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South Florida Youth Summit



To Shine On!

— Saturday, August 13 —



Meet the Speaker:

Clint Davison attended Oklahoma State University and is a 2004 graduate of the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver. He served as an evangelist in Illinois and Kansas. Clint has been a speaker at men's retreats, lectureships, family encampments, and teen camps. Since 2006, he has served the congregation in Meridian, Idaho.



By Dan Jenkins

"I Am So Discouraged—I Really Tried to Teach Them"

The Galatians owed Paul so much because he had given so much to them. Who were these Galatians and where did they live? Evidently the boundaries of Galatia extended to include those cities Paul visited on the first and second missionary journeys. The churches in Galatia and in many places were established in times of great trials.

Paul had given so much of himself to them, even to the point of almost dying when they stoned him in Lystra. Just weeks after this horrid event, he returned to again preach in that city. He had given so much even to these churches, yet shortly after he departed from them, they were forsaking the Lord. Paul said, "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ" (Gal. 1:6). With anguish in his heart, he asked the Christians in Galatia, "Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" (Gal. 4:16). When this happens, it is so easy to become discouraged.

Perhaps you have had these same feelings when you have given so much to teach others about Jesus. Then, with anguish in your heart you saw them rejecting Him. How do you deal with your broken spirit when you are giving so much? You watch them as they reject, not you, but the message of Jesus.

Do not become discouraged when others will not respond to the gospel...

Even Jesus Himself experienced this in His life. You are not alone—they rejected Jesus. "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him" (John 1:11). When the rich young man came to Jesus and the Master told him what to do, "He went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions" (Matt. 19:22). It was not Jesus who failed on that day, it was the rich young man!

Because of His teachings, Jesus was rejected by the Jewish nation. The Bible describes what happened as He approached Jerusalem in His triumphant entry. "Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it" (Luke 19:41). He entered the city, and then said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing" (Matt. 23:37). It was not Jesus who failed, it was that nation who refused to listen to Him!

So even when your heart is filled with anguish because others will not respond to the words of Jesus you are showing them, do not become discouraged. Your heart weeps for them, just like Jesus' heart was filled with grief because they rejected Him. However, this did not keep Him from telling others about the will of His Father. Do not become discouraged. Speak the truth; speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15). When others refuse to obey, you have not failed—they did!



By David Sproule

Let This Cup Pass from Me

The anguish of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane is one of the most moving scenes about which to read in the sacred text! When He took His three close friends (Peter, James and John) with Him into the Garden, "He began to be troubled and deeply distressed" (Mark 14:33). He told His friends, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death" (14:34). Try to imagine (it's hard, but try to get close) what Jesus was enduring.

Jesus went "a little further" from His friends and "fell to the ground" (Mark 14:35), "knelt down" (Luke 22:41) and eventually "fell on His face and prayed" (Matt. 26:39). Why fall on His face? Jesus prayed, "Let this cup pass from Me" (Matt. 26:39), using an imperative that means "to go forth away, to pass by without touching." Mark and Luke record part of the prayer with Jesus using another imperative, "Take this away, carry this away, remove it." Jesus' anguish is building and will get worse (Luke 22:44). What is "this cup"?

Not long before this time (perhaps even days), Jesus had talked with James and John about "the cup that I am about to drink" (Matt. 20:22), now He is praying in the Garden about "this cup," and mere moments later He will say to Peter, "Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given

Me?" (John 18:10-11). Jesus is getting ready to fully experience something (He is going to "drink" it), which is causing Him intense agony in the Garden, as He considers it.

Mark helps to identify "this cup." After Mark tells us that Jesus "fell on the ground," he shows us that Jesus "prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him" (14:35). The hour? Reading through the book of John, one is repeatedly told that Jesus' "hour had not yet come" (2:4; 7:30; 8:20).

But when Jesus prays before leaving the upper room, He says, "Father, the hour has come" (John 17:1). And after praying fervently in the Garden, He told His friends, "Behold, the hour is at hand" (Matt. 26:45).

The words "cup" and "hour" are used interchangeably to encompass all that Jesus was going to experience (and endure) in the closing moments of His life—not only the mental and physical agony of the cross, but the spiritual agony of bearing the sin of the world and suffering the separation from His Father that comes from sin. That thought deeply troubled our Lord (in His human emotions), but His love for you and me and His desire to fulfill Jehovah's eternal will triumphed on that day. He arose from prayer and said, "Let us be going" (Mark 14:42). He had a mission to fulfill and a people to save.

Our Friend "has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God" (Eph. 5:2). He drank the cup!

The spiritual agony of bearing the sin of the world



By Josh Blackmer

Accountability, An Avoided Character Trait

In 2014, Brazil hosted the World Cup of Futbol (soccer). The pride of Brazil was dashed when Germany crushed their team in an unheard-of 7-1 victory. Five of the goals were scored in the first thirty minutes, with four of those being made in a seven-minute span. After the game, the defeated coach, Luis Felipe Scolari, made this statement, "The catastrophic result can be shared with the whole group, but the choice and who decided the tactical lineup — I did. The person who is responsible is me... I am sorry we couldn't give the fans happiness," he said. "We didn't get it and I ask all of Brazil to forgive me" ("Brazil's Coach Shows How to Lose" by James Joyner). He left the field in tears. It took great moral fortitude to be accountable to an angry nation for such a humiliating loss. When we've done wrong, will we stand and be accountable? The more popular choice is to pass the blame, deny, avoid, dodge, deceive, lie and elude any kind of responsibility for our actions. We might be able to elude accountability, but there will come a time when we cannot. Everyone will give an account before God for all the things done in the body, good or bad (Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10). In light of that inevitable date, we should know the following three things.

One, we need to know when we are accountable. There is an age or mental capacity at which we become ac-

countable for our actions (Deut. 1:39). When we are able to discern between good and evil is when we are then accountable for our actions (Jas. 4:17). Innocence is what mankind lost in the garden.

We need to know who we are accountable for. We are accountable for our own actions (Ezek. 18:20; Rev. 20:12). In the eyes of God, we can't place our blame to others or take the guilt of others. However, there is the principle of the watchman. In this, we are held responsible if we don't warn people of judgment (Ezek. 33:8). Meaning, we will both be at fault. Paul applied this to himself when he said that he was "free from the blood of all men" because he "did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God" (Acts 20:26-27). In like manner, there is a need to help those who are in sin, to restore them (Gal. 6:1; Jude 1:23). Parents are also responsible for their own children (Eph 6:4; Luke 17:1-4). We are accountable for ourselves, but we have a responsibility toward others.

Lastly, we need to know we are accountable to God. We will be judged according to the words of Christ (John 12:48-50). Nobody can hide from the word of the Lord (Heb. 4:12-13). Our hearts are always open before the eyes of the Lord (Jer. 17:10). What God has done in this world has left us "without excuse" on the day of judgment (Rom. 1:10).

What we need to remember about accountability.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

5-2-12

What is that? What is 5-2-12? Is that a date? No! Is it a combination? No! In Matthew 14, there were 5,000 men (what a large crowd!) following Jesus, who did not have anything to eat. (Can you imagine how much food it would take to feed 5,000 men, plus women, children and a bunch of growing boys?!) But they found some food—5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. That's hardly enough for one person, let alone over 10,000 people!

But with Jesus, that which is "not much" becomes "more than enough"! Jesus thanked God for the snack and gave it to the disciples to distribute. When all 10,000+ were "filled," the disciples took up 12 baskets full. They finished with more than they started! (5-2-12!)

You know what? That's the way the Lord works! He also finishes with more than He started! Look at creation: started with nothing, ended with everything. But, better yet, look at you! When we put ourselves in God's hands, He will ALWAYS finish with more (and better and stronger) than He started! Are you truly in His hands? — DS



They knew where to find Him

On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus met with His twelve apostles in a large upper room to eat the Passover meal. From there, they would go to the Garden of Gethsemane, but Judas left the upper room gathering before Jesus and the eleven left. How would Judas know where to find them, so that he could betray Jesus? It's possible that someone told him before he left. But Luke and John tell us the real reason that Judas was able to find Him. John tells us that "Judas...knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples" (John 18:2), "as He was accustomed" (Luke 22:39).

If someone were looking for you, where would they look? What place or places do you frequent? What does the places that you frequent say about you? The place that Jesus "often" went was a place of solitude and prayer. His disciples knew that was a priority for Him. What (and where) do people know is a priority for you? Will that knowledge help them draw closer to Jesus? — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Jordan Beasley | recovering at home |
| Glen Dawson | very weak from his recent treatments and illness |
| Judie Jenkins | recovering from back surgery |
| Dan Johnson | Gardens Medical Center, left leg amputated above knee |
| David Lord | St. Mary's, recovering from surgery, physical therapy |
| Gwen Lyons | Woodlake Rehab Center, rehab on broken ankle |
| Cheryl Milton | recovering at home from hospitalization |
| Maurine Reed | Signature Healthcare in Lake Worth for rehab |
| Sherri Richmond | recovering from a stent procedure |
| Sam Simpkins | recovering from surgery for kidney and bladder cancer |
| Joy Watson | Julie Watson's daughter, Jupiter Medical Ctr, has E. coli |
| Betty White | recovering from neck surgery |



Bereather Williams, upon the passing of **her sister, Dorothy Spivey**, on Thursday, July 28.

Andy Fernandez, upon the passing of **his brother, Julio Cesar Fernandez**, on Wednesday, August 3.

Ongoing Health Issues

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|------------------|------------------------|
| Lillian Bankston | dialysis treatments |
| Judy Carmack | multiple health issues |
| John Loftis | back pain, weakness |
| Joel Ramirez | dialysis treatments |
| Sherri Richmond | multiple health issues |
| Peggy Simpkins | chemo, rare cancer |
| Henry Williams | dialysis treatments |

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Millie Ames | Joan Holloway |
| Glen & Josie Dawson | Inell Ingram |
| Dianne Frye | Daniel Johnson |
| Terri Hahn | Betty Matter |
| Margie Hardin | Joyce Parker |
| Loretta Holaday | Ricky Smedley |

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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| Samuel Williams | Adelene Honore's brother, swelling in hands and legs |
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Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 7

- ♦ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream (& scoops), toppings and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Sunday-Wednesday, August 7-10

- ♦ **Gospel Meeting hosted by the Gifford congregation.** Demetrius Bryant (Ft. Pierce) will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

Monday, August 8

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

Tuesday, August 9

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

Friday-Monday, August 12-15

- ♦ **Marsh Harbour Mission Trip.** Please pray for those who will be going to encourage our brethren there.

Sunday, August 14

- ♦ **Guest Speaker, Clint Davison**, will be speaking at 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday, August 19

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ally Alberga. Bring a potluck dish to share. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.
- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. 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 a dessert.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, August 7

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream (& scoops), toppings and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Friday, August 19

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. 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 a dessert.

Saturday August 20

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Julie Watson. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, September 9

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. 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 a dessert.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, August 7

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream (& scoops), toppings and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Saturday, August 13

- ♦ **Charged By Christ with Clint Davison** from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for all Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. This year's theme is "Shine On." Bowling will be from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Bowlero in Jupiter. Cost for bowling is \$20. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

Sunday, August 14

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

Sunday, August 28

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. See Josh Blackmer for more details.



Imitators of *GOD*

EPHESIANS 5:1

HIS Goodness

AUGUST

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
July 31

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Cris Cuevas; Mrs. Krystian Dubuisson; Mr. Keith Hutchison; Mr. Morris McDaniel; Mr. David Perez; Mrs. Trellini Smith; Mrs. Lisa Suarez; and Mr. David Whipple.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Miss Bethany Leslie, Winter Garden, FL; Ms. Annette Ray, Conyers, GA; and Ms. Alison Williams, Stone Mountain, GA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, August 7th

Jeff & Jennifer Goodale (Ann.)
Kirk Crews

Monday, August 8th

Silas & Debora Lynch (Ann.)
Mary Porter
Gary Seames

Wednesday, August 10th

Phil & Mary Porter (Ann.)

Wednesday, August 10th (cont.)

Paulette Cole
Loretta Holaday
Dan McLeod
Paul Metzkes
Cody Price

Thursday, August 11th

Letha Anderson

Friday, August 12th

Loretta James

News & Notes

We will be printing a new church directory ("My Family Album") soon. Please let the office know of any changes in your contact information by emailing office@pblcoc.org or write it on the bottom of your attendance card.



Shepherds Praying

Sundays in August
at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3.

Write your prayer request on your attendance card or give it to an elder or preacher.

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, August 7

Opening Prayer Richard Watson
Singing.....Gary Friedly
Contribution.....Novel Brown
Singing
Scripture Reading.....Taylor Reeves
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Tim Fry

Serve at Table:

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Stephen Beliech | Namddie Ikon |
| Josiah Blackmer | Richard Kelley |
| Tim Cox | Robert Mariano |
| Tom Garrison | Vince Rogers |
| Trey Higbee | Tyler Williams |

Sunday Evening, August 7

Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Singing Josh Blackmer
Contribution..... Philip Porter
Scripture Reading..... Willie Smith
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Richard Lerro

Serve at Table:

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Silas Balfour | Nicholas Pietro |
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Wednesday Evening, August 10

Singing.....Ivan Villard
Invitation David Sproule
Family PrayerJeff Goodale

Our Record

| Attendance | July 31 | June Avg |
|------------------|----------|----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 177 | 176 |
| Sun. AM Worship | 268 | 251 |
| Sun. PM Worship | 115 | 130 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 118 | 143 |
| Contribution | \$16,975 | \$15,683 |

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$36,344

Service Coordinator:
Bob Higbee

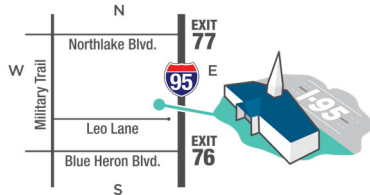
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Seth Watson
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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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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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).