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Congregational Work Day

October 30

Time: 8:30 a.m. until noon.

There is something for everyone to do!

25th Annual South Florida Lectureship

He Who Promised IS FAITHFUL

November 4-7, 2021



By Dan Jenkins

I Am the God of Abraham

The faith of Abraham is emphasized throughout the Bible. You cannot think of this great man without marveling how his faith impacted every decision of his life. We have faith because we read the Bible (Rom. 10:17), but Abraham did not have one! Yet look at how God had revealed Himself to this “father of the faithful” and given him the depth of understanding about God. We would be better people if we thought of God in this same way.

Abram Knew God As the Most High God

“Abram said to the king of Sodom, ‘I have raised my hand to the Lord, God most High...’” (Gen. 14:22). The pagans had their gods, but the God of all gods was Jehovah. There is none higher and the Most High said we are to have no other gods!

Abraham Knew the God of All the Earth Would Do Right

When God revealed to Abraham about the judgment about to come on Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham had such a close relationship with Him that he confronted God. Not on the basis of how great Abraham was, but on the basis of the nature of the Most High God. “Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked... Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right” (Gen. 18:25). Lives are changed when we see the holiness of God.

Abram Knew God was Worthy of Our Worship

When he entered the Promised Land, “There he built an altar.” Then when he came to Bethel, “He built an altar to the Lord, and called on the name of the Lord.” He came back to Bethel, “And there Abram called on the name of the Lord.” When he went to Hebron, “Abram...built an altar to the Lord.” He took Isaac to the top of the mountain in Jerusalem, “And built an altar there” (Gen. 12:7, 8; 13:4; 13:18; 22:9). You could have followed Abraham by following the smoke which ascended from his altars!

When he met Melchizedek, a priest of God Most High, Abram gave tithes to him (Gen. 14:18-20). How blessed we would be if we too understood that God is worthy of our worship and seeks our gifts.

Abraham Knew That God Was Eternal

Abraham came to Beersheba, “...and there called on the Lord, the Everlasting God” (Gen. 21:33). God was not someone who was part of Abraham’s life when it fit into his lifestyle. God was eternal. He is the One who was, and is, and is to come (cf. Rev. 4:8). Abraham understood that He is I AM before this name was given at Mt. Sinai.

There is More

This is only the beginning. Read Genesis to know the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is *your* God!

We would be better people if we would all think of God like Abraham did



By David Sproule

The Bible Says That Global Warming Will Destroy the Earth

There is a lot of talk today about so-called “global warming,” or as it seems to be called these days, “climate change.” For some people, it has become a religion that involves, essentially, worshiping the earth. Most folks, it would seem, have accepted the premise of “global warming” or “climate change,” without actually examining the evidence themselves. It is reminiscent of the theory of evolution being accepted and propagated, without any solid, verifiable evidence to support it.

The evidence shows that over the years the temperatures have gone up and the temperatures have gone down (almost like an intentionally designed cycle). Now, does the evidence indicate that man has ever been responsible for the rise in temperatures when that has happened? (Of course, no one asks if man has ever been responsible for the temperature going down.) Step back and consider just some basic information.

About 72% of the earth is covered by water. It is the waters of the earth (not the land) that are responsible for regulating the temperatures of the earth. So dry land only makes up about 28% of the earth’s surface, and if you subtract the desert and mountainous regions of the earth, less than half of that 28% dry land is even habitable. It has been estimated that

10% of the land on earth (which would be less than 3% of the total earth surface) is inhabited, and less than 20% of the world’s population (which would be living on less than 1% of the whole earth’s surface) lives in industrialized nations. (These numbers are intentionally estimated high.) Of course, industrialized nations making up far less than 1% of the earth’s surface is only dealing with the surface of the earth. That has not even taken into consideration the multiple layers of atmosphere surrounding the earth, which are designed by God to absorb pollutants and protect the earth.

A religion that involves, essentially, worshiping the earth

What’s the point? Is it not rather egocentric of humans to believe that they (so small and insignificantly minute compared to the massive volume of the earth) could do something to affect the climate of the earth? Could we then also affect its axis tilt, rotation or gravitational pull? Let’s put things into proper perspective and consider the evidence for ourselves. Unfortunately, man is more interested in worshiping the created things (like the earth) rather than the Creator (Rom. 1:25).

The truth is that the global warming that all men should be concerned about is the “fervent heat” that will come at the end of time and “burn” the earth up (2 Pet. 3:10). One day the earth will be gone, and we will all be in an eternal realm elsewhere. Where will you be? That eternal place of fiery temperatures should be what you’re trying to avoid!



By Josh Blackmer

Follow the Example

Oh, how much easier things are when you have examples. When you are assembling something from Ikea for example. You saw it in the store. They had an example of a fully mocked-up room, and they showed you how the item could be used. You buy it, take it home, and start the process of assembling the item. The instructions are helpful, but sometimes it is good to see the actual, fully-formed item. To see how it all fits together and how it should function helps in the assembly. In a similar fashion, we have encouragement from the Scriptures to look toward good examples.

Paul writes, “Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us” (Phil. 3:17). It is clear that Paul is not touting himself to be deity to be followed, just an example of one who walks with Christ. He wrote to the Corinthians, “Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1). It is simple to see the concept. Reading Scripture gives us knowledge. Yet, seeing it lived out in others helps us to understand the application. This only works because there is a standard. In the above verse from Philipians, Paul uses the Greek word “*tupos*” for “*pattern*.” It is the idea of a stamp or impression. It is a copy of the original. In the previous verse he wrote, “let us keep living by that same standard to which

we have attained” (Phil. 3:16). Translated from Greek, it literally reads, “by the same rule walk, the same thing think” (YLT). The concept of following the example of others carries with it the responsibility for us to make sure those we follow are following the same rule. There are a lot of bad examples out there.

Seeing someone living them out is a great asset in our Christian walk.

“For many walk of whom many times I told you—and now also weeping tell—the enemies of the cross of the Christ! whose end is destruction, whose god is the belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who the things on earth are minding” (Phil. 3:18-19). This is the accusation that Jesus had against Peter, “Get thee behind me, adversary! thou art a stumbling-block to me, for thou dost not mind the things of God, but the things of men” (Matt. 16:23). Peter didn’t want Jesus to die for his own reasons. When we try to blend the will of heaven with our own fleshly will, we distort the pattern, and we are no longer good examples. We should be quick to discern between those who genuinely want to serve God and those that are serving their own gain.

It is clear that proper examples can be helpful. We all have the same instructions for life. Yet, seeing someone living them out is a great asset in our Christian walk. Beware of the bad examples around us. Compare them to the pattern given so as to divide between right and wrong. Then, be an example.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

You never know what a day will bring

You wake up in the morning and you have no idea what may happen that day. You never know what awaits you when you arrive at work. You never know what news might be on the other end of a phone call. You never know what someone may take out on you unexpectedly. You never know what your car may do, what a family member may do, what a friend may do. Even when you go home at night, you never know what may happen before the next morning.

Life is full of uncertainties, which can besiege our mind and stress us out, if we let them.

Or, we can keep ourselves focused on the certainties of life. Go ahead and make a list: God. The love of God. The presence of God. The watchful eye of God. The listening ear of God. The promises of God. The providence of God. The blessings of God. The peace of God. Keep the list going. Add to it. And then meditate on the first three words of Romans 8:28. – DS



No graven images – one of the easy commands?

Growing up and memorizing the Ten Commandments, the second commandment seemed so obvious that it’s not even necessary to teach it today. Right? “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image” (Ex. 20:4). That’s so “3,500 years ago”! Fast forward about 700 years from Exodus 20 and God’s people had hung on to “the bronze serpent” Moses made in Numbers 20 to save the people from the fiery serpents, and for centuries they worshiped and “burned incense to it” (2 Kgs. 18:4). Something innocent had become a god to them. What about us?

Is there anything today (even something “innocent” in and of itself) that has become a graven image or mini-god to us? For some, the earth itself has become a god to be worshiped. For others, it’s the remote control. Our phones. Our computers. Our social media. Our kids’ ball games. Our jobs. Our prestige. Our money. Our credit cards. Our bucket list.

It is very easy for something to get in the way of our relationship with God. That’s the purpose of the second commandment 3,500 years ago. What graven image do you need to take down? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Brown	awaiting treatment options
Chuck Clark	under Hospice Care at home
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing a more potent treatment for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	awaiting more test results
Tasha Ellis	having her second cataract surgery on October 29
Joan Holloway	in Waterford Rehab; NO phone calls, please
Cynthia Ingraham	being tested for kidney and breast issues
Inell Ingram	struggling with mobility and recent falls
Rosa Nash	undergoing radiation treatments for cancer
Sherri Richmond	dealing with an infection in her knee
Angies Seames	recovering from surgery
Tina Wagner	recovering from breast cancer surgery
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	Connie Plouffe
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, hernia procedure on Nov. 9
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, fell and hurt her head
Clara Medina	Carolina Alvarenga's sister, dealing with health issues
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, awaiting surg. on lung cancer
Samuel Williams	Adelene Honore's brother, undergoing medical tests

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 31

- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.

Monday, November 1

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

Tuesday, November 2

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

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 Brandan 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

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.

Thursday, December 2

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

Saturday, December 4

- ◆ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, December 11

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Bob & Jennifer Higbee. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - November 2021

November 7^(A)

November 14^(L)

November 21^(C)

November 28^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Philip Porter	Paul Metzkes	Johnny Davis	Victor Colage
Scripture Reader	Robert Mariano	Bob Higbee	Kirk Crews	Orlando Lolo
Presiding at Table	Tim Cox	Dirk Summerlot	Jerry Hopkins	Stephen Beliech
Serving at Table	Michael Erickson Ted Friesner Namdidie Ikon Richard Kelley Orlando Lolo Steward Lynch Morris McDaniel Tim Mahlbacher Vincent Rogers Nahum Villard	Andy Anderson Ed Buonadonna Freddie Gadson Edward Gager Errol Gower-Winter Bill Ingram, Jr. Chuck Reeves, Jr. Benny Rodgers Daniel Swayne Brandan Widner	Kane Campbell Lance Collier Gorman Ericksen Max Fonrose Graysen Hayes Kameron Heitler Hunter Hinton Jeff Leslie Luther Robinson Marty Williams	Michael Erickson Namdidie Ikon Richard Kelley Steward Lynch Morris McDaniel Tim Mahlbacher Robert Mariano Rick Price Taylor Reeves Tyler Williams
Closing Prayer	Taylor Reeves	David Holaday	Ivan Villard	Philip Porter

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Stephen Beliech	Ken Tipton	Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer	Willie Smith	Gary Jenkins	Jeffery Goodale	Richard Watson
Scripture Reader	Richard Lerro	Daniel Wagner	John Hoelzer	Tim Fry
Presiding at Table	Novel Brown	David Lord	Michael Ellis	Ricky Smith
Serving at Table	Trey Higbee Tyler Williams	Connor Goodale Cody Price	Kane Campbell Lance Collier	Trey Higbee Willie Smith
Closing Prayer	Tim Fry	Daniel Lord	Joe Maloney	Richard Lerro

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Buzz Nelson	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Scott Studer	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Buzz Nelson

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Seth Watson	Darin Summerlot	Lawrence Williams	Nahum Villard
Usher	Victor Colage Rick Price	Devin Eutsey Andres Fernandez	Jimmie Banks Jim Rogers	Novel Brown Vincent Rogers

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

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

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 7-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

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

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

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

Members **Traveling**
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 24

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Caila Buonadonna; Mr. Kyle Buonadonna; Ms. Edna Campos; Mr. Justin Cox; Mr. Grant Fuller; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Nikki Hahn; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Semaj & Tangela Jackson; Mr. Todd Juckett; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mr. Tyrome McDuffie & Marnell; Miss Carolena Ramos; Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith; Ms. Jettie Sweetenbury; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. Jacon Crockett, Center Hill, FL; Mrs. Tracy Nutt, Moore, SC; Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL; and Mrs. Jean, Gabriella & Kimberly Tulgestka, Rogers City, MI.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Tuesday (November 2nd)

Trish Clark
Michelle Franck
Isolyn Sinclair

Friday (November 5th)

Brent Leslie

Saturday (November 6th)

Flo Aristy
Trudie Holland

Thursday (November 4th)

Richard Lerro
Phil Porter



Corn Roast

Saturday, November 6

Please bring desserts and drinks. Volunteers are needed to help clean up after the meal.

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 31

Singing.....Dion Hayes
Opening PrayerJeff Leslie
Scripture Reading..... Jeff Goodale
Singing
Lord's Supper Jimmie Banks
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Kane Campbell

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier Joe Maloney
Kirk Crews Luther Robinson
Gorman Ericksen Jim Rogers
Max Fonrose Ivan Villard
Kameron Heitler Lawrence Williams

Sunday Evening, October 31

SingingYoung Men
Opening Prayer Young Men
Scripture Reading..... Young Men
Singing
Lord's Supper Young Men
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Young Men
Serve at Table Young Men

Service Coordinator:
Josh Blackmer (PM)

Thursday Evening, November 4

Singing..... Gary Friedly
Invitation John DeBerry
Family Prayer David Sproule

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 24	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	146	159
Sun. AM Worship	245	223
Sun. PM Worship	117	124
Wed. Bible Study	150	124
Contribution	\$13,778	\$16,578

2021 Weekly Budget: \$14,994

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$55,379

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall (AM)

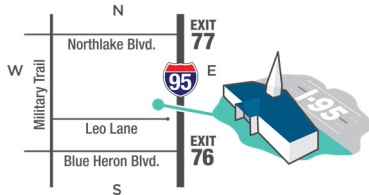
Ushers for this week: Mike Damron & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Jerry Pittman



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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: **Bob & Trey Higbee**



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 and tell others about it.



"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).