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By Dan Jenkins

Five Short Books—Why?

There are five of the sixty-six books in the Bible which contain just one chapter. Some books have over 30,000 words in them, but all five of these books contain a total of less than 3,000 words! As you read these shorter books, think about why they are included in the Bible. Do not overlook such great truths that our Father gave in them to us. The Bible completely furnishes us (2 Tim. 3:16-17), and if these books were not included, we could not be supplied with all we need. Let's take time to look at the book of Second John which has only 13 verses.

As you begin reading the book, you do not have to know for certain if the elect lady is a reference to one particular person or is the bride of Jesus to see the emphasis in the beginning verses. The word "truth" is found five times in the first four verses. As you read, realize that these verses show that there is truth and that it can be known. That knowledge of the truth is then manifested in our lives after we know it. We walk in that truth. At the time of the writing of this book, there were spiritual gifts like knowledge and prophecy within the church. Even after the gifts ceased, truth would abide, and it would be *with* them forever. Truth at first was in inspired men but continues in an inspired book. Since the church began, children of God have known the truth, and they walk in it.

Five books in the Bible have less than 700 words. Never overlook these books.

John then turns his attention to the importance of understanding love. Grace, mercy and peace are tied to truth and love (v. 2). That love was known from the beginning of their relationship with the Lord and His commandment. It has two primary applications. We must love each other (v. 5) and then love the truth. We cannot understand what love is unless we are walking according to His commandments.

There is then a warning about the fact that many, not just a few, deceivers are in the world who will attempt to lead men away from His commandments. There is the strong admonition to watch for and be on the lookout for these teachers, lest we lose our salvation (v. 8). "Whoever" can be the teachers or those who follow them, who lose their relationship with both the Father and the Son (v. 9). We cannot be part of encouraging such teachers (vs. 10-11).

This short letter ends showing just how much John, the apostle of love, truly loves the elect. He longed to see them, and there was an expectation that soon he would be with them to spend time talking personally with them. The result of such time with them was joy in the heart of John and in those he expected to see. John sends his greetings to them and includes the greeting from those who were with him.

Take time to read this shortest book in the Bible to see the way we are all changed with Christ in our lives.



By David Sproule

Young Man, You Should Be a Preacher (Part 1 of 5)

"So, what do you want to be when you grow up?" That is the question that adults will always ask children. The usual answers include: doctor, nurse, teacher, fire-fighter, etc. In recent years, the answers have started to include: YouTuber, Vlogger, Social Media Influencer. There are lots of options out there today, and parents will often try to steer their children in (or out of) a certain direction.

Young man, you may think that becoming a professional athlete would be the best thing in the world. You may think that joining a band and touring the world would be your dream job. There are some jobs out there that are not very realistic for most guys. There are other jobs that are very realistic but may not be as appealing or as fulfilling as others. For some reason, one job that never seems to make the Top 5 List of dream jobs for young men (or even the Top 10 List) is to be a preacher of the gospel. Why is that?

I wish I knew the reason(s) that more boys did not want to become a preacher, so that I could address those directly, but I suspect that I can guess many of them. Most of the reasons probably start at home. For many families, "church" is something that we do on most Sundays, but it's not really the number one priority or central focus of the home.

Why do more boys not want to become a preacher?

Children are very perceptive and readily recognize when an activity is merely being checked off a to-do list rather than being the absolute highlight of the week. As a result, "church" does not become much of an importance to the children in the home, and many of them will grow up not even wanting to go to church when they're older (let alone to be a preacher).

For some families, the sermon part of the worship service is something to be tolerated. What do children see their parents (or, for that matter, other Christian adults) doing during the sermon? When parents/adults are not fully engaged and interested in the sermon but are doing other things (like playing games, surfing the web, scrolling social media, making to-do lists, reading a book, etc.) while the preacher is up "doing his thing," it sends a visually clear message to children that the sermon is something to be endured rather than enjoyed. What boy would grow up wanting to preach (or even to love the Bible and studying it)?

No doubt, the influence of the home is not the only reason that boys do not grow up wanting to be preachers. Congregations and preachers themselves have probably not done a good job in sparking that interest and generating true excitement for preaching. Whatever the reasons, I want to appeal to you, young man, to be a preacher. It is the best job and best life you will ever have! (More next week)



By Robert Lupo

God Will Avenge...Not You!

You've seen it a thousand times in the movies. The villain looks up to the sky after suffering a monumental blow to his ego and shouts, "I'll have my revenge!" In an instant, we understand the motivations of the antagonist and are convinced to root against him for the rest of the film.

On one hand, this cliché is so overplayed that you will hardly see it in a cartoon anymore. On the other hand, it became so common because the temptation for revenge is as understandable as it is unjustifiable.

When we are wronged, we want that evil to be answered. That is called justice. But, when we take justice into our own hands, it is called revenge. The Bible tells us, "Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord" (Rom. 12:19). So, what do we do with the desire for justice?

The desire for justice is not a bad thing. Justice is a reflection of God's nature. "He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Deut. 32:4). When evil is done in the world, God promises that it will be answered with justice. "For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the

wicked shall be cut off" (Psa. 37:28). We are even commanded to desire justice. Isaiah 1:17 tells us, "Learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow." So, how is justice carried out if we cannot take revenge?

God created institutions to enact His justice in this life. In the church, He gave us the eldership (cf. 1 Pet. 5:1-3; Heb. 13:17). By their counsel and judgment, brethren are held accountable. In the world, He gave us government. "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil...But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil" (Rom. 13:3-4).

When you are hurt, it is right for you to want justice. But, we must seek the Lord's justice and not our own. First, we need to be merciful. "For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment" (Jas. 2:13). We must always extend forgiveness when asked. Second, we must be advocates for those being wronged. We must bear witness against injustices. When the laws of God are broken, we bring the guilty before the church. When the laws of man are broken, we bring the guilty before the court, and any injustice left unserved God assures us will be carried out in eternity (cf. 2 Cor. 5:10).

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Words from the Lord as you evangelize

In a recent Bible class, it was noted that first-century Corinth was not only the capital city of Achaia, but it was also "The Capital of Immorality." Can you imagine how difficult it must have been to teach people about Jesus in the midst of religious perversion, rampant sexual immorality and sinful vices in abundance? Oh, wait! You live in 21st-century American culture! Maybe you can imagine such!

Perhaps that is why "the Lord spoke to Paul" while he was preaching in "The Capital of Immorality" with these reassuring words: "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you..." (Acts 18:9-10). Paul likely faced much discouragement in such an environment (like you do today), so he needed those words.

God tells you to do the same three things: (1) "Do not be afraid." (2) "Speak." (3) "Do not keep silent." Then He provides this comforting guarantee and motivation: "I am with you." (See the same promise in Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus is standing with you when you speak for Him! Don't ever doubt it! – DS



Your God surrounds the troubles that surround you!

The God that you read about in the Bible DOES NOT CHANGE (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8)! He is the SAME God today as He was in Old Testament days and New Testament days. When the king of Syria sent his "great army" and "surrounded" God's people (2 Kgs. 6:14), God was not off on vacation somewhere, nor was

God too small to handle the surrounding. Instead, God had the enemy surrounding His people surrounded themselves (6:17)!

Your God is big enough, strong enough, wise enough, present enough, caring enough and willing enough to handle every enemy and every trouble that you face! He "encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them" (Psa. 34:7). Elisha's servant could not see God's army surrounding Syria's army, but that did NOT mean that they were not there and ready to act.

Sometimes we question, "Where is God?" Like Job, He is around us "on every side" (Job 1:10). Like trusting Israel, He will "deliver" us from our "enemies on every side" (1 Sam. 12:11). Do you trust Him? – DS



Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary A. Jackson	recovering from cataract surgery and hand surgery
Lynne Jorgensen	having a biopsy on October 8
Grace Judge	recovering from major neck and back surgery
Dick Kelley	recovering from surgery
Gwen Lyons	fell and hurt her back
Jerry Pittman	undergoing chemo treatments for leukemia
Maurine Reed	back at her nursing home and doing better
Henry Williams	dealing with ongoing eye issues
Samuel Williams	has not been doing well



The family of our sister, Helen Chapman, who passed away on Monday, September 23.

Owen Miley, upon the passing of his father, Owen Miley, Sr., on Wednesday, October 18 in Valdosta, GA.

Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Carmack	chronic 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	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Kasandra Jones
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Dick Haines	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Russell Beliech	Stephen Beliech's brother, coronary angioplasty
Mildred Burns	Pat Patterson's mother, ICU at JFK Medical Center
Jim McCoy	Maxine McCoy's bro., recovering at home, blood clot
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, cancer, PET scan on Sept. 27
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, radiation treatments
Terry West	Amy West's father, Delray Medical Center, MRSA
Kathie Widner	Brandan Widner's mother, battling kidney issues





Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

- ♦ **Tavaro Hanna Mission Report** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adults will meet in the auditorium. Children in Grades 5 and under will have regular classes.

Sunday-Wednesday, October 6-9

- ♦ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Mon-Wed). This year's theme is "*Encourage*." Tommy Peeler and Josh Higgins will be the guest speakers.

Monday, October 7

- ♦ **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, meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship!

Saturday, October 12

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** at 5:00 p.m. There will be food, games and Trunk-or-Treating. Wear your costume! All members are encouraged to come early to decorate your trunk and pass out treats to the kids! See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.
- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Suncoast** at 11:00 a.m. This year's theme is "*These Are the Women We Come From*." See the bulletin board for more details.

Friday, October 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Saturday, October 19

- ♦ **New Members' Banquet** at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to the church office by emailing: office@pblcoc.org.

Saturday, October 26

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

Sunday, November 3

- ♦ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Saturday, October 5

- ♦ **Young Adult & Youth Connect Day.** Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. See Robert Lupo or Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, October 7

- ♦ **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, meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship!

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Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, September 29

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

Saturday, October 5

- ♦ **Young Adult & Youth Connect Day.** Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the church building. See Robert Lupo or Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, October 6

- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume next week.

Sunday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 26

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - October 2024

October 6 ^(A)

October 13 ^(L)

October 20 ^(A)

October 27 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Jeff Goodale	Victor Colage	Dan McLeod	Eugene Williams
Scripture Reader	James Green	Orlando Lolo	Freddie Gadson	Jeff Leslie
Presiding at Table	Kane Campbell	Robert Mariano	Dan Fuller	Jimmie Banks
Serving at Table	Michael Erickson Connor Goodale Jeff Leslie John Patrick Islay Rodriguez Joseph Snyder Lawrence Williams Marty Williams	Troy Alberga Ryan Hankins Steward Lynch Tim Mahlbacher Taylor Reeves Ricky Smith Nahum Villard Tyler Williams	David Brown Ed Buonadonna Addison Collins Gorman Ericksen Bill Ingram, Jr. Cristian Suarez Dirk Summerlot	Lance Collier Kirk Crews James Green Graysen Hayes John Patrick Jim Rogers Joseph Snyder Lawrence Williams
Closing Prayer	Graysen Hayes	Henry Williams	Gary Jenkins	Michael Erickson

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Graysen Hayes	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer	Kirk Crews	Stephen Beliech	Darin Summerlot	Islay Rodriguez
Scripture Reader	John Hoelzer	Ricky Smith	Andres Fernandez	Jeff Goodale
Presiding at Table	Ivan Villard	Joe Maloney	Paul Metzkes	John Hoelzer
Serving at Table	Jack Holoman John Patrick	Todd Juckett Trevin Roman	Kane Campbell Daniel Wagner	Kameron Heitler Luther Robinson
Closing Prayer	Mike Archer	Tim Fry	Douglas Alvarenga	Connor Goodale

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Israel Cuevas	Buzz Nelson	Ivan Villard
Video	Scott Studer	Scott Studer	Edward Gager	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Jimmie Banks	Rick Hall	Daniel Swayne	Vincent Rogers
Usher	Lance Collier Vincent Rogers	Tim Cox Namdidie Ikon	Victor Colage Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Kane Campbell Marty Williams

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)				
	Rick Hall	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 6-8 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)

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 15

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Christy Anderson; Mr. & Mrs. Cris & Alice Cuevas; Mr. Carey Daniels; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mr. Michael Fox; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Mr. Jordan Marks; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Menendez & Astrid Arevalo; Miss D.L. Moore; Ms. Liz Otero; Ms. Dorothy Pernell; Mr. & Mrs. John & Dorothy Phillip; Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Jewell Sanders; Mr. Joshua Tull; and Miss Dorothy Wright.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Andres Fernandez, Jr., Lake Placid, FL; Ms. Dorcas Francois, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands; and Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX.

 **Thank You**
notes

I want to thank every one who prayed, visited and called following my recent surgery. I am grateful for all of you.

Jim Rogers

Thank you dear sisters and brother in Christ for all the prayers and cards. I had my final eye surgery, and I am coming along pretty good. I hope to be back in a couple weeks when I am able to drive.

Love,

Mary A. Jackson

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, September 29th

Judy Bird
Angelica Fernandez
Bobby Shelton

Monday, September 30th

Calissa Hodges

Tuesday, October 1st

Robin Stone

Wednesday, October 2nd

Casey Crews

Wednesday, October 2nd (cont.)

Joel Ramirez

Thursday, October 3rd

Kathy Nelson

Friday, October 4th

Amelia Rogers

Saturday, October 5th

Rosa Nash

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 29

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Freddie Gadson
Scripture Reading Paul Metzkes
Singing
Lord's Supper Dion Hayes
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dan Fuller

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Dan McLeod
Addison Collins	David Perez
Gorman Ericksen	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Andres Fernandez	Cristian Suarez
Bill Ingram, Jr.	

Sunday Evening, September 29

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Ricky Smith
Scripture Reading Joe Maloney
Singing
Lord's Supper Tim Fry
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Richard Watson

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga Nicholas Pietro

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Israel Cuevas

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, October 2

Singing Daniel Wagner
Invitation Dan Jenkins
Family Prayer Dion Hayes

Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 22	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	147	171
Sun. AM Worship	264	268
Sun. PM Worship	112	121
Wed. Bible Study	112	141
Contribution	\$15,626	\$16,708

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$20,608

Service Coordinator:
Rick Hall

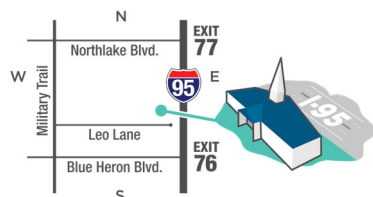
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Darin Summerlot
Safety Team for this week: David Lord



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: Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot



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 **G.E.T. (Great Entertainment Television)** every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.

Those channels are:

DIRECTV (channel 83)

DISH (channel 373)



You can also watch on YouTube: @SearchTVMinistry

Be sure to check it out every week and tell others about it.



Upcoming Events

October 2

Tavaro Hanna Mission Report

October 12

Trunk-or-Treat

October 19

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November 7-10

28th Annual South Florida Lectureship

Theme: "Assurances for Christians from First John"

November 27

Congregational Singing

December 5

Ladies' Soup Supper

December 8

"Parenting in the Digital Age" with Joe Wells