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Welcome New Members



Hankins, Ryan & Ola

Group 4

Identified August 27

Mark Your Calendars



September 16

Parenting Seminar

September 17

Speaker: Wayne Roberts

September 30

Door-Knocking in Perrine

October 14

Trunk-or-Treat

October 22

New Classes Begin

October 28

Congregational Work Day

November 2-5

South Florida Lectureship

READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

*Philippians 2 -
Colossians 2*



By Dan Jenkins

Who Goes First?

Sometimes problems come about because there is conflict about who becomes the leader in a particular situation. You see this in the lives of children, but it continues even into our adult lives. There is a religious application of this in the deeper study of one particular Greek word and how it is used.

Sometimes there are situations where it makes no difference who goes first—the order is of no consequence. The Greek word *proago* is often used this way. It is a compound word combining the first part of the word (*pro*), which means “before,” with the second part of the word which means “to go.” It is used in the account of the triumphant entry of Jesus into the city. As you read the text, you visualize the multitude who surrounded the One who was riding on the donkey as He entered the holy city. The text describes how some preceded Him and how others followed. To look closely at this event shows that here it made no difference who went first.

The same word is used in the account of what transpired before Jesus came walking on the water to the disciples, who were about to lose their lives in a boat filling up with water. After He had fed the 5,000, He told the disciples to get into their boat and go across the Sea of Galilee while He dismissed

the multitude. The use of this word indicates that it was His will for them to go first. Because He was their Master, they went ahead not knowing what was about to happen.

The word is used following His resurrection. The angels at the tomb told the women to deliver the message that they were to leave Jerusalem and meet Him in Galilee because He was going first to meet them there. The order made a difference. He was to go first, and He would be awaiting them there.

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However, there is a time when it makes an eternal difference as to who goes first. The ESV reflects the better Greek manuscripts’ use of the word *proago* in its translation of John’s words. “Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ does not have God” (2 John 9). We are absolutely forbidden to leave our place as a follower of the teaching of Jesus. When we “go on ahead” of His teaching, we rob Him who has all authority in heaven and on earth. In substance we say to Him, “You may have all authority in every place, but you do not have it in this place in my life!” There is an eternal consequence for our sinful attitude.

So, as you make choices in your life, humbly deny yourself and take up your cross and let Him go first. He is the leader in all spiritual choices. We leave Him behind when we fail to do what He says. Never forget He said, “I go first.”



By David Sproule

Salvation: It Requires Repentance from Sin

Salvation from sin is man’s greatest need (whether the individual man or woman recognizes that fact or not). It is man’s own personal sin which he has committed (1 John 3:4; John 8:34; Ezek. 18:20) that separates him from God (Isa. 59:1-2; Jas. 1:13-16). In a spiritual condition of extreme desperation, he must get away from and get rid of his sin. The decision to do that is what the Bible calls “REPENTANCE.”

Picture in your mind someone drowning in the ocean. What is that person’s most desperate need? To get out of the water. What if that person knows he needs to be saved out of the water and even believes in the one who came to save him, but he wants to stay in the water? Would he be saved? No. Could he be saved? Only if he got out of the water! The same is true with sin. One must make up his mind to “get away from” and “get rid of” sin before he can be saved.

Repentance is absolutely essential in order to be saved. “God...now commands all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30-31), and that was part of the instruction in the first gospel sermon in Acts 2:38. The Lord longs that “all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9).

“Repentance” is a change of mind that leads to a change of life. Jesus depicted repentance for us when He told

of a man who said to his son, “Son, go, work today in my vineyard.” The son said, “I will not,” but afterward he regretted it (changed his mind, ESV) and went” (Matt. 21:28-29). That is repentance—one decides to turn away from sin and “turn to God” (Acts 26:20).

**Making up his
mind to stop
doing wrong and
start doing right**

Repentance is one of the hardest things to do, because it involves turning away from one’s passions and fleshly desires—the sinful thoughts, words and deeds that will condemn our souls. But, knowing that it is hard, God provides numerous motivations for us to repent: (1) the command by God (Acts 17:30); (2) the goodness of God (Rom. 2:4); (3) the awareness of the gravity of sin (Acts 2:37-38); (4) the godly sorrow for sin (2 Cor. 7:10); (5) the fear of judgment (Acts 17:30-31); (6) the desire to be forgiven of sin (Luke 24:47). Each of these and all of these should drive us to repentance.

If those are not motivation enough, Jesus also warns us of what will happen if we do not repent of our sins. Jesus Himself said, “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). If one is not willing to turn from his sins, then he will pay for his sins for all eternity.

Man has a part in his salvation. He must believe Jesus is the Son of God. He must repent of his sins, making up his mind to stop doing wrong and start doing right. But, even then, he is not saved yet. The Lord has more required of him.



By Robert Lupo

You Are Inadequate

Do you ever feel like you aren't good enough? Despite all of your studying, you only managed to get a "C" on your test. Your presentation didn't make the splash at the office that you thought it would. Or maybe you're frustrated with your abilities as a parent. You just feel inadequate.

Inadequacy is a feeling we may experience at a variety of times in our lives. We want to do a good job at what we do, and when we fail, it can be very frustrating. But with a little more practice or experience we can work to reach higher levels of success.

There is one area, however, where you will always be inadequate. No matter how hard you try or how much you practice, you will never be as holy as God. In 1 Samuel 2:2, Hannah prayed, "No one is holy like the Lord, for there is none besides You." That probably seems obvious to most people. Of course no one is as holy as the Lord, but sometimes our actions don't reflect this. Sometimes, our actions are those of someone who thinks he is equal with God.

When we approach Scripture, do we look to find God's teaching (cf. 2 Pet. 1:20)? Or do we seek to validate our preconceptions? When we go to God in prayer, do we make our requests known as humble servants seeking the Lord's

grace (cf. 2 Chron. 7:14)? Or do we address Him as an equal who owes us a favor?

In First Samuel, we learn that Hannah was barren, and she wanted nothing more than to have a son. So, she went to the temple and prayed fervently to the Lord. In chapter 1, verse 11, Hannah made a vow. If God would give her a son, then she will dedicate him to the Lord.

Hannah demonstrated a heart that truly understands God's supremacy. When she prayed, she didn't treat God like He was a servant, bound to grant her every desire. Instead, she thought to see what she might do for the Lord. So, God heard her.

Do we respect the authority of God? How often do we make demands of God, but never make an effort to fulfill His demands of us? We beg God for forgiveness, but never take the necessary steps to repent of our sin. We seek an understanding of God's words but rely on our own wisdom to determine their meaning.

Hannah respected God's holiness. She understood her total inadequacy to compare to His perfection. So, she humbled herself. We are inadequate. We will never measure up to God's standard. So, in all that we do, we must be humble. "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Pet. 5:6-7).

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What are you?

Context is everything, right? How would you answer the question, "What are you?" It all depends, doesn't it? Depending on the situation, you might answer that you are a man or a woman. A northerner or a southerner. A Democrat or a Republican. An omnivore or a vegetarian. An SEC fan or Big Ten fan. Some of these categories of identification find strong, loyal advocates—to the point that such identification may be all that people know of a person.

What are you? Do people know that you are a Christian? This is not asking if people know you go to church. Do people know that you are a strong, loyal Christian? Is there anyone who may not know much about you, but they know, for sure, that you are an active, enthusiastic Christian?

Certain things that may identify us in this life don't really matter in the long run, do they? But whether people know of your absolute, unwavering, life-centered devotion to Christ does (Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:11-12; John 13:34-35)! So, what are you? Do people know it? —DS



Who made?

When Moses began to make excuses to God about why he was not the right spokesperson to go to Pharaoh, God asked Moses this question, "Who has made man's mouth?" (Ex. 4:11). What a question! The very organ of which Moses claimed he was lacking was given to him by his Maker. So, who made your mouth?

While we're at it, who made your ear? Who made your eye? Solomon observed, "The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The Lord has made them both" (Prov. 20:12). The point in these verses is not about the actual organ but about the ability of said organ!

If your mouth is able to speak (pay attention, Moses!), use it for God! If your ear is able to hear, use it for God! If your eye is able to see, use it for God! If your feet are able to walk, use them for God! If your hands are able to serve, use them for God! Every single thing we have is from God! Let us use them, as He has designed them, for His service! —DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	knee replacement surgery scheduled for Oct. 2
Mattie Cox	surgery to remove a kidney tumor on September 18
Carolyn Kemp	now under Hospice Care in a nursing home in Titusville
Lisa Metzkes	recovering from sinus surgery
Sherri Richmond	awaiting a surgery date for her thyroid cancer
Yolanda Stewart	having surgery on September 5
Amy West	undergoing chemo treatments

Ongoing Health Issues

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



Janice Maloney & Mary Quinn, upon the passing of **their brother, Johnny Eutsey**, last week.

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
Louie Bone	Betty Davis' brother, had another seizure, now at home
Kyle Buonadonna	Ed & Jeannie's son, home from hosp, blood clot in liver
Brian Harvey	Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, cancer treatments
Cynthia Hayes	Dion Hayes' mother, surgery for nerve issue in her head
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing radiation treatments





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 3

- ♦ **Deadline to Bring Gift Cards for Mount Dora Children's Home.** Please bring Wal-Mart or Wawa gift cards and place them in the box in the Lobby.
- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.

Monday, September 4

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, September 5

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

Friday, September 8

- ♦ **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.

Saturday, September 9

- ♦ **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. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.

Sunday, September 10

- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday, September 15

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Reanna Lupo. 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, September 16

- ♦ **Parenting Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend, especially those with young children.
- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Concord Street** from 8:15 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The theme is "Through the Lens of the Cross." See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, September 17

- ♦ **Combined Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults in the Auditorium.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Friday, September 15

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Reanna Lupo. 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, September 16

- ♦ **Parenting Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend, especially those with young children.

Monday, September 18

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 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, September 30

- ♦ **Door-Knocking in Perrine.** The whole PBL congregation is invited to help this small congregation. We will leave PBL at 8:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, September 10

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

Friday, September 15

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

Friday, September 22

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Hangout** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo. Pizza will be provided.

Sunday, September 24

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dion & Misty Hayes. Please bring a drink or dessert. See Robert Lupo for details.

Monday, October 2

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building.

A Chapter A Day

Keeps me on the Lord's way

READING THROUGH THE *New Testament* IN A YEAR

For the Month of *September*

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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,
August 27



We rejoice with **Carmen Ruckman** who was restored on Wednesday, August 30.



Directory Changes

Mike & Tasha Ellis moved to Central Florida.

News & Notes

There will be a **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** on Saturday, September 9 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, September 3rd
Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts (Ann.)

Monday, September 4th
Gary & Doris Friedly (Ann.)
Marty Williams

Wednesday, September 6th
Derrick Banks

Thursday, September 7th
Ariana Aristy
Bill Ingram, Jr.
Scott Lewis
Daniel Wagner

Friday, September 8th
Trinity Franck
Verdell March

Saturday, September 9th
Jennifer Walker

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, September 3

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading Jeff Leslie
Singing
Lord's Supper Ivan Villard
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Trey Higbee

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier	Hunter Hinton
Mike Erickson	Jack Holoman
Connor Goodale	Joseph Snyder
James Green	Cristian Suarez
Kameron Heitler	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, September 3

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading John Hoelzer
Singing
Lord's Supper Jimmie Banks
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Graysen Hayes

Serve at Table:

Max Eizaga Joe Maloney

Audio this week: Ricky Smith
Computer this week: Daniel Lord
Video this week: Todd Juckett

Wednesday Evening, September 6

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Eugene Williams
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 27	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	169	166
Sun. AM Worship	256	272
Sun. PM Worship	127	125
Wed. Bible Study	137	117
Contribution	\$15,291	\$16,412

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$12,757

Service Coordinator:
Bob Higbee

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



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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: **Angelica Fernandez & Janice Maloney**

...and may the Lord make you

INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE

*for one another and for all,
as we do for you...*

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12

