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Three New Deacons

Serving at Palm Beach Lakes



David Lord

Lawrence Williams

Dion Hayes

*“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 Timothy 3:13).*

SOLDIERS OF CHRIST Studying through **THE LIFE OF CHRIST ON SUNDAY NIGHTS.** What could be better?



By Dan Jenkins

Wherefore and Therefore; “What-for” and “There-for”

Sometimes we struggle to find the greatest benefit from reading the Bible and understanding what is being said. It may be because we are reading it too fast and not noticing the impact of individual words being used. An illustration can be found in slowing down and asking why the words “wherefore” and “therefore” are found and why they are there.

The word “therefore” is found 1,355 times in the NKJV of the Bible. The older King James Version often uses the word “wherefore” instead of the word “therefore.” Slow down as you read and after you read the word ask, “What is the word therefore ‘there-for’?” What is its meaning? God has made a statement and then has drawn a conclusion based on what He just said or is about to say. The same is true of the translation of the word “wherefore.” When you see it, ask yourself, “‘What-for’ is this word here? Why is God using this word, and what is He trying to say?”

This way of clearly studying the Bible can be seen in the way Jesus uses the word when discussing the great care God gives to the birds. He then adds, “Therefore do not fear, for you are of more value than sparrows” (Luke 12:7). Jesus used the word “therefore” 92 times in His teachings, and Paul uses the word nearly 150 times in his writings. As you read the

Bible and come across these words, take time to look at the context where they are found. Read the verses before these words and the words after them and focus on why God chose to use them. This simple way of reading the Bible will deeply enhance your appreciation for truth.

The fact that these words are used emphasizes the truth that our relationship to God is not based on emotions. There is a Divine reason God chose to use them. For example, God did not just arbitrarily give the Sabbath command as some ritual action for the Jews to do. He told them, “Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt...therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day” (Deut. 5:15).

Paul used the word five times in reference to the use of tongues in 1 Corinthians 11. Slow down as you read and ask each time, “Why is this word ‘there-for’?” God gives commands for us to obey, but often shows why He wants us to keep them by using the word “therefore.” Paul’s writings show this again and again.

Finally, remember that Christianity, properly understood, is so logical. I understand we walk by faith and sometimes do not fully comprehend why God says what He does, but notice the use of these words. Slow down as you read and appreciate His truths and the basis on which it is given. Remember “there-for” and “what-for.”

Slow down as you read the Bible and look at each individual word used



By David Sproule

Do We Trust God with the Roles of Persons in His Church?

Have you heard? Apparently God is a “male chauvinist.” Or maybe it’s that “the Bible is an archaic, out-of-date book.” Or perhaps the report that you’ve heard is that “the church of Christ is stuck in the past” and is only interested in “blind traditions.” Have you heard any accusations like these when the subject of the role of women in the church is raised? Such statements have actually been made, unfortunately.

In our culture today, it is highly unpopular to draw any lines and differentiate at all in the roles that men can have and the roles that women can have in anything. However, the subject of the role of women in the church is not one that can or should be dictated by what “our culture” thinks or says. If Biblical matters were always subject to and shaped by the culture, then the authority would reside in man and not in God. However, you know that man has no authority in the determination of Biblical truths (Matt. 28:18; Jer. 10:23).

Therefore, let us remind ourselves of some foundational principles. Every word in the Bible is chosen by God (2 Tim. 3:16). Those words represent the final revelation of the will of God (Jude 3), and they supply mankind with everything he needs to know to serve the Lord acceptably in every time and every culture (2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:17). Truly, “the word of

God...lives and abides forever” (1 Pet. 1:23). God’s truth is “settled in heaven” (Psa. 119:89), and it is not to be changed by any person in any culture (Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19).

The distinction of roles for men and women in the church, as detailed in the New Testament, is not difficult to understand. Males are to be chosen as elders and deacons (1 Tim. 3:2, 12), and males are to take the lead in the “everywhere” assemblies of the church (1 Tim. 2:8). “Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet” (1 Tim. 2:11-12). Males are to take roles of leadership in the church, including teaching in the assemblies of the church, and women are not to take those roles.

God does not identify different roles out of hatred or chauvinism. God does not have a higher view of or place a higher value upon men than women. They are roles that He has defined for His church to operate in the manner He has designed. But these roles were not cultural and are not subject to cultural changes. God tied these roles all the way back to the creation order and to the woman being deceived and introducing sin into the world (2:13-14).

The difference in roles is not chauvinistic, out of date or a blind tradition, nor can they be shaped by a culture. They are fixed, just as the entirety of God’s will is. Do we trust God to know what is best (in His eyes) for His church?

Roles that God has defined for His church to operate as He has designed



By Josh Blackmer

Oh, Remember, Dear Children

It is important to remember, to keep in one's mind the lessons learned and memories of things gone by. Precedence is set and examples are given for us to guide us in a better way and better practices. In that same way, the writer of Psalm seventy-eight would have us remember and teach future generations. "I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob And appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments, and not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not prepare its heart and whose spirit was not faithful to God" (Psa. 78:2-8). It is in this Psalm that the intent of the Shema is outlined in further detail. "Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do

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share with them,
and be an
example to
them.**

them in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged" (Deut. 6:1-2).

Both passages place an emphasis on teaching future generations so that they do not repeat the same wrongs. We have been given that same information to pass down to future generations that they too would learn to fear God and keep His commandments. It is imperative that we teach those things. I would ask you this question though. How much of your faith does your child know? Have you told your children of the time you prayed to God earnestly for something and He answered your prayer? Have you told them of the time where a Biblical principle was applied in your life and you saw the outcome? Have you told them of the changes you made in your life because of God and His mercy? I challenge you to make faith real for your children by sharing yours with them. It is one thing to read about people that lived thousands of years ago. It's quite another for them to see your faith now.

Moses warned the people to do the commands in the land where they were going "so that" future generations would fear and obey the commandments of God. If we aren't obedient to God's word, we cannot expect future generations to be.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

New opportunities

When a new year arrives, it is often greeted with great anticipation of new opportunities that will be presented. What "new opportunities" would you like to see in the new year? What "new opportunities" would just make your day if they came your way?

May I challenge every child of God to enter the new year looking for new opportunities FOR THE LORD! Instead of new opportunities FOR ME, what is there that I can do for the Lord this year? Opportunities abound in lost souls around us. Do we take those opportunities seriously? Opportunities abound in our church family. Do we take those opportunities seriously?

No doubt there will be new opportunities in your workplace this year, new opportunities in your hobbies, new opportunities in your recreation and in your friendships. However, which opportunities that come your way this year will make an ETERNAL difference—in your life and in the lives of others? We are here FOR HIM (Eph. 2:10)! Let's remember that! – DS



What the wise seeks and finds

The book of Proverbs has much to say about someone who is a fool. A fool "lacks wisdom" (10:3), "despises wisdom" (1:22), "mocks at sin" (14:9) and "feeds on foolishness" (15:14). Still more, the book of Proverbs has much to say about someone who is wise. Which are you?

The wise person is one who will "receive commands" (10:8). How do you handle commands? The wise person "receives knowledge" (21:11). Do you seek to learn things you do not already know? The wise person is one who "listens to counsel" (19:20). Do you listen to and heed wise counsel, even if it does not match your personal wishes? The wise person is one who "receives correction" (15:5) and "accepts discipline" (19:20). Do you?

Our Creator has given us a brain, which He expects us to use. Wisdom is not found in following the masses or accepting information blindly or refusing to evaluate facts. God draws a sharp contrast between fools and wise. Which one would He apply to you? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Coombs	having a lot of pain in her shoulder
Johnny Davis, Jr.	undergoing chemo treatments for kidney cancer
Glen Dawson	undergoing treatments for stage 4 lymphoma
Beth Fry	outpatient procedure was postponed
Katie Goodale	recovering from successful brain surgery in Phoenix
Joe Holland	in the VA Hospital being treated for an infection
Shirley Hopkins	fractured pelvis, undergoing physical therapy
Carolyn Kemp	recovering from a hairline fracture of her pelvis
Jerry Pittman	having an outpatient procedure on Jan. 12
Peggy Simpkins	undergoing chemo treatments for rare cancer
Giselle Smith	dealing with extreme exhaustion
Jermaine Smith	recovering at home from surgery on broken hip
Jennifer Walker	ICU at Jupiter Medical Center, childbirth complications
Julie Williams	recovering from gallbladder surgery



Jim Rogers, upon the passing of his brother, Roger Rogers, last week.

Ongoing Health Issues

Mike Archer	severe pain and weakness
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joe & Marian Holland
Josie Dawson	Inell Ingram
Dianne Frye	Daniel Johnson
Terri Hahn	Betty Matter
Margie Hardin	Connye Plouffe
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Kay Estes	Chuck & Cheryl Milton's sister, procedure on Jan. 6
Carla Kimberland	Cindy Summerlot's mother, angioplasty on Jan. 20
Laura Schubert	Nick Pietro's sister, treatments for breast cancer
Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, recovering from mastectomy

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 9

- ◆ **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, January 10

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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, January 11

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

Friday, January 21

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. ALL PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring desserts.

Sunday, January 23

- ◆ **Baby Shower for Hunter & Kaitlin Hinton** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at BuyBuyBaby and Babylist.com. *It's a girl!*
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday, January 30

- ◆ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work. Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!
- ◆ **Robert Martin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

Sunday, February 6

- ◆ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated** after morning worship or before evening worship in the Family Room by Mike Erickson.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, January 10

- ◆ **Men's Meet** 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.

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Friday-Monday, February 4-7

- ◆ **Youth & Family Camping Trip** at DuPuis Group Campground. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Friday, February 18

- ◆ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. ALL PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, January 9

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Meeting & Devo** after morning worship in the Family Room. All families are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

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2022
Theme:



Imitators of **GOD**

EPHESIANS 5:1

January:	His Nature
February:	His Holiness
March:	His Love
April:	His Jealousy
May:	His Mercy
June:	His Truthfulness
July:	His Justice
August:	His Goodness
September:	His Patience
October:	His Will
November:	His Grace
December:	His Faithfulness

*"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children"
(Ephesians 5:1).*

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
January 2

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Win & Holly Benson; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Ms. Robyn Landen; Mr. David Perez; Mrs. Monique Phillip; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Mildred Burns, Rhine, GA; Mr. Bill Cline, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Janie Flournoy, Lauderhill, FL; Mrs. Dee Hampton, Jacksonville, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN; Mrs. Jean Tulgestka, Rogers City, MI.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday (January 9th)
Matthew & Kasandra Jones (Ann.)
Brenda Collier

Wednesday (January 12th) cont.
Barbara King

Monday (January 10th)
Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona
Sloan Davis

Thursday (January 13th)
Linda Allen

Tuesday (January 11th)
Aisha Commander

Friday (January 14th)
Silas Balfour
Mary Coombs
Robin Davis
Cindy Summerlot

Wednesday (January 12th)
Douglas & Carolina Alvarenga (Ann.)



Directory Changes

Jon & Jenny Jordan placed membership at Jog Road.
Willie & Grace and Melissa Shaw placed membership on Sunday, January 2.

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, January 9

Singing..... Dion Hayes
Lord's Supper Phil Porter
Singing
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading..... Ricky Smith
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:
Tim Cox Tim Mahlbacher
Tim Fry Taylor Reeves
Richard Kelley Vincent Rogers
Orlando Lolo Willie Smith
Steward Lynch Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, January 9

Singing Josh Blackmer
Lord's Supper Rick Hall
Singing
Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Scripture Reading..... Ted Friesner
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Richard Lerro

Serve at Table:
Silas Balfour Trey Higbee

Wednesday Evening, January 12

Singing..... Graysen Hayes
Invitation..... Daniel Wagner
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

Our Record		
Attendance	Jan. 2	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	150	165
Sun. AM Worship	232	253
Sun. PM Worship	112	113
Wed. Bible Study	134	120
Contribution	\$16,573	\$15,942
2022 Weekly Budget: TBD		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBD		

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

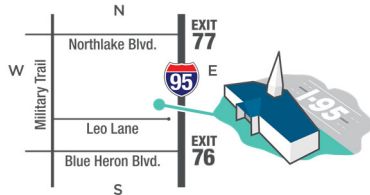
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Rick Tibbetts
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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: **Ophelia Holmes & June Pack**



MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD

January 30

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).