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- Jerry Hopkins 434-4188
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Eight New Deacons

Serving at Palm Beach Lakes



Kirk Crews



Cam Crotts



Bill Ingram, Jr.



Nate Nelson



Lawrence Richardson



Shaun Tyson



Ivan Villard



Kevin Weeks

*“For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus”
(1 Tim. 3:13).*



By Dan Jenkins

The Importance of One Letter

It is easy for us to overlook the importance of a single word, even of a single letter, as we speak. An illustration of this is shown in the adage, "The only difference in united and untied is where 'i' is found." One single letter moved one space totally changes the meaning of a sentence where it is found.

This is why it is important to take time to look at individual words/letters as we read the Bible.

Two Lists

Look at these two lists and see if you notice how one letter changes the word of God. The Bible speaks of: His doctrine (Matt. 7:28); the apostles' doctrine (Acts 2:42); your doctrine (Acts 5:28); the doctrine of the Lord (Acts 13:12); sound doctrine (1 Tim. 1:10); the doctrine of Christ (Heb. 6:1); etc.

Now, look at the second list: the doctrines and commandments of men (Matt. 15:9; Mark 7:7); the commandments and doctrines of men (Col. 2:22); the doctrines of devils (1 Tim. 4:1); and strange doctrines (Heb. 13:9). Did you see the difference? It is the letter "s" to show a distinct difference between the word doctrine and the word doctrines.

The Bible uses the plural, doctrines, to refer to false teaching, but it never uses the plural to refer to the teaching from heaven. It rarely uses the singular to refer to teaching

coming from the heart of man, and every time it does, it clearly identifies its origin.

The One Doctrine

On any Bible subject there is only one teaching. In our society, we have the concept that one doctrine is as good as another. That is why people say, "That's what you believe about it. Let me tell you what I believe about it." This language ignores the fact that our God is one and when He speaks it is always singular. There is no way that He, who cannot lie, can teach one thing in one place and a contrary thing in another.

The One Faith

Paul says that there are precisely the same number of "faiths" as there are gods. "There is one body, and one Spirit...one hope...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God..." (Eph. 4:4-6). The Bible does not make provision for me to have one faith and you have another faith. Our faith comes from the doctrine we are taught, and the Bible never, even one time, speaks of the doctrines of God.

Religious division mocks the prayer of Jesus for unity among His followers. If I believe and teach the only doctrine found in the Bible and others teach only the same doctrine from the same source there will be unity. There is a vast difference between doctrine and doctrines!

"I know that is what you believe, let me tell you what I believe about it."



By David Sproule

Without Two or Three Witnesses, Shhhhh!

When Paul wrote his first epistle to the young evangelist Timothy, he charged him with various responsibilities toward the elders of the church (5:17-25). Note this one in particular: "Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses" (5:19). Apparently it would have been common in the first century for someone to come "to the preacher" with "an accusation against an elder." (If only that problem was limited to the first century!)

The instruction to Timothy was clear: "Do NOT receive" it or "entertain" (NIV) it! That is the general rule! There is one and only one exception: If the accusation comes from two or three witnesses. Does that have any application to us today?

The principle of "two or three witnesses" was a long-standing divine policy. Under the Law of Moses, "One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established" (Deut. 19:15). The death penalty could only be enforced "on the testimony of two or three witnesses" (Deut. 17:6), for "one witness is not sufficient testimony against a person" (Num. 35:30).

Jesus established that same principle in the New Testament (see John 8:17-18). He specifically applied it to conflict

between brethren. Ideally and initially, an issue is to be handled in private, one-on-one. If that fails to resolve the matter, Jesus said, "Take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established'" (Matt. 18:16).

Connect First Timothy 5:19 with Matthew 18:15-16. The words of Paul to Timothy not only apply to one person bringing an accusation against an elder. The words apply to any one person bringing an accusation against anyone else. We have no right to "receive" or "entertain" accusations against others! Although that juicy piece of "information" about another person "seems right" (Prov. 18:17), we have heard only "one side" of the matter, and it would be "folly" for us to speak or act in that situation (18:13).

"Death" is "in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:21). If the death penalty could not be enforced unless two or three witnesses established the validity of a matter, then our tongue must not be engaged to promote one's demise, when we have heard only one side of the story!

Psalm 15 affirms that to dwell in the presence of God, one must not "slander with his tongue" or "take up a reproach against his friend" (v. 3). We have no right to "entertain" accusations against others! Agape "love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pet. 4:8) and practices "The Golden Rule" (Luke 6:31)!

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By Josh Blackmer

The Man Who Cried, "It's Ma'am!"

It happened in December of last year at a GameStop retail store in Albuquerque, New Mexico. An employee was accused of misgendering (referring to someone with a word or pronoun that does not represent the gender with which they identify) by calling a man dressed and identifying as woman, "sir."

That person began screaming and cursing and affirming that he was a woman, even to the point of asking the employee to step outside so that he could show him how much of a woman he was, referring to fighting. Not very ladylike. Isaiah wrote, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter" (5:20)! We are in a time when truth is being redefined. Everything is being rebranded, renamed, and redone. In some cases, that is good. Who didn't want a better Hulk movie? Thank you, Marvel. However, in areas of greater importance, like gender, there are some things that should never be moved, changed or altered. It's like living in a not-so-fun house where perception is not reality. How do we live in it, and how do we prepare our children to live in it?

In our homes and areas where we have control, we must keep things right-side-up as much as possible. Not only for our own sanity but for the influence on our children. Our

homes need to be a refuge for truth. Anything that addresses the issue of reassigning truth (from homework to Disney—everything) needs to be talked about as a family. They are getting this thrown at them from every angle. Teachers say that homosexual relationships in schools are as common as heterosexual relationships. They are being programmed that tolerance means I have to agree or be silent about my own beliefs. At home, they need to be able to process this with you.

Give them the opportunity to ask questions. Teach them how to reason through the murky waters of this new truth they are being bombarded with. We must teach them to be respectful but firm. It is alright and healthy to be able to disagree with someone. We can be respectful to people without accepting their opinions or life choices (Eph. 4:14-15).

**We can't
budge
on truth.**

In our own interactions with people of the opposite truth, what should we do? How should we speak? We need to show wisdom in how we speak (Col. 1:28). Our words need to be seasoned in such a way as to be heard (Col. 4:5-6). We need to be respectful but firm. We can't budge on truth. Would we not be offended to have to call a man a woman? Would you not feel oppressed if everyone and every establishment around you catered to this new truth? This is not really truth, only there are some teaching it and wanting to promote it. We should not be among those who promote it or are silent to correct it, but we must protect those around us.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Thank God for dirty diapers!

On certain days when you walk past the baby nursery at the church, you can know if there were some babies at church on Sunday. Not because of any kind of noise or because of a cluttered room. But because there is a special aroma that fills the air, emitting from the diaper pail. Some might say, "That smells horrible!" Or, you could say, "Thank God the church has babies!"

Before his passing, a longtime church member used to include in his public prayers on Sundays something like this, "God, thank you for the sick." What?! No! We PRAY FOR the sick, not GIVE THANKS for them! That's backwards! But, his prayer continued: "...Thank you for the sick, that we might have an opportunity to minister to them." Well, that's different.

Sometimes, just a little change in perspective can make a huge difference! Are you always looking for the negative? Is it possible to find something positive and something for which to give thanks, even in the least likely place? Try it! "In everything give thanks" (1 Thess. 5:18)! -- DS



Fact-checking the gospel

There are organizations today whose sole purpose for existence is to fact-check what various sources say and post, to check the veracity of their claims and to share their findings with others. Have you ever tried that with various teachings of various churches?

The Bible says, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). Does your church teach that? The Bible says, "There is one body" (Eph. 4:4), meaning that there is one "church" (Eph. 1:22-23). Does your church teach that? The Bible says that "on the first day of the week...the disciples came together to break bread" (Acts 20:7). Does your church teach that? The Bible says that "a woman" is not "to teach or exercise authority over a man" (1 Tim. 2:12). Does your church teach that?

More important than finding out if cable news is telling the truth is finding out if a church is teaching Bible truth. Let's fact-check, using the Bible as our infallible source of truth! -- DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Lillian Bankston	now "at home" with Barbara King
Jordan Beasley	still being treated (at home) for an infection
Karen Bibbee	awaiting results from lung biopsy
Jeannie Buonadonna	infection in her foot
Chuck Clark	undergoing treatments for prostate cancer
Cora Lee Dennis	ICU at Gardens Medical Center, not doing well
Leigh Puckett	recovering at home
Maurine Reed	recovering at home, still has a blood clot in her leg
Jo Ann Rogers	Wellington Regional Medical Center (room 337)
Linda Studer	started a new cancer treatment
Patricia Ventress	still undergoing tests

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Joe Holland	chronic health issues
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Hattie Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Sandra Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Cora Lee Dennis	Silas Moses
Annie Faison	Godfrey Pratt
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Janet Hickerson	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Gail Archer	Mike Archer's daughter, dealing with gout
Victor Colage	Victor Colage's father, in Manor Care on Village Blvd.
Carmen Damron	Mike Damron's wife, chemo completed, doing well
Kay Estes	Chuck & Cheryl Milton's sister, surgery postponed
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering from surgery
Darrin McCreery	Pat Harrington's son, prostate cancer
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, still in the hospital
Bruce Morning	Michael Morning's brother, in rehab in Boca Raton
Winford Slone	Betty Sanders' brother, diagnosed with lung cancer
Benjamin Smith	Mary Brown's brother, has not been doing well
Jay Tyson	Shaun Tyson's father, in the hospital with heart problems

**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

Sunday, January 13

- ◆ **New 10-Week Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults. (See page 8 for a list of the classes.)
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, January 14

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 15

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

Friday, January 18

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot.

Friday-Monday, January 18-21

- ◆ **Winter Camp at CFBC.** The theme is "Follow Me." Cost is \$60 per person. See the bulletin board for details.

Saturday, January 19

- ◆ **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.

Sunday-Wednesday, January 20-23

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Clewiston** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Mike Brooks from Muscle Shoals, Alabama will be speaking.

Tuesday, January 22

- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown.

Sunday, January 27

- ◆ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. *Prepare for it! Pray about it!*
- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Saturday, February 2

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sebring Parkway** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Karen McCuiston will be speaking on "From Lemons to Lemonade." RSVP by January 28. See the bulletin board for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Friday, January 18

- ◆ **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 1-3

- ◆ **Young Adult Camping Trip** at Phipps Park Campground in Stuart. Cost is \$14 per person (not including food). See Ivan Villard for more details.

Tuesday, February 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amber Villard. We will begin a book study at this meeting. Cost is \$10. Please give Cindy Nelson your order (with payment) by Wednesday, January 16.

Saturday, February 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, March 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, January 13

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

Friday, January 18

- ◆ **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.

Sunday, January 27

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

Friday, February 1

- ◆ **Deadline to sign up for YES Weekend** (for Grades 8-12).

Sunday, February 10

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

2019
Theme:



- January: **To Spread the Gospel Near and Far**
February: **To Make My Marriage Stronger**
March: **To Defend God's Truth**
April: **To Work More in His Kingdom**
May: **When Storms of Life Are Raging**
June: **To Deeper Knowledge and Faith in Christ**
July: **To Greater Patience with Others**
August: **When Unrighteousness Seems to Prevail**
September: **To Become a Stronger Leader**
October: **To Uphold God's Church**
November: **To Look More Like Jesus**
December: **To the Eternal Prize of Heaven**

*"But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
January 6

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Ashaki Budden; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Donna Bleau; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Anthony Kiringo; Miss Cassie Lavender; Mr. & Mrs. Rich & Nancy Light; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Frank Mule; Mrs. Ann Marie Robinson.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Yvonne Clark, Alana & Tahlia, Chattanooga, TN; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Mr. Sam Ford, Smithville, TN; Ms. Dorcas Francois, Corpus Christy, TX; Miss Jamie Ingraham, Freeport, Bahamas; Mr. Scott Kelley, Jacob, & Colton, West Broward, FL; Jay & Nicole Killeen, Janesville, WI; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Yvonne Mobley, Ft. Pierce, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Ms. Jackie Price, Paducah, KY; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Ms. Lauryn Smith, Philadelphia, PA; and Mr. & Mrs. Ivan & Lenis Villard, Daytona Beach, FL.



I would like to thank everyone of you for all of the support, for food, cards, and most importantly your prayers.

In the love of Christ,
Mike Damron

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (January 14th)
Mary Coombs
Robin Davis
Cindy Nelson

Friday (January 18th)
Terry Denton

Saturday (January 19th)
Cornelius & Andrea Henderson (Ann.)

Youth & Family Singing
Sunday, January 13
After evening worship in the Family Room.
Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

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 13

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Joe Maloney
Scripture Reading..... Gary Jenkins
Presiding at Table Tim Fry
Serve at Table:
Novel Brown John Loftis
Harrison Crotts Robert Mariano
Andres Fernandez Jonathan Swayne
Bill Ingram, Jr. Tyler Williams
Alternates:
Rick Hall Namdidie Ikon
Closing Prayer Orlando Lolo

Sunday Evening, January 13

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading..... Kane Campbell
Presiding at Table..... Darin Summerlot
David Bound
Ted Friesner
Nick Pietro
Closing Prayer Stephen Beliech
Wednesday Evening, January 16
Lead Singing Ivan Villard, Jr.
Invitation..... Freddie Gadson
Family Prayer Lawrence Richardson

Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 6	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	235	208
Sun. A.M. Worship	350	321
Sun. P.M. Worship	206	159
Wed. Bible Study	179	149
Contribution	\$18,178	\$14,999

2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$2,988

Ushers for this week: Glen Dawson (Head Usher); James Green & Dirk Summerlot

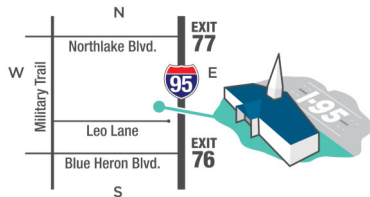
Safety Team for this week: Mike Damron & Seth Watson



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: Sully Tyson & Trevin Roman

New Bible Classes (JAN. 13 – MAR. 20)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Studies in Proverbs	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
Mastering the Art of Self-Discipline	David Sproule (Adult 1)
Young Adults: David's Life and Psalms	Kevin Weeks (Adult 3)
Sr. High: Romans & Galatians	Jeff Goodale & Darin Summerlot
Jr. High: Israel's Captivity	Seth Watson

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

1-2 Timothy & Titus (Part 2)	David Sproule (Auditorium)
Restoring My Soul in Difficult Times	Josh Blackmer (Adult 1)
Ladies: Seasoning Your Words	Cara Blackmer (Adult 2)
Maturing As a 21st-Century Christian	Victor Colage, Jeff Goodale, Nate Nelson & Ivan Villard (Adult 3)
Sr. High: Christian Evidences	Cam Crotts & Taylor Reeves
Jr. High: First Principles of Christianity	Dan Fuller