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By Dan Jenkins

Lifeless Idols or a Living God

The psalmist said of idols, "They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat" (Psa. 115:4-7). What a contrast between them and our living God!

The living God speaks. "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son" (Heb. 1:1-2). What a contrast there was at Mt. Sinai between the golden calf and God whose voice echoed from the heavens and shook the earth.

The living God sees. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and from throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron. 26:9). Add to this the words of Peter, "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous..." (1 Pet. 3:12).

The living God hears. "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers" (1 Pet. 3:12). He heard the groanings of the Jews in Egypt and sent Moses

because He heard them. If He hears every idle word any man speaks (Matt. 12:36), how much more will He hear the sincere cries of His children today? His ears are always open to your prayers!

The living God smells. When Noah exited from the ark, he offered a multitude of sacrifices to God. "The Lord smelled a soothing aroma" (Gen. 8:21) and promised mankind He would never again destroy the earth by a flood. The smell of burning flesh, hairs and feathers might not be pleasing to us, but they are an aroma to God. Remember that your prayers are mixed with incense which comes into His presence (Rev. 8:3).

The living God touches and holds us with His hands. David cried out to God, "Stretch out Your hand from above, rescue me out of great waters" (Psa. 144:7). His hands made the heavens (Psa. 102:4) and how comforting it is to know that He holds us in His hands.

The living God has feet to move and to help. "Yes, He loves the people; All His saints are in Your hand; They sit down at Your feet; Everyone receives Your words" (Deut. 33:33). We must never forget that our God is omnipresent, and His feet are always with us.

Why would any person choose a lifeless idol!

What a contrast between a living God and lifeless idols. Who would choose an idol?



By David Sproule

18 Ways to "Build Up" One Another in Worship Assemblies

There is no better day of the week than the first day of the week! There is no greater blessing and privilege on the first day of the week than to worship the God of all creation, our heavenly Father! And the New Testament emphasizes that this wonderful opportunity takes place when "the church" "comes together" each Lord's day (1 Cor. 11:17, 18, 20, 33, 34; 14:23, 26).

One primary purpose for the church to "come together" to worship on the first day of the week is to "build up" one another. That is repeated throughout the fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians (14:3, 4, 5, 12, 17), where Paul concludes: "Let all things be done for building up" (14:26). While we can certainly "build up one another" outside the worship assembly, the "building up" emphasized in this chapter is a "building up" that is particular to the assembly of the church and cannot be given or received outside of it. So, in a practical way, what are some things that we can do to "build up" one another when we assemble together as a church on the first day of the week? Let's consider just a few.

1. Arrive early, well before it's time to start.
2. Start by talking to folks while in the parking lot.
3. Don't just go to your seat; walk around greeting people.

4. Smile.
5. Hug.
6. Shake hands, fist bump, high five, whatever.
7. Have a real, genuine, intentional conversation.
8. Look into their eyes and show sincere interest.
9. Seek out folks you don't know as well or speak to often.

Let us make assembling on the Lord's Day the most encouraging time

10. Say something like, "It is so good to see you."
11. Say something like, "How have you been doing this week?" and then listen.
12. Say something like, "I prayed for you this last week," or "I will definitely pray for you this week."
13. Participate heartily in the worship.
14. Sing out with joy, rather than sitting silently.
15. Reflect on the cross during the Lord's Supper, rather than carrying on a conversation or making a grocery list.
16. Engage in the sermon and show real interest, rather than being disengaged, playing on your device or looking bored.
17. Don't rush off. Stay late, several minutes after dismissal.
18. Take the initiative, rather than waiting for others.

What would you add? Let us make assembling on the Lord's Day the most encouraging time of the week.



By Josh Blackmer

Peacemakers

The beatitudes are what introduce the Sermon on the Mount. They serve as a framework or a starting place for the hearers of the message. They also serve as a reminder of the basic characteristics of a follower of God. They teach us so much about faith. They teach us how faith begins poor in spirit, with mourning and meekness. They teach us how faith grows, hungers and thirsts after righteousness. They teach us how faith matures merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers. They also teach us how faith is tested by persecution. Among them is the concept of a peacemaker. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9).

What does it mean to be a peacemaker, and how does it affect our lives? A peacemaker is a person who is actively seeking to establish and maintain peace. They don't make war or create conflicts with others. They seek to resolve conflicts and eliminate all hostility. They have a positive force for good and all that is profitable for mankind. Peacemakers are those who demonstrate peace in their lives. In that, they are at peace with God. "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1). Sin separates us from God and makes us enemies. "You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever

er wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (Jas. 4:4).

Peacemakers are at peace with others. "So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another" (Rom. 14:19). "Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you" (2 Cor. 13:11).

Peacemakers are at peace with themselves. "My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments; For length of days and years of life And peace they will add to you" (Prov. 3:1-2). "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Col. 3:15).

The ultimate work of God is making peace between Himself and mankind. "Now the God of peace be with you all" (Rom. 15:33). If God is with us, He can help us maintain peace. "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet" (Rom. 16:20a). God resolves the war to bring peace to our lives. "The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:9). Our trusting obedience in following His teachings will produce peace in our lives. We need to do our part to maintain the peace He has blessed us with and also show others the way of peace.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

See your potential

When the twelve Hebrew spies went into Canaan, they all saw the same things but not in the same way. Joshua and Caleb announced, "We are well able to overcome" (Num. 13:30). But the other ten spies despondently replied, "We are not able" (13:31). All of them had seen the giants in the land, but those weak in faith said, "We were like grasshoppers in our own sight" (13:33). Think about that. Not only did they believe that the enemy saw them as grasshoppers, but they saw themselves (through a weak faith) to be small and insignificant like grasshoppers.

There was one major factor that they had overlooked—God! They realized that "the Lord brought us TO this land" (14:3), so why didn't they have the confidence that He would "bring us INTO this land" (14:8)? They had forgotten that "the Lord is with us" (14:9).

There may be proverbial giants all around you today making you feel small and insignificant. Don't view yourself for any intrinsic greatness but, with eyes of faith, see the potential that exists from the Lord being on your side! —DS



How big is your God?

As human beings, we are limited to (and therefore, often focused upon) physical descriptions, physical measurements, physical time. However, one thing that we need to remember about our God is that He is not. He is not limited to physical anything, whether that be time or dimensions. What does that have to do with you today?

The Hebrew spies and the shepherd David saw giants, who were threatening to God's people (Num. 13:33; 1 Sam. 17:4). So what? Since our God is not limited by physical size, He is infinitely "bigger" than all of our problems! Jesus and the apostle Paul taught Christians to not worry about tomorrow or to be anxious about anything (Matt. 6:25-34; Phil. 4:6-7). Why not? Our God is not limited by physical time; thus, He is already "there" in our "tomorrow" and taking care of it for us!

Rather than limit our God, let us seek to appreciate and trust His magnitude and His majesty! —DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Brown	awaiting test results
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing a more potent treatment for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	diagnosed with lung and stomach cancer
Tasha Ellis	recovering from cataract surgery
Sue Hoelzer	recovering from successful surgery
Joan Holloway	in Waterford Rehab; NO phone calls, please
Rosa Nash	undergoing radiation treatments for cancer
Melinda Price	recovering from outpatient surgery
Sherri Richmond	dealing with an infection in her knee
Willie Smith	in extreme pain
Tina Wagner	breast cancer surgery on 10/14
Henry Williams	fractured ribs and in a lot of pain

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Terri Hahn	leukemia
Inell Ingram	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joe Holland
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Dianne Frye	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Connye Plouffe
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Frankie Lyons	Gwen Lyons' mother, side effects from covid shot
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, dealing with health issues
Betty Story	Glen Dawson's sister, recovering from a stroke
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, awaiting surg. on lung cancer
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, dealing with chest pain





Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, October 18

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

Tuesday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 30

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Monday, November 1

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL Men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Wednesday, November 3

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

Thursday-Sunday, November 4-7

- ♦ **25th Annual South Florida Lectureship.** This year's theme is *"He Who Promised Is Faithful."* See the Welcome Desk for a full schedule.

Thursday, Nov. 4	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 5	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 6	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
Sunday, Nov. 7	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:25 a.m. Bible Class

Sunday, November 7

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

Sunday-Wednesday, November 7-10

- ♦ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). Andy Cantrell (Minneapolis, MN) and Erik Borlaug (Atlanta, GA) will be the guest speakers.

Sunday, November 14

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, November 1

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL Men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Saturday, November 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Brandon Widner. See Ivan Villard for details.

Thursday, December 2

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Friday, December 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo & Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. See Ivan Villard for details.

Friday, December 31

- ♦ **New Year's Eve Gathering** at 9:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Singing in the New Year will begin at 11:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, October 24

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. The main dish and dessert will be provided. Please bring sides, chips and drinks.

Friday, October 29

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Fall Fest** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. There will be games, activities and food. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Monday, November 1

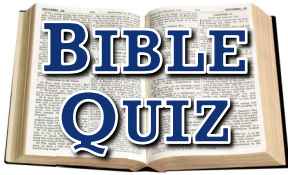
- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL Men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

Sunday, November 14

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, December 4

- ♦ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m.



More Kings, Pharaohs & Rulers

1. Which son of David exalted himself and tried make himself king of Israel (1 Kings 1:5)? _____
2. What Egyptian king gave refuge to Jeroboam when he fled from Solomon (1 Kings 11:40)? _____
3. What king had a dream about a massive tree that was chopped down (Daniel 4:10-18)? _____
4. What man had his reign over Israel foretold by the prophet Ahijah (1 Kings 11:26-39)? _____
5. What king of Judah was constantly at war with King Jeroboam of Israel (1 Kings 15:6-7)? _____
6. What man protested having a king in Israel, but then anointed the first two himself? _____
7. What king reigned only 7 days before burning down the palace (1 Kings 16:15-18)? _____
8. What king led Israel into sin by introducing Baal worship (1 Kings 16:29-33)? _____
9. Who was the last king of Israel (2 Kings 17:4)? _____
10. What Amorite king refused to let Israel pass through his kingdom (Numbers 21:21-26)? _____
11. What king called Elijah the “troubler of Israel” (1 Kings 18:17)? _____
12. What king of Syria was Elijah told to anoint (1 Kings 19:15)? _____
13. What king of Judah was humbled after taken to Babylon in chains (2 Chron. 33:10-13)? _____
14. What king had a fleet built to sail for gold, though the ships never sailed (1 Kings 22:48)? _____
15. What king consulted the god Baal-Zebub after falling through his roof (2 Kings 1:2)? _____
16. What king of Moab was a sheepbreeder (2 Kings 3:4)? _____
17. What king had the prophet Urijah murdered for prophesying against him (Jer. 26:20-23)? _____
18. Who became king of Syria after smothering Ben-Hadad with a wet cloth (2 Kings 8:15)? _____
19. What king led Judah into sin after marrying the daughter of Ahab (2 Kings 8:16-18)? _____
20. Who is the only king in the Bible referred to as “the Mede” (Daniel 5:31)? _____

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshiping with us

Sunday,
October 10

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Lucille Black; Mr. David Caudill; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Keith Hutchison; Ms. Robyn Landen; Ms. Pamela Sawyer; Mr. Joseph Snyder; Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Joyce Blake, Stone Mountain, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Destiny Green, Lady Lake, FL; and Miss Stacy Hall, TX.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (October 18th)

Josue Charles

Tuesday (October 19th)

Samantha Jewell

Thursday (October 21st)

Janice Maloney

Sabrina Pietro

Thursday (October 21st) cont.

David Sproule

Leslie Williams

Friday (October 22nd)

Richard & Judy Lerro (Ann.)

Tim Mahlbacher

Saturday (October 23rd)

Millie Ames

News & Notes

For this year's **South Florida Lectureship**, the lessons take **promises that God made to His people** throughout Biblical history and are designed to give practical application of those blessings to the lives of Christians today.

Our God Is Faithful

He Will Fight for You

He Will Be with You Always

He Will Hear from Heaven and Answer

He Will Abundantly Supply You an Entrance

He Will Guard You Against the Evil One

He Will Remember Your Sins No More

He Will Give You a New Heart

Ladies: He Will Supply Your Every Need

He Will Uphold You

He Will Repay (with His Vengeance)

He Will Give You Peace to Guard Your Hearts

Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

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 17

Singing Dion Hayes

Opening Prayer Richard Watson

Scripture Reading Novel Brown

Singing

Lord's Supper Victor Colage

Contribution

Singing

Sermon

Singing

Closing Prayer Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:

Michael Erickson Morris McDaniel

Namddie Ikon Tim Mahlbacher

Richard Kelley Taylor Reeves

Orlando Lolo Willie Smith

Steward Lynch Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, October 17

Singing Dan McLeod

Opening Prayer Ricky Smith

Singing

Lord's Supper Tim Fry

Contribution

Singing

Scripture Reading Vincent Rogers

Sermon

Singing

Closing Prayer Richard Lerro

Serve at Table:

Trey Higbee Willie Smith

Wednesday Evening, October 20

Singing Ivan Villard

Invitation Stephen Beliech

Family Prayer Tim Fry

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 10	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	162	159
Sun. AM Worship	215	223
Sun. PM Worship	112	124
Wed. Bible Study	132	124
Contribution	\$14,912	\$16,578
2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$55,694		

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

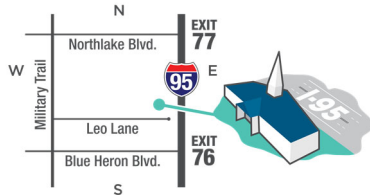
Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Rick Price
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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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.



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