v. 8) and the *your* “traditions” (v. 9). He then sets before them that which supersedes all “traditions.” He rebuked these religious

leaders for elevating their “traditions” above the commandments of God and specifically stated in their elevations of their “traditions” they had laid aside the commandments of God and rejected these Divine commands (vv. 8-9). Look at the results of such action: “In vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men” (v. 7).

Some “traditions” make little difference. Whether one eats with unwashed hands or washed hands does not defile a man (vv. 18-19). However, when such are elevated to the same level as Divine teaching, worship becomes vain.

Think of this application in reference to our worship. Congregational singing is not a tradition in the church. It is precisely what the Lord commanded. The number of songs we use and the order of worship may be “traditional,” but acapella singing is not traditional—it is a commandment of God.

The Holy Spirit says, “Stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught” (2 Thess. 2:15). He says to keep the traditions just as they were delivered (1 Cor. 11:2) and withdraw from those who do not walk after the traditions they received (2 Thess. 3:6). There is a difference between “traditions” and tradition.

(NOTE: I have used quotations marks to indicate the difference in human and Divine tradition.)

We must clearly see the difference between “traditions” and traditions



By David Sproule

“Dear Friend, I Found Love”

Friend, the things that I have found are pretty amazing! Wouldn’t you agree? The one that I’m about to share with you gets rather personal, because it centers on the greatest of all things—love.

First, I found the truth about sin.

Because He loves us, God revealed His will for us in the pages of the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17). When we transgress or disobey God’s will (Heb. 2:2), or when we choose to disregard or not follow His will (Jas. 4:17), the Bible says that we sin against God (1 John 3:4). This is a big deal for all of us (Rom. 3:23)!

Second, I found the consequences of sin.

Is sin really all that bad? The Bible says that sin makes “a separation between you and your God” and causes “His face” to be “hidden” from you (Isa. 59:2). That’s because God is holy and cannot “behold evil” or “look on wickedness” (Hab. 1:13). My sin separates me from God in this life (Rom. 6:23), and if I don’t do anything to remove it, sin will separate me from God for all eternity (2 Thess. 1:8-9). This is a very serious matter! So, where is love in all of this?

Third, I found God’s answer for sin.

Since sin is the result of man transgressing the will of God, it’s amazing that God wants anything to do with us after that. But He does! In His amazing grace, God wants all of mankind to be saved from

their sins (1 Tim. 2:4). His deep and unfathomable love prompted Him to send “His only begotten Son” to die on the cross (Phil. 2:6-8), so that we can be saved (Rom. 5:9-10) and spend an eternity with Him in heaven (John 3:16). Think about that! “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). While Jesus never committed a single sin Himself (Heb. 4:15), the Bible says that all of our sins were “laid upon” Him while He died on that cross (Isa. 53:6). He “bore our sins” (1 Pet. 2:24) and died, so that we could be saved! That is an amazing love!

Fourth, I found God’s cleansing for sin.

In the Bible, blood was used by God as a means by which to atone, cleanse and forgive sins (Ex. 12:1-13; Lev. 16:1-22). In the Old Testament, the blood of animals was used to make atonement, but that blood could not “take away sins” (Heb. 10:4). Only the blood of Jesus Himself, when He offered Himself as the sacrifice in our place (Heb. 9:11-28), can “wash” us (Rev. 1:5) and “save” us (Heb. 9:22) from our sins. There is no greater love than that (John 15:13), and no blood more precious!

It is hard for me to fathom the depth of His love, which led Him to unconditionally and unselfishly sacrifice Himself for me. I do not deserve it! But I am ever grateful that He has given me an opportunity to be saved from the eternal consequences of my sins and to live with Him forever! You are important to me, and I wanted to share this with you.

(continued next week)

It’s amazing that God wants anything to do with us after that! But He does!



By Josh Blackmer

Apple, the Forbidden Fruit

Apple received a letter from the California Teachers Pension (CalSTRS) investor Jana Partners recently. Apple was asked to develop software that would make it easier to control the amount of time children spend on their phone. Also, she asked them to do a study on excessive phone use and mental health. Apple responded saying that since 2008 they have had apps that would help parents control phone use. They released a statement saying, "We take this responsibility very seriously and we are committed to meeting and exceeding our customers' expectations, especially when it comes to protecting kids." While I applaud Apple's answer and dedication to their product and user interface, I am still left with one question. Why is this Apple's responsibility? I was under the impression that I, as a parent, have the responsibility to nurture and guide my child (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4). If that includes limiting cell phone use even to the point of confiscation, that should still be my responsibility, not Apple's.

Here are some completely unscientific, yet effective preventative measures to ensure that your child is not on their phone more than they should be. First, model good phone behavior. It probably goes without saying that if we expect certain behavior out of our children we should show them

what that looks like. Before you begin to regulate their phone use, ask yourself what habits you are modeling. When you talk with your children about their use be honest about yours. Maybe less cell phone use would be good for the whole family. Designate no phone times and other family-wide guidelines for proper use.

It is not about fruit or phones.

Second, take control of the phone. It is uncommon for youth to be paying for their own service. As a parent and one who is paying for the service, you have a right and obligation to monitor use of the device. Set limits to for data usage and time frames when the phone must be off. Have your child charge the phone in the living room over night or do not allow them to have it in the bedroom over night. There are apps out there that help with this. One of those apps is MMGuardian Parent App. It will allow you to monitor, track and set limits on the usage of the phone. Please be upfront with your child if you decide to use such an app. This is not a trust issue but a safeguard to help our youth not fall into unhealthy habits.

I realize that this is easier said than done. Please see this as a responsibility we have as parents to help our children learn healthy and appropriate boundaries for the use of technology. This is more than just using the cell phone. It is about parents modeling and instilling a healthy use of all things tech.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Always looking for a shortcut

I love a good shortcut. When driving, if there's a quicker, shorter way to get somewhere, I try to find it. On the computer, I love a good keyboard shortcut or tasks that can be automated. The microwave oven was invented and is still a top-selling appliance because people love shortcuts.

So when it comes to the Christian life, some Christians start looking for shortcuts. A shortcut to learn the Bible. A shortcut to stronger faith. A shortcut to teaching people the gospel. A shortcut to fulfilling worship and other church-related responsibilities. A shortcut to being a Christian and "checking off" those things a Christian is supposed to do.

Guess what! There is no shortcut to being a Christian! The Bible uses words like "be diligent" (2 Tim. 2:15), "be steadfast" (1 Cor. 15:58), "endure" (2 Tim. 2:3), "strive" (Luke 13:24), "increase more and more" (1 Thess. 4:10), etc. The Christian life is an on-going, never-ending, no-shortcut life of faithful, steadfast service to the Lord. Enjoy every second of it!
– DS



Counterfeit: how can you tell the difference?

The shady character slinked his way into the electronics store and selected the largest, most expensive TV in the store. At the cash register, he laid down a spread of crisp, new, one-hundred dollar bills. The cashier placed the bills under her UV light but there was no security thread in the bill. Every last bill in his stack was counterfeit.

But, they looked real. They felt real. And, for all anyone else might know, they were real. While a bill might seem authentic, looks can be deceiving! But, there are ways to know for sure!

What application does this have to a Christian? Ask yourself this question: Is it possible for someone to be a "counterfeit Christian"? Could they look like a Christian, talk like a Christian, act like a Christian, but not actually be a Christian? There were some in Matthew 7:22 who looked the part, but Jesus said they were counterfeit (7:23). To be "authentic" in God's eyes, one must "do the will" of the Father (7:21)! Don't just "look" like a Christian! Be one! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	recovering at home
Judy Beard	recovering from a bad fall
Jimmy Burney	lung cancer
Eva Fulton	St. Mary's Medical Ctr. (room 3024), undergoing tests
Zula Garrett	ICU at Jupiter Med. Ctr. (no visitors), fluid on her lungs
Joe Holland	St. Mary's Hospital (no visitors), doing better
Jon Jordan	suffering with crippling sciatic pain in his leg and back
Dick Kelley	having tests on a heart aneurysm
Tom Martens	Chatsworth, undergoing rehab
Silas Moses	Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 304)
Angie Seames	recovering from neck surgery
Linda Studer	having monthly chemo treatments (next one on Jan. 19)
Amy West	Wellington Regional (room 379), double pneumonia

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Donald Coe	Linda Coe's father, Lawnwood Hospital, severe weakness
Tytianna Cox	Mattie Cox's daughter, in JFK Hospital
Evelyn Ellis	Mike Ellis' mother, La Posada, recovering from surgery
Kay Estes	Cheryl & Chuck Milton's sister, recovering from hand surg.
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, not doing well
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, at home but still very weak

Remember
Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, January 15

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

Tuesday, January 16

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

Sunday, January 21

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If your photo needs to be updated or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

Wednesday, January 24

- ♦ **FHU Presidential Trek Comes to PBL.** David Shannon, President of Freed-Hardeman University, will be speaking during class and visiting after services.

Thursday, January 25

- ♦ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

Saturday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 28

- ♦ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work.

Saturday, February 3

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway.** Becky Blackmon will be speaking on "Singing in the Rain." See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, February 4

- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, February 9-11

- ♦ **Mother/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** Cost is \$40/person. See the bulletin board for more details.

Saturday, February 10

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

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

Friday, January 26

- ♦ **Young Adult Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, February 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

Tuesday, February 6

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

Friday, February 9

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Friday-Sunday, February 16-18

- ♦ **Young Adult Camping Trip.** See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, March 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, January 14

- ♦ **Sr. High Beach Devo & Ice Cream** after evening worship. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, January 28

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Combined Devo** after evening worship. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, February 9

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Saturday, February 10

- ♦ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Sunday, February 11

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

JANUARY:

28 DAYS

to Grow in Praise of God

Read 28 psalms in 28 days...

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|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Psalm 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Psalm 37 | <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Psalm 104 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Psalm 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Psalm 103 | |

1. Before you read this psalm, take a moment to clear your mind, devote yourself 100% to the text and ask for God's blessings on your reading. Read the four questions below before reading the psalm.
2. What would you say is the fundamental message of this psalm? (In other words, why did God put it in the Bible for you to read?)
3. What is one thing in this psalm that challenges you and motivates you to want to walk closer to the Lord?
4. What one thing can you take from this psalm today and make immediate application to your life, so that your walk with the Lord is closer and stronger?
5. What one thing can you take from this psalm today and share with others to benefit them in their walk with the Lord?

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



Directory Changes

Cassie Lavender moved to the Orlando area.



Sunday
January 7

LOCAL VISITORS: Tina & Tunde Akingbade; Mr. Monique Alexis; Ms. Gail Archer; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Richard Gathright; Sylvia Goldie; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Lauren Grimaldi; Jonathan Jordan; Ms. Lynne Karilla; Scott Laybonne; Shante & Louis Louissaint; Mrs. Sharon Mann; Mr. Terry Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Norma Mariano; Ms. Michelle Marton; Mr. & Mrs. John & Amber Oncay; Ms. Pat Patterson; Ms. Jean Pieros; and Mr. Alfonso Scott.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Peggy Brown, Trenton, NJ; Mr. & Mrs. Hal & Lori Bureson, Panama City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Justin & Amanda Davis, Wathena, KS; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hansel, Paris, IL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Mr. Allen Townley, Trussville, AL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (January 14th)

Mary Coombs
Robin Davis
Cindy Nelson

Friday (January 19th)

Cornelius & Andrea Henderson (Ann.)

Saturday (January 20th)

Julie Charles
Godfrey Pratt
Norma Pratt
Kari Reeves

Thursday (January 18th)

Terry Denton



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, January 14

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reading..... Morris McDaniel
Presiding at Table Johnny Davis
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Kenneth Long
David Brown Micah Trujillo
Mike Erickson Simon Tyson
Errol Gower-Winter Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Brent Leslie Darin Summerlot
Closing PrayerBob Higbee

Sunday Evening, January 14

Lead SingingJohn Loftis
Opening PrayerFreddie Gadson
Scripture Reading..... Richard Watson
Presiding at Table.....Victor Colage
Lance Collier
Ted Friesner
Leonard Williams
Closing PrayerDirk Summerlot
Wednesday Evening, January 17
Lead Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation.....Mike Ellis
Family PrayerLawrence Richardson

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 7	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	240	224
Sun. A.M. Worship	351	351
Sun. P.M. Worship	157	160
Wed. Bible Study	177	160
Contribution	\$14,991	\$14,187

2018 Weekly Budget: TBA

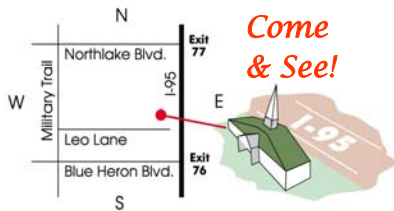
Ushers for week of **Jan. 14:** Head Usher: L.H. Richardson; Gorman Ericksen & Namdidie Ikon



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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: **Juliette Mauvais**



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."*

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.

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).