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PROMOTION



Sunday

Stronger Relations



Friends & Family Day
with David Shannon

Sunday, May 21

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*Acts 7 -
Acts 11*



By Dan Jenkins

God Calls Some Men Fools, Looking Outward

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shows that calling another man a fool endangers our eternal destiny. "But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire" (Matt. 5:22). However, God, who knows the hearts of all men, often looks at certain men and their actions and calls them fools. It is life changing to see those whom God describes as fools.

David said, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psa. 14:1; 53:1). He does not have to verbally say this. When a man's heart arrives at this conclusion, every choice he makes is based on his view of this being a "Godless" world. Look at where our nation is headed, and you will see the fruit of a nation whose heart is forgetting God.

Why is he a fool? Simply because he ignores the evidence all around him that God exists. There is no place on this earth where the heavens fail in declaring His glory and showing His handiwork (Psa. 19:1). Look at how the English Standard Version affirms this. "There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world" (Psa. 19:3-4 ESV). That voice says, "God is!" That evidence has existed since the creation of the world, and it proclaims His eternal power. It is so strong that it leaves those

who deny His existence and describes them as being "without excuse" (Rom. 1:20). Imagine the hopelessness of this man standing before God at the final judgment!

God described the downward path which led the pagan world as it ignored this evidence of His existence and removed themselves so far from God. "Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Rom. 1:21). When fools rob God of His glory and cease to be thankful the downward journey has begun. It is so true that their lives are lived in darkness. The passage continues, "Professing to be wise they became fools."

Now think about how these words describe what is happening right now in America. It has become so foolish that it cannot determine if one is male or female. Our educational system no longer emphasizes the three R's and focuses on brainwashing young children. In the first year of school a child is confused by such foolish ideas. We once affirmed that we desired to be "one nation under God," but such is no longer the case. We have seemingly become a nation that desires to be "one nation out from under God."

More next week. Not looking outward but looking inward. Does God see us as fools?

**A foolish nation
has said in its
heart, "There is
no God." We are
fools!**



By David Sproule

Taste Test

As Jesus hung in agony on the cross, they offered Him "sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink" (Matt. 27:34). The word "tasted" there is not hard to figure out. It is the same word found in John 2:9, when the master of the feast "tasted the water that was made wine." We understand what it means to "taste" something. Once something hits our tongue, our "taster" decides whether it likes it or not, and whether it wants to have some more or not.

Interestingly, the Greek word that is used for "taste" in the two passages above is most often used metaphorically. Those two passages are among the few that speak of literally tasting something with one's tongue. When the word is used metaphorically, it means, "to experience something cognitively or emotionally; to come to know something."

About four times in the New Testament, this word is used of one who would "taste death." Jesus used the expression Himself (Matt. 16:28; Mark 9:1; Luke 9:27), but then the Hebrews writer used it with reference to Jesus—that He did "taste death for everyone" (Heb. 2:9). What a way to describe what Jesus endured. He did not just die—He experienced death and came to know what it was like. He did that for us!

But, consider three other uses of the word and how they apply to you. First, a child of God is one who has "tasted the heavenly gift" (Heb. 6:4). What is this "heavenly gift"? Two possibilities seem apparent, but they are actually the same. Salvation is "the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8), and Christ Himself is God's "indescribable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15). Think about the illustrative use of the word "taste." Are you saved? Are you in a deep relationship with Christ? If so, God says that you have "tasted" (or personally experienced) these blessings!

Second, a child of God has "tasted the good word of God" (Heb. 6:5). One might think of Ezekiel or John who ate God's Word. The New Testament describes God's Word as both "milk" (1 Pet. 2:2) and "solid food" (Heb. 5:12). The Bible is not merely something that you read—God beautifully designed it for the child of God to personally experience every day! How does it taste to you?

Third, a child of God has "tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 Pet. 2:3). God is not just someone we read about in a book. God is someone to come to know and experience on such a deep and personal level that it's as if you are tasting your relationship with Him. How vivid!

When you taste something, you decide if you like it and if you want more. How does God's gift, God's Word and God's grace taste to you? Don't you want all you can get!

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By Josh Blackmer

"The churches of Christ greet you"

What is the church of Christ exactly? Are you Mormons? The following is designed as a response to this common question. We are a group of people with a common faith in Jesus Christ and love for each other that leads us to worship God as He directs and to serve God's children. We wear no name except Christian (Acts 11:26). We are self-governing congregations under Christ alone. He is the head, and we have no denominational affiliation or earthly headquarters (Col. 1:18). We are free to study, teach, and work as the Bible leads us (John 8:32). We do not support the denominational divisions of today and pray for the time when all will come into the unity of the faith that is in Christ (1 Cor. 1:10-17; Eph. 4:1-6).

We work and worship as we understand the Scriptures to teach. We observe the Lord's Supper each Sunday according to the example set by the apostles and the first century Christians (Acts 20:7). Our music is the praise of our lips and hearts without mechanical accompaniment (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). Prayers are intended to be an acknowledgment of God's blessings and to express our gratitude to Him (Matt. 6:9-13). The preaching of the Word of God is given a prominent place (2 Tim. 4:1-2). Our giving is liberal, personal, and proportionate to the dedication of all that we have and are (2 Cor. 9:7). The entire worship service is planned but not rigid

through a humanly devised liturgy (1 Cor. 14:40; John 4:24).

Acceptance into the congregation is by baptism or by transfer of membership of a baptized believer from another congregation of the Lord's church. Those who are not yet Christians, as the Bible defines Christian, are taught to believe in Jesus Christ with their whole heart, to repent of their sins, to confess Christ with their mouth, and to be baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins just as people were taught to do in the first century (Rom. 10:9, 10; Acts 2:37-38; Gal. 3:26-27). We follow the guide of immersion of believers, the baptism instituted by Jesus and practiced by the early church which mimics Christ's death, burial, resurrection (Rom. 6:3-9). We exist to follow Him who came to minister to mankind and to give His life as the ransom for many. We exist to bring honor and glory to Him by exercising a heartfelt obedience to His will (Eph. 3:20, 21). Our marching orders are the Lord's world-wide commission to preach the Gospel to all the lost (Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16). Our hope is His everlasting Kingdom and the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor. 15:24). Our message is "Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2). Our prayer is His, "That they all might be one..." (John 17:21). Our plea is for you to be in His Kingdom with no one between you and God but Him (1 Tim. 2:4, 5). All are welcome to be part of this fellowship in Christ. The only things that is required is obedience and faithfulness until death (Rev. 2:10).

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

A key to dealing with persecutions

The epistle of First Peter was written to first-century Christians, who were dealing with pressures and persecutions from non-Christians. It was truly a "fiery trial" of their faith (1 Pet. 4:12) that they were facing. How could they deal with these "various trials" (1:6) and overcome them? The book is filled with imperatives, as Peter provides direction to defeat the devil's efforts (5:8), but his emphasis in one area may surprise you.

To be victorious over trials as a Christian, Peter repeatedly focuses on the need to "love" our brethren. Don't misunderstand. The trials were not coming from brethren but from outsiders. But to overcome them, he said, "love one another fervently with a pure heart" (1:22), "having compassion for one another; love as brothers" (3:8), "above all things have fervent love for one another" (4:8), "be hospitable to one another" (4:9), "minister to one another" (4:10).

Today we are facing various persecutions because of our faith. What can we do? One thing for certain—get busy loving (an active, serving verb) our brethren! —DS



What did Jesus *not* do?

When faced with challenging situations in life, it is a good practice to ask, "What *would* Jesus do?" An even better practice is to ask, "What *did* Jesus do?" When considering what Jesus actually did, consider also what Jesus did *not* do.

When Jesus was put on trial and even while He hung on the cross, Jesus was "mocked" (Matt. 27:29, 31, 41), "treated...with contempt" (Luke 23:11) and "reviled" (Matt. 27:44). They "spat upon" Him (Matt. 27:30), "struck" Him (Matt. 27:30), "beat" Him (Matt. 26:67) and "blasphemed" Him (Matt. 27:39). Look at how Jesus responded. Look at what He did *not* do.

"When He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten" (1 Pet. 2:23). If you want to "follow His steps" (2:21), you must learn to respond to maltreatment as Jesus did and *not* return evil for evil. Instead, Jesus kept on committing Himself to God (2:23). Living like Jesus involves what we *do* and what we do *not* do! —DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	fell and broke his nose, undergoing tests
Judy Carmack	dealing with severe pain in her right hip and leg
Linda Coe	undergoing medical tests
Mattie Cox	outpatient surgery on May 11
Willie Cox	Jupiter Medical Center, being treated for pneumonia
Charles Hayes	fell and broke one wrist and bruised the other
Marian Holland	under Hospice Care (room C10), aggressive cancer
Dan Johnson	Promedica Heartland, double leg amputation

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



Marian Holland's family upon her passing on Wednesday, May 10. The Memorial Service will be on Sunday, May 14 at 4:45 p.m. Please keep Trudie and Wes in your prayers.

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, under Hospice Care
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, Luxe Rehab, no visitors
Nathaniel King	Mary A. Jackson's brother, hospital, multiple issues
Frankie Lyons	Gwen Lyons' mother, fell & cracked pelvis in 3 places
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, having eye surgery on May 23





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 14

- ♦ **Deadline for Friends & Family Day Lunch Orders.** Please place order form and full payment in the basket in the back of the Auditorium or to the church office.
- ♦ **New Member's Orientation Class** at 9:00 a.m. See Tim Fry for more details.
- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **Memorial Service for Marian Holland** at 4:45 p.m.
- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume on May 28.

Monday, May 15

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

Tuesday, May 16

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

Friday, May 19

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Colage. 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, May 20

- ♦ **Work Day at Clewiston** from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.
- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.
- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **Family Group 1 & 2 Meeting** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Skye Brown. This will be a potluck event. Please bring a main dish, dessert, and/or drinks. This is for all PBL members and families who live north of Blue Heron.
- ♦ **Corn Roast at CFBC** from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Cost is \$12/adult and \$7/kids under 12. For more details, go to www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, May 21

- ♦ **Friends & Family Day with David Shannon.** The theme is "*Stronger Relations Begin with Me God.*" Lunch will be catered from Pollo Tropical. **You must place your order with the office before Sunday, May 14.** Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium for class.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, May 19

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

Sunday, May 21

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium for Friends & Family Day with David Shannon.

Saturday, May 27

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, June 3

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, May 14

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Friday, May 19

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

Sunday, May 21

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium for Friends & Family Day with David Shannon.

Sunday, May 28

- ♦ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up.

Children's Bible Education & Experience



Age 3 thru Grade 5

Designed to develop and strengthen a living faith in the hearts of our children by walking them into the settings, narratives and truths of the living messages of God's Word!

Semester #9

May 21 thru October 4

Cradle Roll & Toddler Classes

**June 2023
thru
August 2023**

**Cradle Roll
"Jesus Is Born"**
Gwen Lyons

**Toddlers
"Joseph"**
Sarah Collier

	The Birth of Jesus	Jesus Obeys Early	Selection of the Apostles	Temple Lessons	Jesus and Prayer
Session 1 <i>May 21 thru June 14</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Tim Fry</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Peggy Hall</i>		K & Grade 1 <i>Beth Fry</i>	Grades 2-3 <i>Melissa Shaw</i>
Session 2 <i>June 18 thru July 12</i>	Grades 2-3 <i>Lisa Metzkes</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Ivan Villard</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Samantha Eutsey</i>		K & Grade 1 <i>Allison Roman</i>
Session 3 <i>July 16 thru Aug. 9</i>	K & Grade 1 <i>Allison Roman</i>	Grades 2-3 <i>Lisa Metzkes</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Ivan Villard</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Samantha Eutsey</i>	
Session 4 <i>Aug. 13 thru Sept. 6</i>		K & Grade 1 <i>Allison Roman</i>	Grades 2-3 <i>Lisa Metzkes</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Ivan Villard</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Samantha Eutsey</i>
Session 5 <i>Sept. 10 thru Oct. 4</i>	Ages 3-4 <i>Casey Bound</i>		K & Grade 1 <i>Cherylann Wineinger</i>	Grades 2-3 <i>Jennifer Goodale</i>	Grades 4-5 <i>Paul Metzkes</i>

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 7

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Cy & Maria Cox; Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Sonia Davidson; Mr. Bevon Findley; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Don McClintock; Mrs. Liz Otero; Mr. & Mrs. Arpit & Swati Samson; Mrs. Susan Shelt; Mrs. Trellini Smith; Mr. Matthew Tucker; Mr. Garfield Walks; and Mrs. Margaret Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Ms. Francis Emmanuel, Stone Mountain, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Kim Higginbotham, Knoxville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Astrid Menendez, CA; and Miss Sarah Ramer, Sebring, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, May 14th

Mattie Cox
Claire Crews
Carolyn Cullom

Monday, May 15th

Pete Brown

Thursday, May 18th

Josh & Cara Blackmer (Ann.)
Rick & Peggy Hall (Ann.)
Jerry & Lorena Pittman (Ann.)
Joan Holloway
Rick Price

Saturday, May 20th

Lovetta Harmon

It's girl!

Congratulations to **Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna** upon the birth of their **granddaughter, Mila Marie Buonadonna**, weighing 4 lbs., 9 oz. She was born 7.5 weeks early and will be in the NICU for a few weeks.

Stronger Relations



Friends & Family Day with David Shannon is next Sunday, May 21. Lunch will be catered from Pollo Tropical. **Please place your order with the office by Sunday, May 14.**

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, May 14

Singing Gary Friedly
Lord's Supper Freddie Gadson
Singing
Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reading Bill Ingram, Jr.
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Dan McLeod
Addison Collins	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Gorman Ericksen	Benny Rodgers
Devin Eutsey	Islay J. Rodriguez
Daniel Lord	Brandon Widner

Sunday Evening, May 14

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Darin Summerlot
Scripture Reading David Lord
Singing
Lord's Supper Dirk Summerlot
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dan Fuller

Serve at Table:

David Perez Leonard Williams

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Cris Cuevas

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, May 17

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Daniel Wagner
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	May 7	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	178	163
Sun. AM Worship	276	265
Sun. PM Worship	120	120
Wed. Bible Study	136	121
Contribution	\$18,432	\$16,887

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$15,214

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

Ushers for this week: Andres Fernandez & Bob Higbee
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne



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.

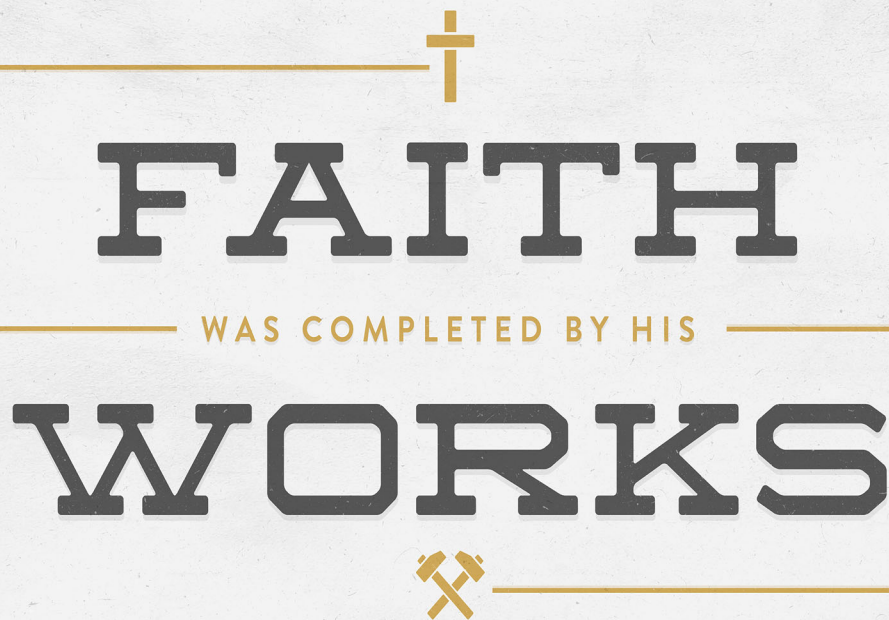
Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.



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YOU SEE THAT FAITH WAS ACTIVE ALONG WITH HIS WORKS, AND



JAMES 2:22