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South Florida Youth Summit



To Lead the Charge!

Speaker: Andrew Weaver

Saturday, August 3



By Dan Jenkins

The Folly of Total Acceptance of All Ideas Equally

The watchword in our society that permeates so many aspects of life is acceptance. The values of any single member of society is equal to the values of any other single individual. There is no single answer to any question that is actually right, so every person defines “truth” based on their own experiences.

As an illustration of this, look at our world’s definition of marriage and sexual activities. For so many, there is no difference in living together without marriage and living together inside a marriage. Comments like, “We have been together for fifteen years, but just got married two years ago” illustrate this so well. Our society, based on the idea of total acceptance, forbids anyone to make any judgment about these situations.

You see the same when terms like “my significant other” or “my partner” are given the same values as those who say, “my husband” or “my wife.” The idea of total acceptance censors those who say there is a difference between any of these words.

The end result is the same. Anyone who accepts anything never can fully embrace anything! Since all ideas are equal in value, there is no way total acceptance of everything

could ever allow anyone to fully accept anything. There is nothing absolutely true. We have no compass to guide us!

Now take this principle of accepting everything into the church and look at the results. Is worship totally subjective and consequently any meaningful way any one person chooses to worship has the same value as the way any other chooses to worship? How would such impact the Lord’s supper? There is no boundary as to what elements are found in the Lord Supper. There is no boundary as to when one eats the Lord’s Supper. There is no boundary as to whether one ever has the Lord’s Supper. One is told, “Judge not that you be not judged,” and such misuse of scripture results in a complete inability to find truth that is absolute. We have no compass to guide us. Never forget that anyone who accepts everything can never embrace anything. The Lord’s Supper can never have structure of any form if one accepts everything.

Take this view of tolerance and the acceptance of all ideas being equal and look at how it changes views toward sin. Look at how it changes the understanding of salvation and our view of someday standing before the Lord to be judged. There is truth. There is absolute truth. There is eternal truth. Jesus is absolutely the Messiah. He truly died and literally rose on the third day. He is coming again, and each person will be judged by the eternal truth. You can embrace this!

Tragically, anyone who accepts everything can never embrace anything.



By David Sproule

Learning Obedience: The Challenging, Yet Essential Part

In last week’s article, we studied some areas where our need for obedience is quite obvious (if we are to be saved and be granted an entrance into heaven), and yet still demanding—i.e., obedience to God, to Christ and to His Word. Obeying that which is divine is expected. But we must also fully

understand and accept that He who is divine has called upon us to obey certain ones on this earth, and our decision to obey (or not obey) these ones reflects our decision to obey (or not obey) our God.

God calls upon us to obey our parents. “Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord” (Col. 3:20). The only time children could choose to not obey their parents is if such obedience would cause them to disobey God (Acts 5:29). Obeying parents is at the same time obeying God.

God calls upon us to obey our employers. This might be surprising to some, but the instructions to servants toward their masters is applicable today to employees toward their employers. “Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God...as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord” (Col. 3:22+Eph. 6:6). The only time

an employee could choose to not obey his employer is if such obedience would cause him to disobey God (Acts 5:29). Obeying employers is at the same time obeying God.

God calls upon us to obey our civil rulers. This may make some uncomfortable and cause some to even seek loopholes, but consider that these instructions were written while Roman tyrants, such as Nero, were ruling. “Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey...subject to the governing authorities...subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution” (Tit. 3:1+Rom. 13:1+1 Pet. 2:13). The only time a citizen could choose to not obey civil rulers is if such obedience would cause him to disobey God (Acts 5:29). Obeying civil rulers is at the same time obeying God.

God calls upon us to obey our elders in the church. Some have tried to diminish this responsibility somehow and suggest it doesn’t apply to them, but Scripture is very clear. “Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account” (Heb. 13:17). The only time a Christian could choose to not obey the elders is if such obedience would cause him to disobey God (Acts 5:29). Obeying our elders in the church is at the same time obeying God.

God has commanded our obedience. To choose to not obey these ones would be to choose to not obey God.

Our decision to obey (or not) reflects our decision to obey (or not) our God



By Josh Blackmer

Four Roads: The Road To Calvary

All the gospels speak of this road (Matt. 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19). This road is central to our faith and reason for believing. If He had not died, just the way He died, He would not have been the Christ. This road was a common road to a common death. On that day it was used by an uncommon man for an uncommon purpose with uncommon love (John 15:13).

We can only imagine what it would've been like to be there on that day. Let alone to actually have suffered what Jesus suffered. Even in our heightened imaginations we couldn't do it service. The magnitude of the injustice. His magnificent innocence and our colossal weight of sin. I wonder if He knew the voices from the crowd, those that would one day praise Him but were now slandering Him? I wonder how He did it? There was nothing miraculous about His endurance and suffrage. He received the full brunt of that trauma without any heavenly intervention. When it became obvious that He wasn't going to make it to the place called Golgotha, Simon of Cyrene was pressed into service to bear the cross (Matt. 27:32). This was the only respite given Him—not out of any kindness but just cruel functionality. Did He scream when they drove the nails through Him? Shock would've dulled the

The road of self-sacrifice.

pain for a moment, but it would come rushing back. Every breath was agony. Yet, He continued to teach. "Woman, behold thy son." "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." "This day you shall be with Me in Paradise." "I thirst." "It is finished." "Father, into thy hands I commend My spirit."

Everything about that day was a lesson for us. We must fix "our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Heb. 12:2-3). It teaches us how to suffer with grace. It teaches us how to love selflessly (Eph. 5:25). If you started down this road thinking that there would be no difficulties, you were misinformed. "If anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name" (1 Pet. 4:16). We must be willing to travel down this road. The servant is not above the Master.

Four roads to travel down. The road of learning about Jesus. The road of obedience to Christ. The road of compassionate service. Finally, the road of self-sacrifice. When we can get to the point where we can say, "It is no longer I who lives, but Christ" and understand it, then we are close (Gal.2:20).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"Dry clean only"

It's right there on the tag. It's the manufacturer's instructions for properly cleaning. It might say, "Dry clean only." "Wash in warm water." "Wash in cold water with like colors." "Tumble dry on medium heat." The one who created the garment knows the best way to clean the garment.

From the beginning, the Creator has "formed... wonderfully made...[and] intricately woven" His special creation—both their physical design and their spiritual design in His image (Psa. 139:13-15; Gen. 1:26). From the beginning, the Creator knew that His special creation would stain their souls with the filth of sin, so He planned "before the foundation of the world" to send His Son and provide the cleansing power of His "precious blood" to remove sin (1 Pet. 1:17-21).

The "tag" that each of His creatures bears reads the same: "Wash in the blood of Jesus only." This is done when one is "baptized into His death" (Rom. 6:3-5), and then, as a child of God, "walks" faithfully with the Lord, confessing his sins (1 John 1:7, 9). Clean your soul His way! Clean your soul today!

– DS



Honoring widows in deed

The Bible gives great emphasis to widows and to the special place they have in the heart of God. In the Old Testament, there were laws instructing to "not afflict any widow" (Ex. 22:22; cf. Zech. 7:10) and to make special provisions to see that they were not neglected (Deut. 14:29; 24:20-21; 26:13).

In the New Testament, one of the first crises that the church faced was when widows were being "neglected" (Acts 6:1-7). Thus, instructions were given for the congregation to take special care of those who are "widows indeed" (1 Tim. 5:3-16), but to not limit care and attention to only those. "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" (Jas. 1:27).

God gave all of these instructions to His people regarding widows because He truly has a heart for them. The Lord is "a defender of widows" (Psa. 68:5), "relieves the...widow" (Psa. 146:9) and "administers justice for...the widow" (Deut. 10:18). So, the question is, "Do you?" There are widows all around us in the church? Do you help and honor them in deed? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Adrienne Banks	undergoing testing on her lymph nodes
Karen Bibbee	undergoing rehab at home
Kane Campbell	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Dan Fuller	undergoing rehab on his hip
Ellen Gager	recovering from major surgery
Terri Hahn	in La Posada for rehab (room 2020)
Richard Haines	MorseLife Rehab, recovering from hip surgery
Mary A. Jackson	hip replacement surgery on August 15
Dan Johnson	discharged from the hospital
Judy Lerro	recovering from an outpatient surgery
Rosa Nash	recovering from eye surgery
Chuck Norton	discharged from the hospital
Willie Smith	heart surgery consultation in Tampa on August 27
Linda Studer	monthly chemo treatments, undergoing testing
Sadie Tennant	recovering at home
Henry Williams	recovering at home

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joe Holland
Hattie Daniels	Daniel Johnson
Sandra Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Josie Dawson	Deidra Miley
Annie Faison	Harriet Morris
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Janet Hickerson	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bernardo Burdeos	Lovella Rogers' father, improving and now out of hospital
Lena Kelly	Adrienne Banks' mother, has stage 4 lung cancer
Kayanna Richardson	Lawrence & Kay's daughter, undergoing medical testing
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, Boca Reg. Hospital, has leukemia
Carol Wineinger	Cherylann Wineinger's mother, serious medical issues

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

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, July 29

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

Tuesday, July 30

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

Sunday, August 4

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

Sunday-Wednesday, August 4-7

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Gifford** each night at 7:30 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Elijah Bush, Sr. from Birmingham, AL will be speaking on *"Returning to the Pentecost Pattern."*

Wednesday-Sunday, August 7-11

- ♦ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday-Saturday). Tommy Peeler from Brandon, FL and Shane Scott from Valrico, FL will be speaking on *"Hope Is Here: Jesus the Help You Need."*

Sunday, August 11

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.

Friday, August 16

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

Friday-Thursday, August 16-22

- ♦ **Polishing the Pulpit.** Thousands of Christians will gather in Sevierville, Tennessee for a time to refresh, renew and recharge. Visit polishingthepulpit.com for details.

Sunday, August 25

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.

Thursday, August 29

- ♦ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Tuesday, August 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes.

Saturday, August 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson. Bring a side dish or dessert. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, August 16

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Saturday, August 17

- ♦ **Young Adult Service Project.** See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, August 25

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Saturday, August 3

- ♦ **Charged By Christ with Andrew Weaver** at 10:00 a.m. for all Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Cost is \$20. Please sign up on the bulletin board by July 29.

Friday, August 16

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Saturday, August 24

- ♦ **Jr. High Game Night.** See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Sunday, August 25

- ♦ **2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin.** Age 3-Grade 5 meet in the Sr. High Room. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - August, 2019

August 4

August 11

August 18

August 25

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Bobbo Lupo	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	
Opening Prayer	Dion Hayes	Novel Brown	Dan McLeod	David Lord	
Scripture Reading	Mike Ellis	Jerry Pittman	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Bob Higbee	
Presiding at Table	Chris Thompson	Johnny Davis	Kirk Crews	Eugene Williams	
Serving at Table:	Henry Bass	Josiah Blackmer	Jimmie Banks	Stephen Beliech	
	Mike Damron	Mike Erickson	Glen Dawson	Ed Buonadonna	
	Jim Davis	Andy Fernandez	Charles Hayes	Max Fonrose	
	Eddie Gooden	Dick Kelley	Namddie Ikon	Ed Gager	
	Vince Rogers	Chad Morgan	Paul Metzkes	Orlando Lolo	
	David Thorpe	Rick Price	Mike Morning	Ken Long	
	Simon Tyson	Dirk Summerlot	Cody Price	Jeremy Maloney	
	Kevin Weeks	Lawrence Williams	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Gary Sesames	
	Closing Prayer	Harrison Crotts	L.H Richardson	Robert Mariano	Bill Ingram, Jr.

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	Dan McLeod	
Opening Prayer	Richard Watson	Josh Blackmer	Willie Smith	Cam Crotts	
Scripture Reading	Tim Fry	Nate Nelson	Phil Porter	Tyler Williams	
Presiding at Table	Freddie Gadson	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Goodale	Victor Colage	
Serving at Table:	Ted Friesner	Lance Collier	Gorman Ericksen	Devin Eutsey	
	Nick Pietro	Joe Maloney	Daniel Lord	John Loftis	
	Marty Williams	Daniel Wagner	Simon Tyson	Dirk Summerlot	
Closing Prayer	Tom Martens	Mike Archer	Bobbo Lupo	Graysen Hayes	

Alternates:					
	Jim Rogers	David Brown	Morris McDaniel	Rick Hall	
	Scott Studer	Richard Lerro	Darin Summerlot	Jeff Leslie	

Technical Assignments					
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Nate Nelson	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Kirk Crews	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard, Jr.
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	TBD	John Loftis	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Jerry Pittman

Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
<i>Ushers</i>		Aug 4 & 7	Aug 11 & 14	Aug 18 & 21	Aug 25 & 28
	Head Usher:	Tim Cox			→
		Errol Gower-Winter	Bobby Ingraham	Taylor Reeves	Jim Davis
	John Patrick	John Loftis	Kevin Weeks	Rick Price	
<i>Safety Team</i>		Rick Hall	Victor Colage	Jerry Pittman	Kirk Crews
		Nahum Villard	Seth Watson	L.H. Richardson	Daniel Swayne

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

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.

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)

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 21

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lucille Black; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Wynona Bowman; Mr. Johnny Mark Davis; Mr. & Mrs. Travis & Taylor Johnson; Mr. Colin Kato; Mr. Lavon Kinsey, Sr.; Mr. Rudolph March; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mrs. Michalea Smith; and Mrs. Sirpa White.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Walt Arthur, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Kenva Barr, Humble, TX; Miss LaDon Cruz; Mrs. Sarah DeVoe, Sanford, FL; Mr. Michael Edwards, Ontario, Canada; Ms. Hilary Findley, Harwood, MD; Mrs. Antrez Forbes, Miramar, FL; Mrs. Glennett Fowler, Freeport, Bahamas; Mrs. Mia Givens, Chloe, & Caarleigh, Frederick, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Trey & Naomi Ingram, St. Augustine, FL; Jacob, & Colton Kelley, Tamarac, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Ms. Jane McDonald and Mrs. Carolyn Miller, Freeport, Bahamas; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Ms. Maranda Porter & Taysia, Richmond Hill, GA; Ms. Glennette Richardson, Charlotte, NC; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; and Ms. Michon Wise, College Park, GA.



Sabrina Swayne was baptized at Mid South Youth Camp in Tennessee on Thursday, July 18.

Sunday (July 28th)
David & Skye Brown (Ann.)
Joy Cantrell

Wednesday (July 31st) cont.
Robert Mariano

Tuesday (July 30th)
Victor Colage

Saturday (August 3rd)
Rick & Betsy Donahue (Ann.)
Stephen Beliech

Wednesday (July 31st)
John & Lottie Patrick (Ann.)
Janet Hickerson

Seth Watson
Henry Williams

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, July 28

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading..... Lawrence Williams
Presiding at TableBill Ingram, Jr.
Serve at Table:
Kirk Crews Bobby Ingraham
Cam Crotts Robert Mariano
Gorman Ericksen Mike Morning
Namdidie Ikon Nate Nelson
Alternates:
Dion Hayes Jeremy Maloney
Closing Prayer Taylor Reeves

Sunday Evening, July 28

Lead SingingDan McLeod
Opening PrayerDirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading..... Stephen Beliech
Presiding at Table.....Paul Metzkes
Mike Ellis
Bob Higbee
Morris McDaniel
Closing Prayer Robert Lupo

Wednesday Evening, July 31

Lead Singing Max Fonrose
Invitation.....Mike Erickson
Family Prayer Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	July 21	June Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	189	204
Sun. A.M. Worship	316	323
Sun. P.M. Worship	117	146
Wed. Bible Study	152	182
Contribution	\$12,658	\$14,884

2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$10,440

Ushers for this week: Freddie Gadson (Head Usher); Orlando Lolo & Tyler Williams

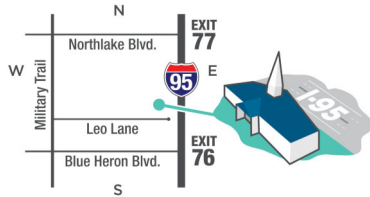
Safety Team for this week: David Lord & Darin Summerlot



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



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: Julie Charles, Rachel Fuller & Brittany Thompson



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).