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Stronger Relations



Friends & Family Day *Sunday, May 21*
with David Shannon

9:00 a.m.
Lean on His Wisdom

10:00 a.m.
His Estimation of Other's Worth

12:45 p.m.
**Allow Him to Equip Us for a
 Journey of Serving Others**



Guest Speaker:
David Shannon

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

*Acts 12 -
 Acts 16*



By Dan Jenkins

God Calls Some Men Fools, Looking Inward

Last week we looked outward to those whom God regards as fools. It is a serious matter for anyone to call another a fool (Matt. 5:24), yet our omniscient God often describes some people as fools. This week we look inward to see that our God may use these very words to describe our actions.

Before hastily deciding that we are not fools, hear these words from God. “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes” (Prov. 12:15). The fact that we may not think of ourselves in these terms does not mean that God does not see us that way. Because almost every fool does not see himself as being foolish, we must remember that we might be among that number.

As we look inward, hear these other words from Solomon. “Fools mock at sin” (Prov. 14:9). Our world so flippantly makes light of that which will cost men their souls. Look at the content of social media and take notice of how we are entertained by viewing sin. Wise men hear and live by these words, “Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Rom. 12:9). Wise men will heed these words.

As you do a “fool check,” read God’s words about those who talk all the time. “A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back” (Prov. 29:11). “And a fool’s voice is

known by his many words” (Ecc. 5:3). “A fool also multiplies words” (Ecc. 10:14). “He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him” (Prov. 18:13). Now read all these verses again and look inward to ask yourself if you are talking too much.

In the Parable of the Rich Fool, Jesus describes that man who was prospering in so many ways. He wanted new barns, greater barns, in which to store his riches. He looked to the future and found security in all that he had worked so hard to gain. He said to his soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry” (Luke 12:19). God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?” He then describes every man who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God. Look inward, and then if guilty of the same sin, hear the voice of God as it may describe you. “Fool!”

These words look at only a few times God describes not just the wicked and evil but His own people. As you read the Bible take time to think about how God determines who is a fool. May His words describing Israel never describe us: “My people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are silly children...they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge...they are foolish; for they do not know the way of the Lord” (Jer. 4:42; 5:4). Look inward! Don’t be a fool!

Fools say there is no God. Do we ever foolishly live as though there is none?



By David Sproule

Jesus Loved the Church

Many people today, including some Christians, have a view of the church that does not harmonize with the view that Christ had (and would have us to have) toward the church. The church is often viewed today as something that is “optional,” or as a “crutch” for those who are weak-minded, or as a “charitable organization” that takes donations, or as a “relic” of a bygone generation, or as “something people do on Sunday,” or as “something I do to make sure I go to heaven.” The various views that people have of the church could be multiplied ten times over, but can indifference toward the church find any justification in Scripture or in the eyes of Christ?

The Bible tells us plainly how Jesus felt (and still feels) toward the church. Ephesians 5:25 teaches that “Christ loved the church.” The Greek word that is used for “love” in this verse (i.e., *agapao*) is not merely a love of thought, or of emotion or of word. This love is a love of decisive action, which is prompted by an unconditional, unselfish, self-sacrificing desire to do what is in the best interest of another, and takes actions to meet those needs. In other words, by using that word (*agapao*), the Bible is emphasizing that Jesus could not have loved the church if He didn’t do something for the church. So, what did Jesus do as demonstration of His love?

Jesus gave up everything for the church!

The rest of Ephesians 5:25 states that “Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.” His love for the church prompted Jesus to “empty” Himself of the independent exercise of some divine attributes (Phil. 2:7), leave the “rich” glories of heaven (2 Cor. 8:9), take on “the likeness of sinful flesh” (Rom. 8:3), be “tempted in all points as we are” (Heb. 4:15), “endure hostility from sinners against Himself” (Heb. 12:3), suffer the “piercing” agony and shame of crucifixion (Psa. 22:16; Heb. 12:2), being “hated” by the very beings whom He came to save (John 7:7; 15:18, 24, 25). Yes! Jesus loved the church, prompting Him to “give Himself up” for the church. That overwhelming reality prompts two other questions.

First, do I love the church? I cannot be of Christ if I do not love the church that He loved. But *agapao* love is a love of action that unconditionally sacrifices for that which is loved. That leads to the second question: what do I give up for the church? Read the paragraph above again—Jesus gave up everything. Do I give up anything for the church—my time, my energy, my heart, my possessions, etc.? Or do I keep the majority of that for myself? Jesus did not hold anything back from the church! Do I?

Most do not view the church the way that Jesus does, and as a result, they minimize that for which Jesus gave His all. May God help us to truly seek the church first (Matt. 6:33).



By Josh Blackmer

Doing My Part in the Church

When I have a job to do, it usually helps if I break it down into measurable parts. Looking at the task or undertaking as a whole can be daunting. Many of us feel the same way when it comes to the work of the church. "There is so much to do!" "How will I ever do that?" Let's look at a passage that will help us put things in perspective.

Ephesians 4:11-16 begins by listing those who are laboring in the church. Of those mentioned, we have pastors (elders, shepherds), evangelists (preachers) and teachers with us today. The text tells us that their job is for the "equipping of the saints." The end result of this equipping is the "work of service" or ministry. We are all to serve and minister to one another, to the "building up of the body" (v. 12), that is, by definition, edification. The goal of that edification is stated in verse 13 as "unity of the faith," "knowledge of the son of God," and growth into a "mature man." That "mature man" is measured by "the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ."

Verse 14 tells us that this kind of maturity keeps us from being spiritual children that are "tossed here and there by every wind of doctrine." There are a lot of immature people

that have not grown to the point that they can stand on their own two feet spiritually. The work of the body is to help supply that growth. We do not criticize, marginalize or demoralize the weak. Rather, "speaking the truth in love," we are to help them "grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head."

Here is where we can do our part. With Christ as the head, origin and anchor, the "whole body" is "fitted and held together by what every joint supplies" (v. 16). The joint in this context infers the individual member of the body, because the text goes on to say, "according to the proper working of each individual part." The word "proper" in verse 16 is where we get the words "metered" or "measured." The literal idea is "according to the measured working of each individual part."

So, now you may be asking, "Where are you going with this?" What the text tells us is that when we look at the overall task and work of the church we do not need to be discouraged by the enormity of the task. We are to do our metered and measured part. When all are doing their part for the work, God tells us that it "causes growth of the body for the building of itself up in love" (v. 16). So, when you do what you know is right to do right now, you are helping work towards the growth and edification of the body of Christ.

We are to help others "grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head."

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Worthy to be praised

The word "worthy" means "having worth or value; of commendable excellence or merit; deserving attention, respect, admiration." Read those words one more time. Then think about the words of Psalm 18:3 – "I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised."

Our Lord is WORTHY to be praised! There are many reasons for that, but note the ones that David emphasizes in the verses right before this. The Lord is "my strength...my rock...my fortress...my deliverer...my trust...my shield...the horn of my salvation...my stronghold" (18:1-2). Those are easy to read over quickly. Go back and think about YOUR God being EACH of those things for YOU. Emphasize the word "my" as you read each one.

NO WONDER David gushed forth with exuberance that he could almost not contain. David was not stating some matter of fact or some calendar event. His God was "worthy to be praised," and he knew it and longed to do it! Do we realize how worthy our God is of our praise? – DS



The Lord lives, therefore...

In one of the lengthier psalms, David extolled all that the Lord had done for him. The Lord "saved" him (Psa. 18:3), "heard" him (18:6), "flew upon the wings of the wind" for him (18:10), "thundered from heaven" for him (18:13), "took" him (18:16), "drew" him out of danger (18:16), "delivered" him from the enemy (18:17, 43, 48, 50), "supported" him (18:18),

"delighted" in him" (18:19), "rewarded" him (18:20, 24), "enlightened" him (18:28), "shielded" him (18:30), "armed" him with strength (18:32, 39), "held" him up (18:35-36), "avenged" him (18:47), "lifted" him up "above" the strife (18:48) and showed him "mercy" (18:50).

There was NO doubt in David's mind that "The Lord lives!" (18:46). That was not a Bible fact he had memorized! It was a reality that he had experienced! Knowing that the Lord lives could only lead to one natural response: "Bless" the Lord... "Exalt" the Lord... "Give thanks" to the Lord... "Sing praises" to the Lord (18:46-49)! Do you know the Lord lives? Is this your natural and daily response toward Him? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mattie Cox	outpatient surgery postpone until June 6
Carolyn Cullom	fell and is dealing with back pain
Maria Hackshaw	recovering at home from a car accident



Allison Roman, upon the passing of her father, **Joe Deem**, on Thursday, May 18.

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga	Ally Alberga's mother, under Hospice Care
Mila Buonadonna	Ed & Jeannie's newborn granddaughter, in the NICU
Ann Graham	Luann McLeod's mother, Luxe Rehab, going home soon
Frankie Lyons	Gwen Lyons' mother, still in rehab and is improving
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, back in the hospital
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, having eye surgery on May 23

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

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, May 21

- ♦ **Friends & Family Day with David Shannon.** The theme is *"Stronger Relations Begin with Me God."* Lunch will be catered from Pollo Tropical. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium for class.
- ♦ **A Day of Prayer for CFBC.** Please pray for: CFBC's Mission & Vision; Campers' Spiritual Growth; Volunteers' Sacrificial Spirits; Board's Wisdom & Leadership; Staff's Love & Patience; and God's Will in All Things.

Monday, May 22

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

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

- ♦ **Kick Start Your Summer Series** at 7:00 p.m. Terry Casey will be speaking on *"I Want to Pray Like Jesus."* Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium for class.

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.

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.

Wednesday, May 31

- ♦ **Kick Start Your Summer Series** at 7:00 p.m. Gale Nelson will be speaking on *"I Want to Pray Like Paul."* Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium for class.

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.
- ♦ **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.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, May 21

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for children and adults. Grades 5 & under will begin new "Stepping into the Bible" classes. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults meet in the Auditorium for Friends & Family Day.

Saturday, May 27

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Wednesday-Friday, June 7-9

- ♦ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study.

Saturday, June 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Daisy Lord. See Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, May 21

- ♦ **New Bible Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for all children and adults. Grades 5 & under will begin new "Stepping into the Bible" classes. 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. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Bring your Bible, drinks and desserts. Parents are welcome. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Saturday, June 3

- ♦ **Young Families Summer Picnic for Grades 5 & Under** at 4:00 p.m. at Lilac Park. See Ivan or Amber Villard for more details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 b Cynthia Ingraham b Melinda Price	2 a Macener Assad & Juna Dorcely b Juna Dorcely	3 ☆ VBS Work Day ☆ Widows & Widowers Luncheon ☆ Young Families Summer Picnic b Sabrina Clayton b Connor Goodale b Daniel Swayne
4 ☆ Gift Card Shower for Robert & Reanna Lupo ☆ Shepherds Praying	5 b Lance Collier b Haley Hall	6 b Sandy DeVall	7 ☆ "Kick Start Your Summer" with Terry Frizzell a David & Daisy Lord b Ted Friesner b Maria Hackshaw	8	9 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting a Stephen & Carolina Beliech a Casey & Aisha Commander b Namdidie Ikon	10 ☆ Young Adult Devo a Bill & Gai Ingram b Kinsey Hayes b Phyiona Patterson b Amberdenise Puckett
				VBS Setup (June 7-9)		
11 ☆ Shepherds Praying b Richard Watson	12	13 a Tim & Susie Cox b Judie Jenkins b Taylor Price b Squadeina Ross	14 a Jeff & Diane Leslie	15	16 ☆ Ladies & Lattes b Ally Alberga	17 b Nyla Hackshaw b Mary Jackson
Vacation Bible School at PBL (June 11-14)						
18 ☆ Shepherds Praying a Dan & Judie Jenkins	19 a Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot b Judy Carmack b Gwen Lyons	20 a Dan & Loni Fuller b Evetta Wilson	21 ☆ "Kick Start Your Summer" with Kevin Patterson a Ivan & Amber Villard b Eddie Gooden	22	23 a Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon	24
				Leadership Training Camp (June 21-24)		
25 ☆ Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented ☆ Shepherds Praying b Rodney Woods	26	27	28 b Reanna Lupo b Cheryl Milton	29 b Dorothy Savage	30 a Edward & Ellen Gager	

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 14

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Monday, May 22nd

Willie & Mattie Cox (Ann.)
Phyiona Patterson
Karly Stone

Tuesday, May 23rd

John & Sue Hoelzer (Ann.)
Natasha Campbell-Flores
Tyler Williams

Friday, May 26th

Ramon & Ashley Alfaro (Ann.)
Lawrence & Julie Williams (Ann.)
Gloria Boyd
Helen Chapman
Bob Higbee

Saturday, May 27th

Bob & Sandi Hanna (Ann.)



Directory Changes

Steven Livergood placed membership with the Stuart congregation.

Thank You notes

Thank you so much for all the cards, food, texts, visits and prayers for the healing of my leg. I want to say a special thank you to Trina Wright and Amy West who took such good care of me. I am so thankful to be a beloved member of PBL.

Gwen Lyons

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 21

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Mike Ellis
Scripture Reading Johnny Davis
Singing
Lord's Supper Robert Mariano
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jimmie Banks

Serve at Table:

Michael Erickson Joe Maloney
Kameron Heitler Islay Rodriguez
Hunter Hinton Jim Rogers
Jack Holoman Joseph Snyder
Jeff Leslie Cristian Suarez

Sunday Evening, May 21

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer John Hoelzer
Scripture Reading Jeff Goodale
Singing
Lord's Supper Ivan Villard
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jim Davis

Serve at Table:

Connor Goodale Luther Robinson

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Bob Higbee

Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, May 24

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Jimmie Banks
Family Prayer Kirk Crews

Our Record

Attendance	May 14	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	191	163
Sun. AM Worship	291	265
Sun. PM Worship	100	120
Wed. Bible Study	125	121
Contribution	\$15,957	\$16,887

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$14,720

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

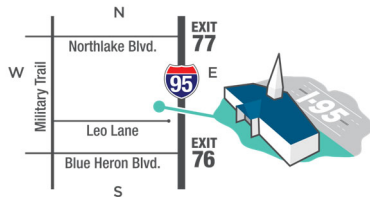
Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Lawrence Williams



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: **Lance & Brenda Collier**

Summer Intern: Simon Tyson



Former PBL member and current Bible Major at Freed-Hardeman University, Simon Tyson, will be working as a Preacher

Intern this summer at Palm Beach Lakes from May 21 through July 28. Pray for him and encourage him.



Model Pray-ers in the Bible

May 24

I Want to Pray Like *Jesus*

Terry Casey

May 31

I Want to Pray Like *Paul*

Gale Nelson

June 7

I Want to Pray Like *Nehemiah*

Terry Frizzell

June 21

I Want to Pray Like *Hannah*

Kevin Patterson