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Welcome New Members



Menendez, Michael & Astrid

Identified October 6



Pernell, Dorothy

Identified October 6

New Members' Banquet

Saturday, October 19

Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the
Family Room.

Come and enjoy this time with your
family at Palm Beach Lakes!

RSVP to office@pblcoc.org





By Dan Jenkins

Important Advice to a Young Preacher

Years ago, when letters were the primary source of communication those letters often were shorter if you knew it would not be long before you would see those you wrote. Later it was the phone call that was shortened with comments like, "I will tell you the rest when I get there." Now it is text messages as we shorten them and just send the most important information as an abbreviated form.

This same concept is seen in letters written by the apostles. In the closing verse of Second John, the apostle of love says, "Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come unto you and speak face to face" (2 John 1:12). He does the same thing in Third John, "I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink; but I hope see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face" (3 John 1:13-14).

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, "These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God..." (1 Tim. 3:14-15). These words really emphasize the importance of the content of Paul's short letter to this younger preacher. What vital instructions did he give that were so important for Timothy to hear?

If you just had a short time, what advice would you give a young preacher?

How was Timothy to behave in the house of God? These words follow Paul giving the qualifications of elders (1 Tim. 3:1-13). Two chapters later he tells Timothy to not lay hands quickly on any man as he was appointed to be an elder (1 Tim. 5:19-22). The church at Ephesus where Timothy preached needed more elders, and Paul realized this was so important that he focused on this, knowing he would arrive there shortly.

Paul also focuses on the personal life in preaching as to how Timothy should spend his time as he was awaiting Paul's arrival and continue if Paul was delayed. First, he was to give attention to reading (1 Tim. 4:13). While the word for reading is often used in publicly reading the Bible it is also used to describe what the Ethiopian was doing as he rode in his chariot. Make both applications to the advice to a young preacher. Pay attention as you read and when you read.

He then mentions two aspects of preaching. Take heed to doctrine. We live in an age where focusing on doctrinal matters is not important. It was not so in Timothy's day and must not be so in the lives of preachers today, both young and old. However, to always focus on "doctrinal" matter is not enough. Timothy was not only to pay attention to what the reading says but also to exhortation. We will look at this overlooked emphasis in next week's article.



By David Sproule

Young Man, You Should Be a Preacher (Part 3 of 5)

"So, what do you want to be when you grow up?" That's the question that every adult is going to ask you. So, young man, what do YOU want to be? You may be thinking about being a pilot, but I have something for you that soars higher than an airplane. I want you to become a preacher.

"Mr. David, why should I want to be a preacher?" Here's one answer: You get to teach people about Jesus every day as part of your job!

When you're a preacher, people will joke with you (hopefully it's joking) that preachers only work on Sundays and on Wednesday nights. For some lazy preachers that might be true, but you won't be lazy for Jesus! No, sir! Real preachers have lots of real opportunities to talk to people about Jesus and righteousness every single day. They get to talk about Him in one-on-one Bible studies, in phone conversations, in videos, etc. They get to write about him in articles, blogs, direct messages, etc. Preachers do more than just sermons!

Preachers get to teach people about Jesus' love. There is nothing better than this. There is nothing more life-changing to hear and to tell. When Philip rode in the chariot with the Ethiopian, he simply preached to him about "Jesus" (Acts 8:35). Learning that Jesus left heaven, lived the

human life on this earth, and willingly sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins will change someone's life (2 Cor. 5:14). You get to do that!

There is nothing more life-changing to hear and to tell.

Preachers get to teach people about Jesus' church. His church is not a building or a club. His church was Jesus' number one priority and He died to "purchase" it (Acts 20:28). The Bible describes the church like Jesus' bride (Eph. 5:22-33) —He deeply loves His church. His church is made up of His people, who have been saved and whom He has added to it (Acts 2:38-47). His church will one day go to heaven with Him (1 Cor. 15:24; Eph. 5:26-27). You get to tell and excite others about it!

Preachers get to teach people about Jesus' plan for their lives in the Bible. Do you know what people in the Bible did when they learned about Jesus' love and Jesus' church? They changed their lives and followed Him. The Bible is the only book from God that tells us how to live to make God happy (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 11:6). He gives us everything we need in this great book (2 Pet. 1:3). There is no better life than living for Jesus (John 10:10), and you get to share that with other people!

Young man, you should be a preacher because you get to teach about Jesus every day! You can't soar higher than that! (Parents and grandparents, please share this with the young men in your family. They won't find it on their own.)



By Robert Lupo

Criteria for Christian Modesty

Whenever a young man or woman begins to look for their first job, there's a piece of advice that is nearly universally given. "Dress for the job you want, not the job you have." The idea is that you always want to convey to a potential employer that you take your work seriously and have ambitions beyond an entry-level position. You are committed to growing your skills and maximizing your potential.

What we wear says a lot about us. Humans are visual creatures. Scientists tell us that the human brain can process entire images that the eye sees for as little as 13 milliseconds. Within the blink of an eye, we can gain a ton of information about someone and make judgments about them. It should be no surprise then that we put a lot of time and thought into the things we wear. We want to make a good impression. So, we wear things that convey a certain message about ourselves or give the attention we desire. What message should a Christian be sending?

Christians must dress modestly. In 1 Timothy 2:9-10, Paul states, "I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold

or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works."

So, Christians are to dress modestly, but what does that mean? Rather than focusing on specific garments or jewelry, Paul's command focuses on dressing in a way that professes godliness (v. 10). Paul gives us three criteria for godly apparel: modesty, propriety, and moderation.

Each of the words used here have meanings that emphasize a different aspect of modesty. The word translated "modesty" specifically means "being appropriate for winning approval." The emphasis here is clothes that demonstrates your Christian morals. "Propriety" means "the modesty of women; reverence or respect." These are clothes that demonstrate reverence, and the word translated "moderation" means "the practice of prudence, good judgment, moderation, self-control." This word emphasizes dressing in a wise way, especially according to the virtues of decency and chastity.

How does the way you dress hold up to Paul's criteria for Christian modesty? Are people more or less likely to think well of you? Does what you wear demonstrate a reverent heart toward God or a flippant one? Does your choice of dress show godly wisdom toward decency in all settings? Let's dress for the destination we want, not for the destination we have.

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The elders

How often have elders of the Lord's church been unfairly and unnecessarily targeted...by its own members? The elders are the easy target...when we don't like an announcement that was made, when we don't like a decision that has been made, when we think they are stuck in the past, when we think that they take too long to make a decision, when we want someone to blame for something that we don't like.

Are elders perfect? Of course not! But if these men meet GOD'S qualifications (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9) and if they soundly teach and follow GOD'S Word (Acts 20:29-32), then "the Holy Spirit has made" them the overseers of His church (Acts 20:28). Our responsibility is to make their very difficult and eternally accountable task one of "joy and not...grief" by "obeying" them, "submitting to" them, "respecting" them, and "esteeming them very highly in love for their work's sake" (Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12-13). Rather than "receive an accusation against an elder" (1 Tim. 5:19), or be guilty of making one ourselves, let us "pray" for them (Acts 20:36) and encourage them (1 Thess. 5:11). — DS



It leads to only one thing

When you play a game, sometimes it can lead to a win and sometimes it can lead to a loss. There are two different possible outcomes. But, in the Bible, there is a choice that we can make that the Bible says "leads only" to one place, and it gives us a clear warning.

Look at Psalm 37. It talks about God's people facing "evildoers" (37:1, 9), and twelve times identifies them as "the wicked," emphasizing the challenges and persecutions that they bring upon the righteous. It can be easy to allow our "anger" and "wrath" to be stirred and stoked.

But, note, in verse 8, these three imperatives— (1) "Cease from anger," (2) "Forsake wrath," (3) "Do not fret." That's a lot easier said than done! But then the Lord gives this warning: "It only causes harm" or "It leads only to evildoing."

Anger, wrath and fretting do not lead to any good place! In fact, the simple definition of the last term is that anger, wrath and fretting ONLY lead us "to be bad." In other words, it's a "game" in which you lose every time! — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Dan Johnson	discharged from the hospital
Lynne Jorgensen	awaiting results from biopsy
Grace Judge	recovering from major neck and back surgery
Dick Kelley	showing some signs of slow improvement
Gwen Lyons	fell and hurt her back
Jerry Pittman	ICU at Wellington Regional Medical Center
Maurine Reed	back at her nursing home and doing better
Henry Williams	dealing with ongoing eye issues
Samuel Williams	has not been doing well

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

Ellie Campbell	Dan & Loni Fuller's granddaughter, kidney/bladder issue
Donnie Fields	Trish Clark's brother, fell and broke his foot
Jim McCoy	Maxine McCoy's brother, recovering from surgery
Hillary Nicholson	Jackie Creary's sister, Palms West Medical Center
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, chemo/radiation treatments
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, radiation treatments
Terry West	Amy West's father, in Isles of Boynton for rehab
Kathie Widner	Brandan Widner's mother, battling kidney issues

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker

Africa
Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States
Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls
Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Monday, October 14

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

Tuesday, October 15

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

Friday, October 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Skye Brown. 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, 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

- ♦ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.**

Sunday, November 3 (cont.)

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

Monday, November 4

- ♦ **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.

Wednesday, November 6

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

Thursday-Sunday, November 7-10

- ♦ **28th Annual South Florida Lectureship.** This year's theme is *"Assurances for Christians from First John."*

Sunday, November 10

- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

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Friday, October 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Skye Brown. 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, 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.

Monday, November 4

- ♦ **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.

Sunday, November 10

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



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, October 13

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

Friday, October 18

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Skye Brown. 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, October 20

- ♦ **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.

Sunday, October 27

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. Location TBD. See Robert Lupo for details.

Debt and Depression

by Wayne Jackson



One of the major problems in our modern, frenzied society is depression — that distressed state of mind that interferes with the kind of happiness God wants each of us to enjoy.

One of the significant causes of depression today is debt. It's so easy to pile up debts and so difficult to get out from under this burden. Many feel almost hopeless.

Here are some highlights from a "Consumer Debt Outlook" from LendingTree.com.

- By the end of 2018, Americans will have amassed more than \$4 trillion in **consumer debt**, which is defined as non-mortgage debts like credit cards, personal loans, auto loans, and student loans.
- On average, Americans now own more than 26% of their income on **consumer debt**, up from 22% in 2010.
- Although incomes have been rising, so has the percentage of income used to maintain consumer debt.

No wonder many have a deep feeling of despair. Is there any remedy for such a mess? It's not easy, but, yes, there is.

Every Christian should be committed to financial responsibility and should have a **manageable plan** to save, spend, and support their family and the cause of Christ.

How does one get out of debt? There are various reasonable plans one could follow. All can be summed up in this way. You will have to increase your income, decrease your spending — and likely a combination of both.

But here's the catch. These plans will only work if you **got hold of yourself** and stopped charging. For many who are "spend addicts" (and that's not a far-out descriptive), the only solution is to destroy those credit cards and start living within your income.

Several years ago, before J. C. Penney died, the JCPenney corporate board met to discuss whether or not Penney's would sell "on credit." Up to that time, it had always been a cash-only business. The only board member to oppose the credit policy was Mr. Penney himself. He predicted that if a charge policy were implemented, people would not be able to keep from over-buying, and such would cause them much hurt. Though out-voted, he was almost prophetic.

Many Christians need to get their financial house in order. Excessive consumer debt is hurting our families and crippling the work of the Lord's church. The New Testament plainly teaches that God will hold us accountable for irresponsible stewardship. "[I]t is required of stewards that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2).

What we possess now isn't really ours. It belongs to the Creator, and we are His stewards (Lk. 16:11).

It has been said that basically there are three philosophies toward material possessions.

Communism contends that everything belongs to the state.

Capitalism alleges that one's possessions belong to him — the individual.

Biblical revelation declares that all is God's (Psa. 24:1) — and we are but overseers of **His** property.

Do you need to get serious about your finances? If so, begin working on it today. You'll be much happier if you can see light at the end of the tunnel.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 6

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Brad Benton; Mr. & Mrs. Cris & Alice Cuevas; Mr. Carey Daniels; Mr. Justin Kelly, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Tiffany Oyugi; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; Ms. Ketura Rolle; and Mr. & Mrs. Hunter & Jewell Sanders.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Trudie Benton, Avon Park, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Rachel Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Kay Richardson, Round Rock, TX.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, October 13th

Arianna Bassett

Fran Campbell

Monday, October 14th

Amy Rosado

Johnny Singer

Tuesday, October 15th

Stahia Banks

Wednesday, October 16th

Michael & Turkessa Staley (Ann.)

Adelene Honore

Saturday, October 19th

Samantha Jewell

Todd Juckett



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, October 13

Singing Robert Lupo
Lord's Supper Robert Mariano
Singing
Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Scripture Reading Orlando Lolo
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Henry Williams

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga	Taylor Reeves
Ryan Hankins	Ricky Smith
Steward Lynch	Nahum Villard
Tim Mahlbacher	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, October 13

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

Serve at Table:

Todd Juckett Trevin Roman

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Israel Cuevas

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, October 16

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Islay Rodriguez
Family Prayer Willie Smith

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 6	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	147	157
Sun. AM Worship	240	278
Sun. PM Worship	80	120
Wed. Bible Study	NA	134
Contribution	\$16,332	,\$15,997

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$19,217

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Namdidie Ikon
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



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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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SPEAKER:
JOE WELLS



SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8

