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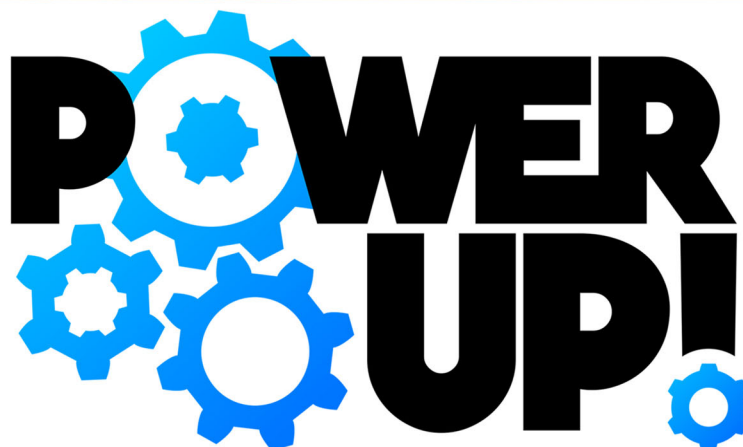
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Jesus,
Our Loving Shepherd

40th Annual Ladies' Day
Thursday, April 20



A Recharge for Christian Men

Saturday, May 6, 2023

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*Luke 22 -
John 2*



By Dan Jenkins

Don't Touch My Bride

Imagine that moment in a wedding when the doors in the back of the wedding chapel open and the bride appears. The song chosen especially for this moment begins to play and the mother of the bride stands. When she does, the audience stands and turns to see the bride. She has never been more radiant, and who could ever forget this moment?

As she begins to take her steps to be joined in holy matrimony, someone steps forward and begins changing her hairstyle. This changes her appearance and neither the bride nor groom likes her new look. Another person comes and changes her jewelry by removing her beautiful earrings and necklace and replacing them with those of far less beauty and value. It does not end there. To the dismay of all present, others change her makeup, her shoes and even the veil.

Your first reaction as you read this account would be that such could never happen. Who could have such disrespect to a bride and groom? Who could ever presume that they were so important that they could ignore what was planned? **But, it actually has happened!**

God has revealed to us that the church is the bride of Jesus. Paul said to the Corinthians, "I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to

Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2). When he wrote to Ephesus, he had spoken about the respect a wife should have for her husband and the sacrificial love the husband must have toward his wife. However, when he got to the end of this discussion he said, "This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Eph. 5:32). The church is truly the bride of Jesus.

Now consider this. Before the world began, the beautiful bride of Jesus was known. God worked for thousands of years to prepare for that time when the doors of heaven would be opened and the bride would appear. Then, the bride came.

God's plan was for the bride to retain her eternal beauty. All authority in heaven and on earth is His and that leaves no room for any mortal to change the adornment of the bride (Matt. 28:18; Gal. 1:6-9). There was no provision for any mortal to change in any way the beauty of His bride. Even angels could not change it.

The denominational nature of modern Christendom is overwhelming evidence that mankind presumptuously altered the bride of Jesus after she was revealed. Every person should soberly consider if they have in their religious life followed those who alter His bride. God help every person in every denomination to think about this and return to His plan for His beautiful bride.

Who would ever disrespect the bride and change the way she was adorned?



By David Sproule

No Pain, All Gain

Have you ever had one of those crushing migraines that just would not subside? The only thing you could do was lay down in a dark room and wait it out. What if you never had to suffer the pain of a migraine again?

Have you ever had one of those toothaches that felt like half of your face was going to fall off (or maybe you wished that would happen)? What if you never had to suffer the pain of another excruciating toothache again?

Have you ever had that endless, piercing back pain that you could not seem to relieve no matter what you did or what position you took? What if you never had to suffer a single back pain ever again?

You get the idea. Think of the worst pain that you have ever experienced (or are experiencing) in your life. This life is so full of pains that we have grown accustomed to wondering, "What's going to hurt today?" What if you woke up one morning and you felt completely new and there was not the slightest pain or discomfort anywhere in your body? Oh, what a day that would be!

You know where this is going. When John was permitted to see a glimpse of heaven, one of the details he could

not resist reporting was that in heaven, "There shall be no more pain" (Rev. 21:4). No more! We read that and long for such a day!

Pain is one of the greatest motivators that we know. Pain can stop us from doing our favorite activities. Pain can move a stubborn man who "never goes to the doctor" to go to the doctor. The reason that pain is such a great motivator is that we are searching for "the sweet spot" or "the medical answer" that will stop the pain.

Does that not make heaven the supreme, ultimate of all motivators? There are scores of reasons that we should strive for heaven, but one selfish one may be that we ache for a place where we will never ache again. And if that were not enough, look at the alternative.

Jesus uses the motivating power of pain to drive our ambitions away from hell. Hell is a place where there will be eternal "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 8:12; 13:42, 50), because there is a "fire that shall never be quenched" and "their worm does not die" (Mark 9:43-48). The pain-filled "torment" of hell will be experienced "day and night forever and ever" (Rev. 14:11; 20:10).

Given the choice between the place of "no more pain" and the place of nothing but eternal pain, which shall you choose? Heaven shall have no pain, but all gain!

We ache for a place where we will never ache again.



By Josh Blackmer

The Debt of Love We Owe

Have you ever been reading the Bible and something just jumps out at you? Perhaps it was a familiar passage or lesser-known, but the truth it taught in that moment had an impact. This happened to me recently with a fairly well-known passage. I'd like to share this with you and talk about the

implications.

The first part of this verse is relatively well-known. "Owe nothing to anyone" (Rom. 13:8a). The context of this verse is about taxes and customs. Some have taken it to mean that you can't be in debt in any way including contractual agreements. I'm not sure that is the purpose of this verse, especially once you read the rest of the text. The rest of the verse is "except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law" (Rom. 13:8b). This is what hit me hard. I was reading a book about the Parable of the Good Samaritan, and the author made this comment about this passage, "Love is the debt that we owe all men" (*The Parables of Jesus*, Trench). I've known we are supposed to love everyone since a young age going to Bible class, but I've never thought about it this way. I am in debt to everyone I meet to show love. That moved it beyond just a nice sentiment or moral obligation to a social debt. It is also a debt I will never pay off. It has brought the love I show to my neighbor into greater focus.

Because of a great debt that was paid for me.

It is interesting that Paul would begin this letter talking about his indebtedness. "I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise" (Rom. 1:14). He is using this in the context of teaching the gospel to all men. Why is he indebted? It is because of his love for God combined with a love for mankind that he is indebted to share the gospel. That is the primary implication of that debt of love we owe to all. We must share the gospel with them. How can we say we love anyone and withhold the saving message they need?

Another implication is our focus. When the lawyer asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor," he was asking, "Who do I have to love" (Luke 10:29). Jesus' parable directed him not to a person that he must show love to but rather who must show love. If we can shift our thinking away from finding the right person or situation to show love to being the person that shows love, we will be overwhelmed with opportunities to love. Trench went on to say when the sun was created it didn't ask who to shine its light on. God made it to shine on everything. John said it this way, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John. 4:7). I hope this has been as impactful for you as it was for me. If you already knew this, great! Now it is time to get out there and do it. Let's work on the debt of love that we owe because of a debt that was paid for us.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Church friends

There are NO friends like church friends! Sometimes you have "school friends" or "work friends" or "neighborhood friends" or even "family friends," but there are NO friends like church friends! They are the kind of friend, as wisdom would suggest, "who sticks closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24), because they truly are a "brother in Christ"! Church friends love you deeper, truly care for you as a person and want the very best for you in every way.

Someone says, "Well, I don't have any church friends." Go back and read the first part of Proverbs 18:24—"A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (NKJV). We know that to be true, whether the Bible says it or not. Have you earnestly sought out church friends? Have you come early and lingered late at church services, in order to visit? Have you involved yourself in all the activities of the church? Have you invited folks from church to go to lunch?

The number of and strength of your church friendships will reflect how much effort you expend. Let us build and enjoy the best friendships heaven has to offer! – DS



His eye but also His hand

Of all the temptations that Satan throws at you, which one do you wish you could overcome the most? Think about that. Have you got it in mind? Now, how can you defeat it?

It is truly God's Word that gives us the strength to overcome every temptation (Psa. 119:11; Matt. 4:4, 7, 10). As we endeavor to write key verses of meditation on our heart that pinpoint these fleshly weaknesses of ours, may I also encourage us to see Jesus there as we are tempted (and even as we give in and sin). What is He doing? At least two things.

First, Jesus has His eye on us. When Peter sinned, "the Lord turned and looked at" him (Luke 22:61). Jesus is watching. You could take that fearfully, but there is another possibility. On another occasion when Peter failed his Lord and called out to Him, the Bible says that "immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him" (Matt. 14:31). When that worst temptation comes, remember two things: Jesus' watchful eye is there, but so is His helping hand! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	experiencing horrible pain in her hip and leg
Linda Coe	pain and swelling in her knees, medical test on April 14
Robin Davis	recovering from surgery
Mike Ellis	recovering from reverse shoulder replacement surgery
Tim Fry	recovering at home from double bypass surgery
Eva Fulton	dealing with chronic infections
Trudie Holland	Luxe Rehab in Jupiter (room 101), rehab on pelvic bones
Sylvester Jackson	ICU at JFK Medical Center, recovering from stents surg
Judie Jenkins	LaPosada for rehab on her shoulder
Rose Martens	now at home, NO visitors please
Betty Sanders	dealing with stage 4 colon cancer
Jettie Sweetenburg	finished her treatments for her lung cancer for now

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	multiple health issues
Robin Landen	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	Inell Ingram
Josie Dawson	Daniel Johnson
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Terri Hahn	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, new chemo treatments
Louise Williams	Bessie Walker's sister, hospitalized last week, chest pain

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, April 2

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

Monday, April 3

- ♦ **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, April 4

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

Friday, April 7

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ally Alberga. Please bring a potluck dish. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.

Friday-Sunday, April 14-16

- ♦ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Under Construction." Cost is \$45 per person. Sign up at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, April 16

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

Thursday, April 20

- ♦ **Ladies' Day with Lacy Crowell** at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Jesus, Our Loving Shepherd." Please RSVP by Monday, April 10.

Friday, April 21

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. 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, April 22

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, April 3

- ♦ **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.

Friday, April 21

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. 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.

Monday, May 1

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, May 6

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, April 2

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

Monday, April 3

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, April 8

- ♦ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. & Sr. High Youth** at 10:00 a.m. RSVP by April 6 and sign up to bring a food item: <https://signup.com/go/Haagaac>. There will be games and activities following the hunt. Jr. & Sr. High should arrive at 9:15 a.m. and bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs (no chocolate in eggs; it will melt). See Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Sunday, April 16

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship.

A Chapter A Day

Keeps me on the Lord's way

READING THROUGH THE *New Testament* IN A YEAR

For the Month of *April*

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
March 26

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux; Mr. & Mrs. Leon & Shirley Manko; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. Colton McKinney; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mrs. Liz Otero; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; and Mr. & Mrs. Quinntel & Trellini Smith.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Suzanne Dempsey, Plymouth, MI; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Peggy Lewis, Columbia, TN; Miss Jasmine Matthews, Boynton Beach, FL; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; and Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA.

Thank You  notes

I would like to thank everyone who has been praying for me and for all of those who have helped me through this difficult time, especially several special ladies who have done so much for me. I am truly, truly grateful. I don't know what I'd do without the Lord and His church. I love you all!

Trudie Holland

Words cannot express our gratitude for your support of our work both in Cuba and the States. Your help is going to make such a difference in our efforts. We are also looking forward to the team coming this summer to help evangelize in our church community.

Gary & Deborah Dull

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, April 2nd
Bill & Allison Snyder (Ann.)
Lorena Pittman

Friday, April 7th
Krystian Dubuisson

Monday, April 3rd
Giselle Smith

Saturday, April 8th
Micky Affron
Jean Archer
Zula Garrett
Nadia King

Wednesday, April 5th
Elizabeth Summerlot

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, April 2

Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Singing Gary Friedly
Contribution..... David Lord
Scripture Reading..... Freddie Gadson
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Dirk Summerlot

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Gary Jenkins
Cris Cuevas	David Perez
Devin Eutsey	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Andres Fernandez	Islay J. Rodriguez
Bill Ingram, Jr.	Brandan Widner

Sunday Evening, April 2

Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer..... Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading Daniel Swayne
Singing
Lord's Supper..... Paul Metzkes
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer..... David Brown

Serve at Table:

Daniel Wagner Leonard Williams

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Daniel Lord

Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, April 5

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation..... Ivan Villard
Family Prayer Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 26	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	167	163
Sun. AM Worship	248	253
Sun. PM Worship	122	116
Wed. Bible Study	131	128
Contribution	\$14,686	\$16,143

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$11,048

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

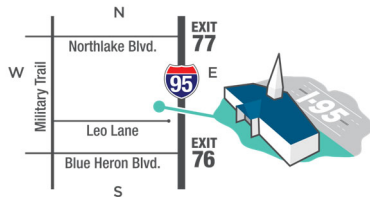
Ushers for this week: Addison Collins & Edward Gager
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot



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: Lorena Pittman & Amber Villard

First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

 Speaking where the Bible speaks

 Silent where the Bible is silent

 Calling Bible things by Bible names

 Doing Bible things in Bible ways

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

April 20

Ladies' Day with Lacy Crowell

Theme: "Jesus, Our Loving Shepherd"

May 6

Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men

Theme: "Disabling the Devil's Devices"

May 7

Guest Speaker: Steve Higginbotham

Theme: "Home, Sweet Home"

May 14

Promotion Sunday

May 21

Friends & Family Day with David Shannon

Theme: "Stronger Relations Begins with Me God"

May 24, May 31, June 7, June 21

"Kick Start Your Summer" Series