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Welcome New Members



Higbee, Trey

Group 4

Baptized October 6

24th Annual **South Florida Lectureship**

CONFORMED TO *His* IMAGE

November 7-10, 2019

Congregational Bonfire & Singing

November 16

Hosted by the Young Adults at 6:00 p.m.





By Dan Jenkins

Biblical Words Describing Preaching

Over the years, the style of preaching has changed. In recent years, the impact of political correctness has created an atmosphere in many churches today where sin may be dealt with in a generic way but where the clarity of God preaching about the sins of the listeners has almost been removed. Young preachers, and some older ones, would do well to examine the kind of preaching which in the first century "...turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6).

Have we lost sight of the fact that the preaching in the first century came about because God determined the message, and "they began to speak...as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4)? Jesus' disciples were told that when they were confronted in the synagogues or brought before authorities, "Do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you should answer, or what you should say" (Luke 12:11-12). Preachers need to study to learn the kind of preaching done when God chose the style of preaching.

Look at how Jesus described the kind of preaching that was done by the Holy Spirit. "He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). When properly understood, the Greek word translated convict shows

the kind of preaching God wanted in that day as well as in ours. Barclay says in defining that word, "It is used for the cross-examination of a witness, or a man on trial, or an opponent in an argument. It has always this idea of cross-examining a man until he sees and admits his errors or acknowledges the force of some argument which he had not yet seen." This concept stands in marked contrast to the use of the sophistry of human wisdom trying to suavely change lives of the listeners without upsetting their souls.

Trying to use the sophistry of our words to change lives without upsetting souls!

It is the word used to describe the preaching of John the Baptist when he openly confronted adulterous Herod (Luke 3:19). It is the word used to describe the public action God intended for preachers to do when they openly rebuked impenitent elders before the whole church (1 Tim. 5:20). It is used to describe what could happen when an unbeliever comes into the weekly assembly. "If...an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convicted by all, he is convicted by all...so falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you" (1 Cor. 14:24-25).

Yet in our day, we tend to remove the convicting words of the Spirit and replace them with our own ideas. Why would we not bring to the forefront those book, chapter and verse words given so forcefully by God? Have you considered that by not using His word you might be quenching the Spirit?



By David Sproule

Made a Big Impact Without Doing Anything Really Big

When you think about some of the great heroes in the Old Testament (and the ones we often talk about the most), it is interesting to consider that certain ones of them did not do something supernatural or even all that hard. Yet, by their simple actions, they made a big impact. While some heroes did miraculous deeds through the power of God, other heroes did basically ordinary deeds on behalf of their God. Consider a great illustration of this.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego were three young men who were out of their element. They did not look like, talk like, eat like, act like or worship like everyone else around them in Babylon. But they did not let that stop them (or even slow them) from honoring their God.

King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold image that was 90 feet tall, and he set it up to be worshiped by all the people. He gave explicit instructions exactly how and when he wanted every person to "fall down and worship the gold image" (Dan. 3:1-5). He also warned that "whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (3:6). The expectations were clear. The consequences of disobedience were understood. What could an ordinary follower of God do in such a situation?

Other heroes did basically ordinary deeds on behalf of their God

These men showed up. They likely knew what was coming and knew what the king was going to demand. But, they did not hide at home. They went where they were supposed to be. We must be "in" the world, just not "of" the world. The light of Christ must shine forth.

These men stood up. When everyone else bowed down to the king's image in worship, these three men did not flinch. They made it very evident by their actions (and even their non-action in refusing to bow) that they did "not serve [idolatrous] gods or worship the gold image" (3:12). We must make an obvious difference between who we are and where we stand over against what everybody else is doing.

These men spoke up. They first stated their absolute trust in their God (3:17). Then they affirmed their complete devotion to righteousness and their utter disdain for ungodliness (3:18). We must not be ashamed to speak about our God, even when others do not share the same loyalty that we do.

These men stirred up. Pompous Nebuchadnezzar became the Praising Nebuchadnezzar at the end of the chapter. Due to these three men showing up, standing up and speaking up, the king's heart was stirred up to bless God and to even exclaim, "...there is no other God who can deliver like this" (4:29). What they did was simple. The impact was big.



By Josh Blackmer

Reading with the Selah

There is a quote that is often attributed to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, “Music is not in the notes but in the silence between.” Would it surprise you that the average person does not like the quiet stillness of silence? There are times that we enjoy it for a moment. Would you be willing to see how long could you go without talking or without filling that empty space of silence? There are so many things we do to keep from getting to that point where silence seems to overwhelm. There is a place in that silence where we can begin to think on or meditate on things that the noise of everyday life does not allow us.

There is a word in Hebrew, it shows up mostly in the Psalms, that is transliterated as Selah. This word seems to be direction for the singing or reading of the psalm. Most translate it as instruction to pause. I do not intend to make this word mean anything more than that. However, it does introduce a thought about our reading of the Bible. Of the Christian disciplines, we put a lot emphasis on reading, and there should be. “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17). Most of us read it as a textbook—information to download and have on ready recall mode. We might read for the sake of just getting through it, maybe to unlock an achievement medal like the Made It

Slow down your reading, you be surprised what you find.

Through Leviticus Award or the Numbers Senses Award. To be fair, the Bible includes various types of literature, and those types might be read in different ways. Have we ever thought about reading it with more pauses? Not the, “I got distracted and I'm thinking about something else pause,” but a purposeful, clear, and untainted pause. Consider this passage, “Tremble, and do not sin; meditate in your heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah” (Psa. 4:4). What would happen if we added meditation to our reading schedule? “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night” (Psa. 1:1-2). Meditation has become a lost practice. Mostly because it takes up so much of our most precious commodity, time. We seem to have so little of it for the things we need to do, yet we make time for the things we want to do.

Reading with meditation is no more than taking the time to think on the passage. Think on how it applies to you. Or, how does it fit in God’s overall message? Try reading the Psalms with the Selah and practice the pause. Another exercise would be to read some of your favorite passages and put your own Selah in the text. Most importantly, slow down your reading and leave time for the silence between. I guarantee you will be surprised what you find.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“I’m not enjoying worship anymore”

Is that you? Are you “coming to worship” but “enjoying it less”? Or, have you stopped coming because you just “weren’t enjoying it” or maybe you’re not coming as much? Over the years, there have been others in your same position. Maybe it’s the preacher who “just isn’t doing it for me anymore.” Maybe it’s the songs that “we just keep singing to same ones.” Or maybe “not many people talk to me anyway.” Does any of this describe you?

Can I ask you a question? “Why do you come to worship?” What is it all about to you? While it is hard for all of us to remember at times, the focus of all that we do in worship is for our hearts to be looking to and praising God. Therefore, my primary consideration is not “what I get out of it” or “how much I enjoy it.” Worship is an action verb that focuses on the object of that act. It may help my thought pattern to ask, “What can I do in worship to keep my mind focused on my God, and to make sure He is enjoying it?” When I truly think about the object of my worship (who is so worthy) and Him enjoying it, then I want to worship and I know I will enjoy that. – DS



“Better than I deserve!”

So, how are you doing? “Better than I deserve!” Have you known anyone who responded in that way? For many such folks, it really didn’t matter what kind of day they were having. They could have had a rough morning and may have even been carrying a heavy burden of some kind. Yet, they really meant it—“Better than I deserve!” These kind of people have a positive outlook on life! They have a conscious awareness of the abundant and constant blessings of God! They have decided that life’s circumstances do not determine “how they’re doing”!

Because of the “exceedingly abundant” grace of God, we are all better than we deserve (1 Tim. 1:14). Through the ever-present and surpassing love of God, we are all better than we deserve (Rom. 8:31-39). By the limitless and overwhelming power of God “that works in us,” we are all better than we deserve (Eph. 3:20-21).

You don’t have to respond with those words, but do you believe—“I am better than I deserve”? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	undergoing rehab on his shoulder
Adrienne Banks	awaiting biopsy results
Jimmie Banks	kidney biopsy postponed
Karen Bibbee	undergoing rehab at home
Judy Carmack	dealing with thyroid and chronic spinal issues
Betty Davis	in Waterford for rehab, NO visitors please
Eva Fulton	Savannah Court (room 111) for rehab
Terri Hahn	in LaPosada for physical therapy
Shirley Hopkins	knee replacement surgery rescheduled for Nov. 13
Mary Jackson	having hip replacement surgery on Oct. 24
Allison Roman	recovering at home from surgery
Willie Smith	having some complications from his recent heart surg.
Robin Stone	dealing with bilateral knee injuries
Linda Studer	chemo treatments every 3 weeks

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	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
Annie Faison	Charles Norton
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Les Sawyer
Joe Holland	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ellen Brown	Lovetta Harmon's sister, recovering from hip replacement
Hayes Burleson	June Pack's brother, foot and leg amputated, in rehab
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, now dealing with an infection
Freddie King	Nadia King's father, in the final stages of cancer

**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, October 27

- ♦ **Baby Shower for Chris & Brittany Thompson** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon. *It's a girl!*
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

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

Friday-Sunday, November 1-3

- ♦ **Father/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is *"When You Go Through Deep Waters I Will Be with You."* Cost is \$40/person.

Saturday, November 2

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do!

Saturday, November 2 (cont.)

- ♦ **Fall BBQ at CFBC** from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Please RSVP online at www.cf biblecamp.org.

Sunday, November 3

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.
- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Brookdale (11381 Prosperity Farms Rd). See Joan Holloway to RSVP or for more details.
- ♦ **North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ♦ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Wednesday, November 6

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. We will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

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

Monday, October 28

- ♦ **Meat Night for YA Men** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh Blackmer.

Saturday, November 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier.

Tuesday, November 12

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

Friday, November 15

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 6:30 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Saturday, November 16

- ♦ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing** hosted by the Young Adults at 6:00 p.m. on the church property. Bring a lawn chair and \$5/person for burgers and hotdogs. Young Adults need to arrive at 4:30 p.m. to set up.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, October 27

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Sunday, November 10

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

Friday, November 15

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

Sunday, November 17

- ♦ **Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for lunch and a thanksgiving treat. Meet in the Family Room after worship. We will return around 4:00 p.m.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - November, 2019

November 3

November 10

November 17

November 24

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	
Opening Prayer	Morris McDaniel	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Richard Watson	Eugene Williams	
Scripture Reading	Kirk Crews	Bobby Ingraham	David Brown	Taylor Reeves	
Presiding at Table	Phil Porter	Jim Davis	Freddie Gadson	Dick Kelley	
Serving at Table:	Derrick Banks	Cam Crotts	Jordan Beasley	Ed Buonadonna	
	Harrison Crotts	Max Fonrose	Chuck Clark	Mike Damron	
	Errol Gower-Winter	Ed Gager	Andy Fernandez	Gorman Ericksen	
	Namddie Ikon	Eddie Gooden	Tim Mahlbacher	Bob Higbee	
	Orlando Lolo	Paul Metzkes	Dan McLeod	Joe Maloney	
	Chad Morgan	Scott Studer	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Lawrence Richardson	
	Vince Rogers	Simon Tyson	Gary Seames	Dirk Summerlot	
	Marty Williams	Lawrence Williams	Nahum Villard	Tyler Williams	
	Closing Prayer	Stephen Beliech	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Dion Hayes	Gary Jenkins

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	John Loftis	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Weeks	Daniel Lord	Novel Brown	Tim Fry	
Scripture Reading	Jerry Pittman	Jimmie Banks	Victor Colage	Richard Lerro	
Presiding at Table	Rick Hall	Chris Thompson	Darin Summerlot	Willie Smith	
Serving at Table:	John Loftis	Graysen Hayes	Josiah Blackmer	Lance Collier	
	Jeremy Maloney	Nate Nelson	Harrison Crotts	Paul Metzkes	
	Jim Rogers	Nick Pietro	Jonathan Swayne	Daniel Wagner	
Closing Prayer	Daniel Swayne	Tom Martens	Jeff Leslie	John Patrick	

Alternates:					
	Lance Collier	Jeff Goodale	Glen Dawson	Ken Long	
	Tim Cox	David Thorpe	Mike Erickson	Nate Nelson	

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>		Nov 3 & 6	Nov 10 & 13	Nov 17 & 20	Nov 24 & 27	
	Head Usher:	Kane Campbell →				
		Novel Brown	Robert Mariano	James Green	Devin Eutsey	
	Daniel Wagner	Lawrence Richardson	Dirk Summerlot	Jim Rogers		
<i>Safety Team</i>		Mike Damron	David Lord	Rick Hall	Bobbo Lupo	
		Bob Higbee	Seth Watson	Daniel Swayne	Shaun Tyson	

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)



Sunday,
October 20

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Tunde Akingbade; Mrs. Lucille Black; Miss Caila Buonadonna; Mrs. Stephanie Contreras; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Collin Kato; Miss Kiley Mirabal; and Ms. Beatriz Pando;

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Miss Canishka Alexander, Orlando, FL; Ms. Merna Bennett, Stoughton, MA; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Sherry Carden, Johnson City, TN; Ms. Sharon Dean, Ms. Sonia Dean, and Ms. Sandra Dean-Smith, Nassau, Bahamas; Mrs. Carolyn Deem, Port St. Lucie, FL; Ms. Jean Holsapple, Blairsville, GA; Mr. Lemuel Jackson, Tucker, GA; Ms. Reina Johnson, Higden, AL; Jacob & Colton Kelley, Tamarac, FL; Ms. Le Lang, Athens, GA; Mr. Mark Lester, Orlando, FL; Ms. Bianca McIntosh, Abaco, Bahamas; Mr. Eric Pauli, Clermont, FL; Ms. Jackie Price, Paducah, KY; Ms. Greta Strachan, Marsh Harbor, Bahamas; Mr. Leslie Szakacs, Parkland, FL; and Mr. Ricky Williams, Hollywood, FL.



Sunday (October 27th)
Traci Sproule

Wednesday (October 30th)
Marie Yolette Achille

Monday (October 28th)
Dianne Frye

Saturday (November 2nd)
Trish Clark
Michelle Franck

Tuesday (October 29th)
Lawrence H. Richardson

Isolyn Sinclair

To my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you all for the prayers and lovely cards, calls, food, and flowers during my recovery. It is so pleasant to hear from you all and to be loved by my church family. Thanks, and keep the prayers for me going.

Love,
Mary A. Jackson

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, October 27

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Taylor Reeves
Scripture Reading..... Dan Fuller
Presiding at Table Novel Brown
Serve at Table:
 Josiah Blackmer Bill Ingram, Jr.
 Glen Dawson Daniel Lord
 Gorman Erickson John Patrick
 Andres Fernandez Scott Studer
Alternates:
 Chuck Clark Richard Lerro
Closing Prayer Joe Maloney

Sunday Evening, October 27

Lead Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Bob Higbee
Scripture Reading..... Willie Smith
Presiding at Table..... Kane Campbell
 Harrison Crotts
 Jeff Goodale
 Nate Nelson
Closing Prayer Henry Williams

Wednesday Evening, October 30

Lead Singing Max Fonrose
Invitation..... Kane Campbell
Family Prayer Johnny Davis

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Oct. 20</u>	<u>Sep. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	191	218
Sun. A.M. Worship	283	323
Sun. P.M. Worship	119	164
Wed. Bible Study	179	189
Contribution	\$15,757	\$14,324

2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$10,688

Ushers for this week: Rick Hall (Head Usher); Jimmie Banks & Dan McLeod
Safety Team for this week: Kirk Crews & Nahum Villard



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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: Elders passing out books at Promotion Sunday

