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## Welcome New Members



Suarez, Cristian, Lisa
\*Olivia & \*Nathan

Group 4

**Identified October 23** 



By Dan Jenkins

### **Truths Which Motivated Paul**

The history of the life of David is recorded in three Old Testament books, but it is in the book of Psalms that we begin to understand the heart of David. His heart is so important because it is so much like the heart of God (1 Sam. 13:14). There is somewhat of a parallel to David in the life and

writings of Paul.

It is in the book of Acts we learn so much of the details of the life of the great apostle, but there are historical events revealed in his epistles. In a sim-trinal discourses, ilar way, the heart of Paul is revealed in his letters, and they often give us insight as to the spiritual depth of his devotion to God and the truths of God showing the nature of his heart in serving God. Consider the following to see some of these truths.

"I AM PERSUADED that neither death nor life...nor things present nor things to come...shall be able to separate us from the love of God" (Rom. 8:38-39). Do you wonder how he could give up so much and endure such suffering? Do you struggle in your trials and seek motivation for all that is around you? Write these words from Paul on your heart. Be fully persuaded that there is nothing on this earth, neither in the demons of hell, which can keep God from loving us.

I AM NOTHING. "Though I have the gift of prophecy,

and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing "(1 Cor. 13:2). Imagine having complete understanding of all things and having all faith. Paul emphasizes something far greater than these and that is love. It was not that he was just persuaded of God's eternal love. Written deeply on his heart was his responsibility to place love above all of these. Write these words on the depths of your soul as

you seek to imitate Paul as he imitated the Lord (1 Read Paul's doc- Cor. 11:1).

> "I...AM PERSUADED that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Tim. 1:12). The life of every person on this earth is committed to something. We are investing all of our time and energy to self, to sin or to things much higher. Paul looked at every decision he made as an invest-

ment and knew the Lord would never forget them. You may, like Paul, have to turn the other cheek to those around you. You may have to bless those who are cursing you and to make decisions about what you must give up to follow Him. Think about these choices as being registered in a heavenly book which some day will be opened. Trust God to remember it all, even to as small a matter as a cup of cold water.

As you read Paul's doctrinal discussion in his writings, remember to discover hidden truths which show his heart.



## It's All a Matter of Authority (Part 6)

also find those

truths which

show his heart

doctrines or

God's Word!

The sixty-six books of your Bible are the all-authoritative Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 14:37). They were given by the Holy Spirit, who moved inspired penmen to write the very words He delivered (2 Pet. 1:20-21; 1 Cor. 2:10-13). In the Bible, we By David Sproule have "all things" that are given by God and

"all things" that are necessary to serve God (2 Tim. 3:17; 2 Pet. 1:3; Jude 3). So, what is my responsibility to this ALLinspired, ALL-sufficient, for ALL-time delivered Word? We must NOT

First, let us consider what we are NOT to do elevate our own with God's Word. It seems strange that we would even need to address what "not" to do with the Bible, but the ways of man required God to give some **traditions above** very explicit instructions and warnings (in both the Old Testament and the New Testament).

We must NOT "add to" God's Word (Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18). It is perfect in every way (Psa. 19:7). It is not "missing" anything and does not need our "help" with the addition of our thoughts, opinions, traditions, etc.

We must NOT "take away from" God's Word (Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Rev. 22:19). How daring and arrogant would it be to suggest that a command of God does not need to be kept or that a specified condition of salvation is not required. We are not God and have no right to put ourselves in the place of God!

We must NOT modify, substitute or pervert the will of God (Gal. 1:6-9). Neither the apostles nor the angels had the authority to change any part of God's Word (Gal. 1:8)! What mortal today can have such a right (1:9)? Those who presume to do such will be "accursed."

We must NOT elevate our own doctrines or traditions above God's Word. That is why it is so essential to understand that the 66 books of the Bible are ALL-inspired, ALL-sufficient

> and ALL-time delivered. Jesus gave an extended and explicit warning to those who advance their traditions in place of or alongside His Word. In so doing, they "lay aside the commandment of God," "reject the commandment of God," and "make the word of God of no effect" (Mark 7:8, 9, 13). There are eternal consequences for doing such (Matt. 15:13).

We must NOT go beyond what is written (1 Cor. 4:6). Some translations say not to "think beyond" what is written, for when we do, we do not have God (2 John 9).

We must NOT speak beyond that which is written (1 Pet. 4:11). One will be judged by the words he uses (Matt. 12:36-37), and anyone who teaches will be subject to a "stricter judgment" (Jas. 3:1). How dangerous to speak where God has not spoken or to speak differently than God has.

One more thought to go: What are we to DO with God's all-authoritative Word? Read next week.



By Josh Blackmer

## **Addressing God As the Father**

You have probably heard someone praying publicly address God repeatedly as "Father," "Father God," or even "Father God just." Often to the point that it is distracting. I am not being critical. This happens because of nervous habits, or they were taught this. However, a line too far is addressing God as

"dad, daddy, papi" or any other informal way we would address our earthly fathers. There is an interesting thought that Peter gives us concerning those that address God as Father.

"If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:17-19).

There is first a conditional statement that speaks to addressing the Judge of this world as Father. This is possible because of God's love (1 John 3:1). It is to be done through faith and obedience to Him (John 1:12; 14:23). It is to be done by those that have an obedient relationship with God. This relationship comes with the knowledge that one will be judged

for every action, whether good or bad (2 Cor. 5:10). What logically follows from this condition and knowledge is an expectation in the conduct of the one that addresses God as Father.

Their conduct should show fear toward God in light of the judgment. This word in Greek is what we get our word the judgment of God, Paul wrote, "Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men" (2 Cor. 5:11). The idea is to persuade them away from a fearful judgment. The righteous live their lives with a healthy fear of the judgment of the Lord, "for our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29). The wicked are not so. When Paul wrote about descriptors of the unrighteous, he said, "there was no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom. 3:18). There is no expectation of repentance from this person, just "a terrifying expectation of judg-

ment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries" (Heb. 10:27).

Seeing that God has bought us back, not with the five shekels of silver from the old covenant but the blood of His Son, He deserves our respect and fear. "Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe" (Heb. 12:28). This should be true in our service, in our conduct, and in our prayers.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

#### He knew, He knew, He knew

We have recorded three separate instances in the life of Jesus when He predicted specific details about His impending death. Slowly read these. Consider that He knew all of this ahead of time, and yet He still came, He stayed and He endured it all... for you...and me.

Jesus Himself said, "The Son of Man must **suffer** many things, and be **rejected** by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be **killed**, and be **raised** the third day" (Luke 9:22). Not long after that, He again started telling His disciples, "The Son of Man is being **betrayed** into the hands of men, and they will **kill** Him. And after He is

**killed**, He will **rise** the third day" (Mark 9:31). Less than a year later, it is recorded that He was teaching again, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and **all** things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be **delivered** to the Gentiles and will be **mocked** and **insulted** and **spit** upon. They will **scourge** Him and **kill** [**crucify**, Matt. 20:19] Him. And the third day He will **rise** again" (Luke 18:31-33). — *DS* 

## "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

I will admit that singing William W. Walford's "Sweet Hour of Prayer" in worship as a kid was not my favorite song. Praying for a whole hour didn't sound "sweet" in a little kid's mind. Over the years (and with a little seasoning of maturity and better understanding of figurative language), the words have much more meaning. For example, when you insert the word

"opportunity" for "hour," it may help it to make sense. Can I ask you some questions about prayer?

Is the opportunity to pray "sweet" to you? Do you feel drawn to your "Father's throne" to "make all my wants and wishes known"? Has

your "soul...often found relief" in prayer? Has regular prayer helped to "escape the tempter's snare"? Do you have "strong desires" for the "return" of prayer times in your day? Do you "hasten to the place" of prayer? Do you have confidence the "wings" of prayer "bear" your "petition...to Him" who is characterized by "truth and faithfulness"? Do you "cast on Him my every care"? Think about the words. Do you long and love to pray? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## **Pray for These PBL Members**

**Mary Coombs** dealing with health issues, undergoing tests **Ophelia Holmes** has a nodule and fluid in one of her lungs recovering from carpel tunnel surgery Mary A. Jackson Dan Johnson discharged from the hospital, long recovery ahead **Robin Landen** dealing with several health issues, severe blood disorder **Owen Miley** Good Samaritan (room 570), recovering from back surg. **Cheryl Milton** Good Samaritan (room 421), recovering from testing Joel Ramirez still in ICU at Gardens Medical Center **Maurine Reed** back at Hamlin Place for rehab **Benny Rodgers** knee replacement surgery and severe sciatica pain **Betty Sanders** at home but having more tests **Yolanda Stewart** recovering from surgery Jettie Sweetenburg awaiting test results on the spot on her lung

#### **Ongoing Health Issues**

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

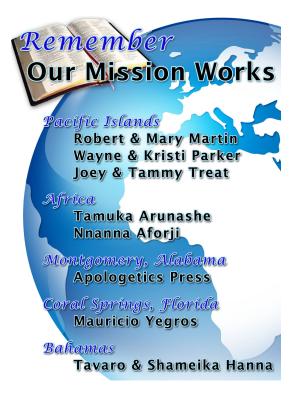
## **Pray for Our Shut-Ins**

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

## **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

recovering from laser surgery on her right eye

Joan Alberga Ally Alberga's mother, stroke in May, declining health
Frank Daniels Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer
Joe Deem Allison Roman's father, hospitalized last Sunday
Lamatron Gadson Freddie Gadson's sister, Hospice Care at St. Mary's
Yvonne Palmer Teresa Williams' sister, awaiting biopsy results
Sandra Kaye Perez Cherylann Wineinger's sister, having a biopsy on a lump
Chuck Reeves, Sr. Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, pacemaker surgery on Nov. 9



**Teresa Williams** 

## Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, October 30

- House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to come and help out.
- **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- **Fifth Sunday Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

#### Monday, October 31

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

#### Tuesday, November 1

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

#### Wednesday, November 2

 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 3-6

 26th Annual South Florida Lectureship. This year's theme is "Questions Surrounding the Second Coming."

Thursday, Nov. 3 7:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5 2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m.

(Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)

Sunday, Nov. 6 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Bible Class

#### Sunday, November 6

- Daylight Saving Time Ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- No His Kids Class. Will resume next week.
- Shepherds Praying at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

#### 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.



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#### Saturday, November 19

 Young Adult Devo at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Brandan Widner. See Ivan Villard for more details.

#### Thursday, December 1

 Ladies' Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Please bring a soup, bread, dessert or drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

#### Monday, December 5

 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.



#### Sunday, October 30

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

#### Sunday, November 6

No His Kids Class. Will resume next week.

#### Wednesday, November 9

 Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project after Bible Study. We will assemble bags what we will deliver on Sunday, November 13. There will be drinks and snacks.

#### Sunday, November 13

- Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting after morning worship. Bring money for lunch and a change of clothes (if you want). Meet in the Family Room after worship. We will return by 3:00 p.m. Parents, please let Josh Blackmer know if you can help by being a driver for this
- His Kids Class at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

## PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - November 2022

	November 6 <sup>(A)</sup>	November 13 <sup>(L)</sup>	November 20 <sup>(C)</sup>	November 27 <sup>(A)</sup>
Morning Worship S	Service			
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Dan McLeod	Jimmie Banks	Philip Porter	Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reader	Dirk Summerlot	Michael Ellis	Novel Brown	David Lord
Presiding at Table	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Leslie	Robert Mariano	Bob Higbee
Serving at Table	Troy Alberga	Kirk Crews	Tim Cox	Troy Alberga
_	David Brown	Jim Davis	Namdidie Ikon	Ed Buonadonna
	Ed Buonadonna	Michael Erickson	Richard Kelley	Cris Cuevas
	Addison Collins	James Green	Orlando Lolo	Andres Fernandez
	Cris Cuevas	Kameron Heitler	Steward Lynch	Freddie Gadson
	Devin Eutsey	Hunter Hinton	Tim Mahlbacher	Bill Ingram, Jr.
	Freddie Gadson	Luther Robinson	Taylor Reeves	Gary Jenkins
	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Jim Rogers	Vincent Rogers	Daniel Lord
	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Lawrence Williams	Willie Smith	Cody Price
	Brandan Widner	Marty Williams	Tyler Williams	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Closing Prayer	Dan Fuller	Johnny Davis	Stephen Beliech	David Holaday

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Dan McLeod	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer	David Lord	Kane Campbell	Richard Watson	Eugene Williams
Scripture Reader	Daniel Swayne	John Hoelzer	Richard Lerro	Paul Metzkes
Presiding at Table	Paul Metzkes	Ivan Villard	Tom Garrison	Darin Summerlot
	Cody Price	Graysen Hayes	Silas Balfour	Devin Eutsey
Serving at Table	Leonard Williams	Joe Maloney	Trey Higbee	Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer	Jeff Goodale	Mike Archer	Tim Fry	Daniel Wagner

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Daniel Lord	Cris Cuevas	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Todd Juckett	Edward Gager	Scott Studer	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Darin Summerlot Mike Damron Victor Colage Daniel Swayne			
	Andres Fernandez	Lance Collier	Ricky Smith	Addison Collins
Usher	Eugene Williams	Islay Rodriguez	Nahum Villard	Edward Gager

Service Coordinator (Sunday	Morning & Evening)		
Bob Higb	ee 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)







Sunday, October 23

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux; Mr. Alfredo Cuesta Veyva; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Sylvester Jackson; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. Colton McKinney; Ms. Lonna Pate; and Ms. Lizzie Rozier.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Miss Lauren Chapeau, Watkinsville, GA; Ms. Nellie Clayton, Lauderhill, FL; Ms. Rebecca Daniels, Folsom, CA; Mr. Steven Daniels, Folsom, CA; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL; Mr. Wesley Dennis, Sorrento, FL; Mrs. Kristen Dye, Carrollton, TX; Mrs. Terietta Frazier, Houston, TX; Mrs. Janet Macdonald, Tallahassee, FL; Mr. Andrew Thetford, Temple Terrace, FL.



Sunday, October 30th Marie Yolette Achille

Wednesday, November 2nd

Trish Clark Michelle Franck Isolyn Sinclair

Friday, November 4th Richard Lerro Phil Porter

Saturday, October 5th **Brent Leslie** Maxine McCoy



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

#### Those to Serve

If you are <u>unable to serve</u>, 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 30

SingingGary Friedly
Lord's Supper Willie Smith
Singing
Opening Prayer Novel Brown
Scripture Reading Tim Fry
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing PrayerTaylor Reeves

#### Serve at Table:

Victor Colage Robert Mariano Namdidie Ikon Nicholas Pietro Richard Kelley **Vincent Rogers** Orlando Lolo Nahum Villard Steward Lynch Tyler Williams

#### Sunday Evening, October 30

SingingYoung Men
Opening PrayerYoung Men
Scripture ReadingYoung Men
Singing
Lord's Supper Young Men
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing PrayerYoung Men
Serve at Table:
Young Men

#### Thursday Evening, November 3

Singing	Gary Friedly
Invitation	Jason Jackson
Family Prayer	David Sproule

Our Record		
Attendance	Oct. 23	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	158	177
Sun. AM Worship	224	264
Sun. PM Worship	134	126
Wed. Bible Study	120	140
Contribution	\$16,227	\$16,831

2022 Weekly Budget: \$15,220 Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$50,844

Service Coordinator:

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Tim Mahlbacher Rick Hall Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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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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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 NewsNation 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.

## 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).