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By Dan Jenkins

## Profound Truth in Four Words

One of the marks of the inspiration of the Bible is how such profound and eternal truths can be stated in such simple terms. This is not to say that it does not contain teachings that are like milk and other teachings like meat (Heb. 5:12-14), but God has made truth so that even one who has limited education can understand deep truth in simple words. Consider the following truth contained in just four words.

### God

The opening verses of the Bible set the tone for all that follows. "In the beginning God..." How can one look at the world around us without seeing that it was not caused by a massive, randomly uncontrolled explosion? "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psa. 19:1). There is an intricate design to the universe, and its origin, and ours, is found in one word—God.

### God Loves

Every attribute of God is infinite. There are no limits to measure the height, depth or width of any of them. His very nature is to love His creation. His care is seen in the feeding of every bird and the glorious beauty given to every flower. Do you want to see His love? Then do what Emmanuel said when He was on the earth, "Look at the birds in the air...your Father

feeds them" (Matt. 6:26). His love is seen in the showers which water the earth and in light and warmth of our sun. "For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust" (Matt. 5:45). He shows His love every day to even those who curse Him. God loves!

### God Loves You

So many are ridden with guilt about the mistakes and blunders they have made. They feel that they have done so much wrong that God has no place for them. Think again about those words about the sun and rain. They come equally on the just and the unjust. After Jesus told us to look at how God feeds the birds, He asks, "Are you not of more value than they?" You may not see your value because of all of your mistakes, but He still does! Remember His prayer about forgiveness for those who were crucifying Him, yet He still loved them! In spite of all we have done in the past, He still loves us and gave His son to prove it!

### God Loves You Always

Finally, remember that His love is unchanging. Think of the worst day you ever lived and know He still loved you at the end of that day. Find the joy that awaits you today when you remember that "...nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ" (Rom. 8:39). Remember these four simple words about eternal truth: God loves you always.

Remembering just four simple words can totally change how you see yourself



By David Sproule

## It's All a Matter of Authority (Part 4)

We have seen that Jesus Christ has ALL authority (Matt. 28:18; Acts 3:22-23) and that His all authority resides in His Word, which will judge us in the last day (John 12:48-50; Rev. 20:12). That means that no manmade doctrine, no church-originated teaching, no personal feelings or opinions will be the standard of judgment on that day. When Jesus left, He sent the Holy Spirit, who guided the apostles "into ALL truth" (John 16:13). They had every bit of truth given to them to share with the world.

So, where does the Bible itself come in? Someone might agree that Christ has all authority, that His authority is in His spoken Word and that the Holy Spirit told the apostles "what" to "speak" (Mark 13:11), but did that end up in the Bible? The reality is that both their spoken word and their written word were given to them by God. Look at the words carefully.

2 Timothy 3:16 clearly states, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God..." The Greek word for "inspiration of God" literally means "God-breathed." Now, what was God-breathed? "Scripture." The Greek word is *graphe*—look at the word. The word means "a piece of writing, that which is written." It was not just their spoken word that was given by God, the written word was given by God!

Both their spoken word and their written word were given to them by God

2 Peter 1:20-21 tells us again. The text states that "that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation." No prophecy of what? Scripture! This is the same word. So, nothing that was "written" was of "any private interpretation" by the penmen. So where did it come from? "For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Everything that was being written in Scripture ("written in Scripture" is almost redundant) was given by the Holy Spirit!

Did this include the Old Testament or the New Testament? The word "Scripture" is used to refer to both. One could argue that the passages referenced above were limited to the Old Testament only, but the word "Scripture" is also used of the New Testament. Paul quoted from both the Old Testament (Deut. 25:4) and the New Testament (Luke 10:7), and he called both of them "Scripture." Peter made reference to "all [Paul's] epistles" and likened them to "the rest of the Scriptures" (2 Pet. 3:16). Paul recognized and clearly communicated to his readers, "The things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord" (1 Cor. 14:37).

So, pick up your Bible. The 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament were all and equally inspired by God, thus the all-authority of Christ is found within those 66 books. Let's make one more point next week.



By Josh Blackmer

## “Adorning the Doctrine”

There are groups and professions that we might think ill of due to bad experiences we have had. Classically lawyers and used car salesmen are high on that list. We might all have other professions we would add to the list. There are some that would add religious people to the list. It’s not hard to see why. Many have been hurt by the words and actions of people supposedly behaving on behalf of God. Did you know that there is a lot of instruction in the New Testament that would help us avoid or mitigate that stigma?

In writing to Titus, Paul addresses several societal groups with specific instructions about behavior (Titus 2:1-10). To Titus he specifically mentions that his speech needs to be “fitting” of the healthy teaching of the Bible (2:1). To the older men he prescribes temperance, dignity, sensibility (2:2). To the older women he advises reverence, not to gossip, to teach what is good and encourage the younger (2:3). To the young women he counsels to love their families, be sensible, and pure (2:4). The young men he charges to be sensible, good examples with good deeds, and pure (2:5). To the bondslaves he instructs to be subject, not argumentative, and not pilfering (2:6).

Throughout this section of Scripture, we are given

several reasons why this behavior should be put into practice. “So that the word of God will not be dishonored” and “so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us” (2:5, 8). There is another reason listed by Paul. He says, “so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect” (2:10). The imagery of adorning the doctrine of Christ is interesting. It has the idea that those who practice these things decorate or cause one to look favorably on the doctrine of the N.T. How would one do that?

### Do people look favorably on Christianity because of us?

Here are some things not to do with the doctrine. We should not add to it or take away from it (Rev. 22:18-19). We should not compromise on the teaching in any way (Gal. 1:6-7), like living a “Sunday only” type of Christianity. It should guide our conduct in all things. There are some things we can do to adorn the doctrine we have been entrusted with.

Remember that we are a royal priesthood (1 Pet. 2:9). Live as though our lives are a sacrifice to God (Rom. 12:1-2). Be doers of the word (Jas. 1:22). People need to be able to see good examples (1 Pet. 2:21).

As we think about this concept, we need to remember the influence we have on people. They should leave our presence speaking well of the church and Christ. If we have done anything that would be a stumbling block for one to come to Christ, then Christ says woe unto us (Luke 17:1-2).

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Face to face

The apostle John wrote the two shortest letters in the New Testament—what we call Second John and Third John. They may be short, but they are mighty and loaded with many golden nuggets, such as the way he closes both books. He said to both the elect lady and Gaius, “I have many things to write to you. I did not wish to do so with paper and ink, but I hope to come to see you shortly.” What could be better than getting a hand-written letter from the aged apostle? Read his wish: “I hope to...speak face to face.”

There is something special about seeing our brethren face to face. A letter is great. A phone call can be even better. But under the guide of inspiration, John wrote that “face to face” is the best of the best, and in that “our joy may be full.”

How often are you “face to face” with your brethren? How often do you share meals, coffee or just a “stop by to visit for a few minutes”? How much do you long for Sundays and Wednesdays? How often are you face to face? – DS



### “Pay to the Order of”

Think about the practice of “writing a check” in relationship to Christ’s death. The Bible depicts the death of Christ as a payment that was made on our behalf. Consider this for a moment.

When writing a check, you must put a date on it. When Christ wrote the date, He said, “The hour has come” (John 17:1). For “Pay to the Order of,” He was not making payment “to” us or “to” the devil. The sacrifice was directed “to” the Father (Heb. 9:12-14), as propitiation for sins. In the amount box, Jesus wrote in, “My blood” (Matt. 26:28). On the amount line, He wrote out, “Give His life a ransom” (Matt. 20:28; Eph. 1:7). On the memo line, He simply wrote, “For you” (Eph. 5:2; Gal. 2:20). He waited three days and signed it with “the empty tomb” (1 Pet. 3:21). Seeing that a check must have a bank on which the funds are being drawn, Jesus used the only bank that is “rich in mercy...great love...exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness” (Eph. 2:4-7). Of course, the check cleared! Now He’s waiting on you to accept His payment...every day! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Mary Coombs</b>	dealing with health issues, undergoing tests
<b>Glen Dawson</b>	under Hospice Care at home
<b>Trudie Holland</b>	blood pressure issues, undergoing medical tests
<b>Ophelia Holmes</b>	has a nodule and fluid in one of her lungs
<b>Mary A. Jackson</b>	recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	Gardens Medical Ctr. (room 366), right leg amputated
<b>Robin Landen</b>	dealing with several health issues, severe blood disorder
<b>Robert Mariano</b>	cyst on his kidney, awaiting treatment options
<b>Owen Miley</b>	having back surgery on October 20
<b>Cheryl Milton</b>	undergoing radiation treatments
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	Gardens Medical Center, surgery for hematoma in chest
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	at Hamlin Place on Hypoluxo Road for rehab
<b>Betty Sanders</b>	now at home but having more tests
<b>Yolanda Stewart</b>	surgery on October 18
<b>Jettie Sweetenburg</b>	awaiting tests results on the spot on her lung
<b>Bereather Williams</b>	hospital in Delray Beach undergoing tests
<b>Eugene Williams</b>	dealing with a lot of pain

## Ongoing Health Issues

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

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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



**Marty Williams**, upon the passing of his father, **Martin Williams**, on Thursday, October 6.

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Joan Alberga</b>	Ally Alberga's mother, stroke in May, declining health
<b>Frank Daniels</b>	Melinda Price's father, diagnosed with prostate cancer
<b>Lamatron Gadson</b>	Freddie Gadson's sister, under Hospice Care

**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 16

- ◆ **“Coming Home” Sunday.** Classes will meet at usual.
- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

## Monday, October 17

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

## Tuesday, October 18

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. This is for all PBL members and families who live between Blue Heron Blvd. and Southern Blvd.

## Friday, October 21

- ◆ **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, October 22

- ◆ **Ladies’ Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/hZmHRGq>.

## Sunday-Wednesday, October 23-26

- ◆ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Mon-Wed). This year’s theme is *“Growing Stronger: Finding Joy and Strength You Need for Life.”* Phil Robertson (Tampa, FL) and Berry Kercheville (Nashville, TN) will be the guest speakers.

## Saturday, October 29

- ◆ **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! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.
- ◆ **Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.

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

### Friday, October 21

- ◆ **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, October 22

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/hZmHRGq>.

### Saturday, October 29

- ◆ **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!

### Monday, November 7

- ◆ **Men’s Meet** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 & up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.



## **Palm Beach Lakes Youth**

### Sunday, October 16

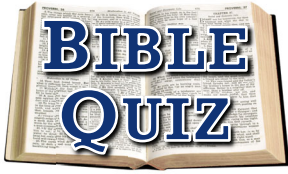
- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

### Friday, October 21

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Area-Wide Youth Kickball** at 7:00 p.m. at the Jupiter-Tequesta church building. Come and play kickball with the Jupiter-Tequesta and Stuart youth! Chick-Fil-A will be catered for dinner. Bring drinks. Please RSVP to Josh Blackmer.

### Saturday, October 22

- ◆ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. Sign up to bring a food item at <https://signup.com/go/hZmHRGq>. Wear your costume!



## Hairy and Not-So-Hairy

1. What prophet was a hairy man (2 Kings 1:8)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is the only man mentioned in the Bible as being naturally bald (2 Kings 2:23)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What grief-stricken man shaved his head after learning his children had been destroyed (Job 1:20)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What king of Babylon had his hair grow like eagles' feathers (Daniel 4:33)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who is the first person mentioned in the Bible as being a hairy man (Genesis 27:11)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What prince had his hair cut only once a year (2 Samuel 14:26)? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What apostle paid to have four men's heads shaved (Acts 21:23-24)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What Nazarite never cut his hair until his mistress shaved his head (Judges 16:17-19)? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What leader plucked out his own hair and beard when the Jews intermarried (Ezra 9:1-3)? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What smooth-skinned man had a hairy twin brother (Genesis 27:11-22)? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What person had to shave all his hair twice within one week (Leviticus 14:7-9)? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who was forbidden to "round the corners of your beards" (Leviticus 19:27)? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Who was instructed not to shave their heads or let their hair grow long (Ezekiel 44:15-20)? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What prophet did God tell to shave his head and beard (Ezekiel 5:1)? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Who was so upset with Jews who intermarried that he pulled out their hair (Nehemiah 13:23-25)? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What prophet told the people to cut off their hair as a sign the Lord had rejected them (Jer. 7:29)? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Who shaved their whole body in consecrating themselves to the Lord (Numbers 8:5-7)? \_\_\_\_\_
18. What did a female prisoner of war have to do to her hair (Deuteronomy 21:10-12)? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What group of consecrated men never cut their hair (Numbers 6:5, 13, 18)? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Who cut his hair off at Cenchrea in connection with a vow (Acts 18:18)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Members Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
October 9

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. Colton McKinney; Mrs. Liz Otero; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mrs. Susan Shelt; and Mr. & Mrs. Cristian & Lisa Suarez.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mrs. Cathy Payne, Oneida, TN; Ms. Sara Walpole, Vero Beach, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Stephanie & Melanie Weeks, Lake Park, GA.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
This Week

Sunday, October 16th

Michael & Turkessa Staley (Ann.)  
Adelene Honore

Friday, October 21st

Janice Maloney  
Sabrina Pietro  
David Sproule  
Leslie Williams

Tuesday, October 18th

Josue Charles

Wednesday, October 19th

Samantha Jewell  
Todd Juckett

Saturday, October 22nd

Richard & Judy Lerro (Ann.)  
Tim Mahlbacher



**Directory Changes**

**Sandy Mann** placed membership at Jog Road.

**Carolyn Preston** moved to Atlanta.

**Louise Phillips** moved to Okeechobee.

**News & Notes**

This year's **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** will be on Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m. ALL members are encouraged to arrive early, decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating! **Please RSVP by October 20 and sign up to bring a food item at <https://signup.com/go/hZmHRGq>.** See Ivan or Amber Villard for more details.

**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 16**

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Dan Fuller  
Scripture Reading ..... Freddie Gadson  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Dan McLeod  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Bill Ingram, Jr.

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga	Gary Jenkins
Ed Buonadonna	Daniel Lord
Cris Cuevas	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Devin Eutsey	Dirk Summerlot
Andres Fernandez	Eugene Williams

**Sunday Evening, October 16**

Singing ..... Ivan Villard  
Opening Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes  
Scripture Reading ..... Daniel Wagner  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... David Brown  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Addison Collins

Serve at Table:

Cody Price	Leonard Williams
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**Wednesday Evening, October 19**

Singing ..... Jimmie Banks  
Invitation ..... Daniel Wagner  
Family Prayer ..... Willie Smith

**Our Record**

Attendance	Oct. 9	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	156	177
Sun. AM Worship	223	264
Sun. PM Worship	132	126
Wed. Bible Study	137	140
Contribution	\$13,757	\$16,831

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$49,125

Service Coordinator:  
Mike Damron

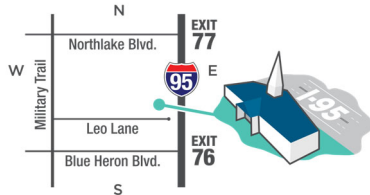
Ushers for this week: Edward Gager & Daniel Swayne  
Safety Team for this week: Brandan Widner



# 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.

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## What Jesus DID for YOU ...and why

### He created you

(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

### He came to this earth for you

(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

### He died on the cross for you

(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

### He shed His blood for you

(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

### He was raised from the dead for you

(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

## Because...

### He loves you

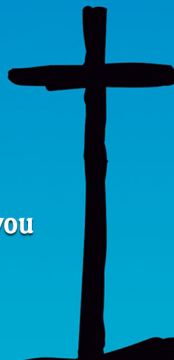
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

### He wants to save you

(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

### He wants to take you to heaven

(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)



## What Jesus EXPECTS of YOU ...and why

**Learn and know the truth** (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

**Obey the will of God** (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

**Believe Jesus is God's Son** (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

**Repent (turn) from your sins** (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

**Confess your faith in Jesus** (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

**Be immersed into Christ** (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

**Live faithfully and serve Him** (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

## So that...

**You can prove your love for Him** (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

**You can be saved from your sins** (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

**You can go to heaven** (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)