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# Assurances for Christians *from First John*

28th Annual  
South Florida Lectureship

*Nov. 7-10*

## CONNECTED PARENTING FAITHFULLY IN THE DIGITAL AGE



**SPEAKER:  
JOE WELLS**



**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 8**





By Dan Jenkins

## More Important Advice to a Young Preacher

Last week, we looked at two vital aspects of Paul's advice to a young preacher. When he wrote to Timothy, he expected to see him very soon, and this fact emphasizes the importance of the spiritual advice Paul gave to him. When an abbreviated message is sent it contains the most important information that should be remembered.

As noted last week Paul told Timothy to first give attention to reading. Young preachers and those of all ages should remember this. The word reading is sometimes used to describe public reading, but it is used to describe the Ethiopian's action as he rode in his chariot (Acts 8:28, 30). Paul urged Timothy to be devoted to reading the word and words of God!

Paul then told Timothy to pay attention to doctrine. In years past most preachers did an outstanding job of doing this, but in more recent years younger preachers ignore preaching the doctrine (teachings) of the Bible. Doctrine was so important to Paul (1 Tim. 6:3; 2 Tim. 1:13; 4:3; Tit. 1:9; 2:1), and Paul included this vital truth in this aspect of preaching in his short letter to the young preacher.

The third vital truth was to be devoted to exhortation. This aspect of preaching must be in lessons by all preachers today. What is preaching all about? It is for God's messenger

to read and study and to know the Bible. It is not the skilled oration of the preacher which will change lives. It is not some secular story found while reading the words of men found using a computer. Timothy knew Paul and his preaching and how Paul was determined to know nothing except Christ and Him crucified (1 Cor. 2:1-2). How do you get the audience to obey the Lord? Those who love Christ are those who obey Him. How do you get the audience to love Him? The power is in knowing and proclaiming Gethsemane and Golgotha.

**Preaching is not just giving facts. It involves edifying, exhorting and comforting.**

When we fail to exhort and encourage others to follow Jesus, they must learn to fear God before they will obey Him. Solomon said the whole duty of man was to fear God and keep His commandments (Ecc. 12:13). However, the motivating power is to love Him, and perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18).

The inspired preaching in the first century church is the pattern for all preaching of every age. How does God describe that preaching? "He who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men" (1 Cor. 14:3). Preaching is designed so "...that all may learn and all may be encouraged" (1 Cor. 14:31).

Let me urge all preachers to read His words, to proclaim His doctrine and never preach without exhortation! This kind of preaching of what we have read will help all to grow.



By David Sproule

## Young Man, You Should Be a Preacher (Part 4 of 5)

"So, what do you want to be when you grow up?" Some kids know what they want to be and some kids are still thinking about it. Young man, what do YOU want to be? You may be thinking about being an engineer, but I have something for you that has been tried and tested and proven to work every time. I want you to become a preacher.

"Mr. David, why should I want to be a preacher?" Here's one answer: You get to serve the Lord's church every day as part of your job!

The best people on earth are God's people! In most jobs, you would be working with people of the world. As a preacher, you get to help people of the world become God's people, and then you get to be with them and serve them every day. And I really mean that you "get to"—it is a privilege...an exciting privilege! Jesus said that it is "more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Doing for others is better than others doing for you! The world thinks that's backwards, but Jesus knows "better." Paul said doing good for others was "the very thing which I was eager to do" (Gal. 2:10). It is the best life...and the best job!

Preachers get to attend almost every church activity (except for the ladies' stuff) and hang out with church people.

Preachers get to be a part of setting up, helping out

and cleaning up various church events. And sometimes they get to be involved in planning them and putting them together for the church.

Preachers get to work with awesome, godly elders and deacons to create opportunities for the congregation to evangelize, grow, fellowship, worship and serve others.

Preachers get to visit with people in their homes, at restaurants, at their jobs, in the hospital, in nursing homes or wherever they are.

Preachers get to attend funerals to comfort those who are hurting.

Preachers get to sit down with people who are hurting and try to help them through it.

Preachers get to be like Barnabas and encourage God's people as they walk with Jesus.

Do you remember what I said about people joking with you, when you're a preacher, that preachers only work on Sundays and Wednesday nights? That's not funny (or true)! Real preachers for Jesus love to be like Jesus—not looking "to be served, but to serve" (Matt. 20:28)! It's the BEST life!

Young man, you should be a preacher because you get to serve the church every day! You can't engineer anything better than that! (Parents and grandparents, please share this with the young men in your family.)

**You "get to"—it is a privilege...an exciting privilege**





By Robert Lupo

## Don't Get Dragged Down

Has this happened to you? You have a get-together with some friends. You make all the arrangements and plan to have a great time, but once everyone has arrived, one of the guests is in a sour mood and immediately drags everyone else down with them.

Group dynamics are an interesting thing. When we get together, we can increase our productivity, connection, reach and have a number of other benefits. However, the success of the group can be severely hindered by one weak member. One injury, bad attitude or disagreement can halt any efforts from progressing. This is even true within the church.

In the closing of 2 Thessalonians, Paul warns the church to not get dragged down by disorderly brethren. While the church is trying to faithfully do the work of the Lord, there may be some who are disobedient, selfish, lazy, or nosy (2 Thess. 3:6-11). If we are not careful, they can easily cause problems in the church. The faithful may become overworked by picking up their slack or be tempted to fall into the same sins. As Paul said to the Galatians, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump" (Gal. 5:9).

What do we do when this happens? Of course, if the brother will not repent, the church must disfellowship from him. Paul says, "...withdraw from every brother who walks

disorderly...and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed" (2 Thess. 3:6, 14). No one wants to disfellowship a brother, but it may be the only option left to protect the integrity of the congregation and convince the brother to repent.

Disfellowship is an important command of the church. But, within Paul's command is an attitude that is far more important. Paul writes, "But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good" (2 Thess. 3:13). When the disobedient or lazy brother departs, their example still lingers, and the neglected work remains to be done. We cannot let it discourage us!

We must have an attitude that refuses to be swayed by the misdeeds of another. When a Christian bends the scriptures to fit their sinful behaviors, we cannot allow ourselves to do the same. When the work of the church is piling up and we are fatigued by the slack left by another, we cannot let it go undone. Like Paul, we need to determine in our hearts that we will labor and toil night and day if we have to so that the work gets done (v. 8). Instead of giving up, we need to "...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58).

The church thrives when we work together for the cause of Christ. Sometimes a bad apple gets in the mix. Don't let them drag you down. Instead, commit yourself to step up in their place and never grow weary in doing good.

**When the disobedient or lazy brother departs, their example still lingers...**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### The "Givingest Giver" of All Time

How much do you give to the Lord? I know! That's a personal question! And it's absolutely none of my business! Who would you say was the biggest giver in the Bible?

Several suggestions could be made in answer to that question. One finalist on that list of the biggest givers would certainly be the brethren in Macedonia. Paul describes "the riches of their liberality," in that they "were freely willing" to give "beyond their ability," as "they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God" (2 Cor. 8:1-5). They gave BIG!

But, to illustrate the true measure of sacrificial giving, Paul speaks about the "Givingest Giver" of all time. Absorb every word of verse 9, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." No one was richer than Jesus! No one gave more than Jesus! And He gave ALL that He had so that you could "become rich" now and in eternity! "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (9:15). — DS



### Make God a liar

Can you imagine anyone accusing God of lying, let alone "making God a liar"? That's exactly what the apostle John claimed we can do. "If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us" (1 John 1:10). The reason that making a claim that "we have not sinned" makes God "a liar" is because God Himself said in this very context that we will sin (1 John 1:5-2:2), and He clearly says that "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23).

So, think about this. This applies in every situation where God has spoken. When God says something, if I say the opposite of what God says and my statement is true, then I make God a liar. But, if my statement is not true, then I am the liar.

This works in every verse of the Bible. Take one example. Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). If I say that baptism is not necessary to be saved and if my statement is true, then God is a liar. But if my statement is not true, then I am the liar. Who do you want to make a liar? — DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Stephen Beliech</b>	cataract surgery on October 24
<b>Dan Johnson</b>	discharged from the hospital
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	awaiting results from biopsy
<b>Grace Judge</b>	recovering from major neck and back surgery
<b>Dick Kelley</b>	showing some signs of slow improvement
<b>Tiffany Mayes</b>	recovering from a biopsy
<b>Lisa Metzkes</b>	recovering from sinus surgery
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	back at her nursing home and doing better
<b>Betty White</b>	undergoing medical testing
<b>Henry Williams</b>	dealing with ongoing eye issues
<b>Samuel Williams</b>	has not been doing well



**Lorena Pittman, Amber Villard and the entire family**, upon the passing of our brother, **Jerry Pittman**, on Monday, October 14. The Memorial Service will be on Saturday, October 19. The visitation is at 10:00 a.m. and the Memorial Service will begin at 11:00 a.m.

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Judy Carmack</b>	chronic health issues
<b>Robin Landen</b>	multiple health issues
<b>John Loftis</b>	back pain, weakness
<b>Joel Ramirez</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Sherri Richmond</b>	multiple health issues
<b>Henry Williams</b>	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

**Dan Jenkins upon the passing of his sister, Barbara Flatt**, on Monday, October 14.

**Richard Weinstein, upon the passing of his brother, Hyll Weinstein**, on October 3 in New York. He requested no phone calls at this time but appreciates prayers.

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Aniya Bassett</b>	Arianna Bassett's sister, injured her foot in training
<b>Ellie Campbell</b>	Dan & Loni Fuller's granddaughter, kidney/bladder issue
<b>Barbara Coe</b>	Linda Coe's mother, struggling with Alzheimer's
<b>Donnie Fields</b>	Trish Clark's brother, fell and broke his foot
<b>Jim McCoy</b>	Maxine McCoy's brother, recovering from surgery
<b>Hillary Nicholson</b>	Jackie Creary's sister, in Palms West but doing better
<b>Jillian Orr</b>	Mary Coombs' sister, cataract surgery on October 21
<b>Chuck Reeves, Sr.</b>	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, chemo/radiation treatments
<b>Greg Ryan</b>	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, radiation treatments
<b>Terry West</b>	Amy West's father, in Isles of Boynton for rehab
<b>Kathie Widner</b>	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 21

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

## Tuesday, October 22

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

## 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.** Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.
- ♦ **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."*

Thursday, Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 8	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 9	2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m. (Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)
(Please bring drinks & desserts for the Corn Roast)	
Sunday, Nov. 10	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Bible Class</b>

## 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.

## Sunday, November 17

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

## Saturday, October 26

- ♦ **Youth & Young Adult Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. Bring \$5 for activities. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby by October 23. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

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## Sunday, November 10

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## Saturday, November 23

- ♦ **Young Adult Bonfire & Fellowship** at 5:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## 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. Bring \$5 for activities. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby by October 23. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for details.

## Sunday, October 27

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. See 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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 b Trish Clark b Michelle Franck b Isolyn Sinclair
3 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Ends ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ His Kids Class	4 Men's Meet b Phil Porter	5 b Brent Leslie b Maxine McCoy	6 ☆ No Midweek Services b Trudie Holland	7 a David & Natalie Perez b Idara Ikon	8	9 b Malita Robinson
				28th Annual South Florida Lectureship (7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> )		
10 ☆ His Kids Class ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Sofia Buonadonna	11	12 a Todd & Caila Juckett b Dee Catanzaro	13 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project a Lance & Brenda Collier	14	15 b Ola Hankins b Lovella Rogers	16 b Katie Goodale
17 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting ☆ EDP Meeting ☆ His Kids Class a Cristian & Lisa Suarez b Kelly Sproule	18 b Diane Leslie b Natalie Reeves	19 a Buzz & Kathy Nelson	20 b Freddie Gadson b Matthew Jones b Emily McCall b Leonard Williams	21 b Trevin Roman	22 b Elizabeth Carter b Rosemarie Joseph b Rose Walker	23 ☆ Young Adult Bonfire & Fellowship a Dick & Marcia Kelley
24 ☆ His Kids Class	25 a Kevin & Leesa Schenk b Sue Hoelzer b Halle Johnson b Cecilia Washington	26 b Orlando Lolo	27 ☆ Congregational Singing a Brent & Andrea Leslie b Gary Friedly b Islay Rodriguez, Jr.	28 b Mike Damron b Aaron Ross	29 a Aaron & Jennifer Walker b Regina Paul	30 b Brad & Krystian Dubuisson b Andres Fernandez



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

Members **Traveling**  
this week



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
October 13



We rejoice with **Susie Spurlock** who was baptized on Sunday, October 13.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

### Monday, October 21st

Janice Maloney

Sabrina Pietro

David Sproule

### Tuesday, October 22nd

Tim Mahlbacher

### Wednesday, October 23rd

Millie Ames

### Thursday, October 24th

Lydia Quinn

### Friday, October 25th

Ekaette Ikon

### Saturday, October 26th

Kane & Fran Campbell (Ann.)

Samantha Eutsey

Thank You   
notes

PBLCOC Church Family,

Your thoughtfulness is overwhelming. I so appreciate your kindness during this difficult time. Thanks for showing up for me.

I love you all,

Pat Patterson

## 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 20**

Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Dan McLeod  
Scripture Reading ..... Freddie Gadson  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Dan Fuller  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Gary Jenkins

#### Serve at Table:

David Brown	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Ed Buonadonna	Cristian Suarez
Addison Collins	Dirk Summerlot
Gorman Ericksen	

### **Sunday Evening, October 20**

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Darin Summerlot  
Scripture Reading ..... Andres Fernandez  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Paul Metzkes  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Douglas Alvarenga

#### Serve at Table:

Kane Campbell      Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Edward Gager

### **Wednesday Evening, October 23**

Singing ..... Chuck Reeves  
Invitation ..... Phil Porter  
Family Prayer ..... Jeff Leslie

## Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 13	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	121	157
Sun. AM Worship	239	278
Sun. PM Worship	128	120
Wed. Bible Study	126	134
Contribution	\$18,815	\$15,997

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,580

Service Coordinator:  
Mike Damron

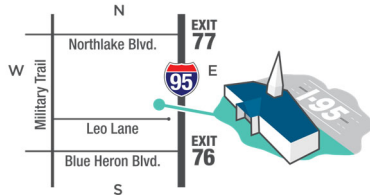
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Safety Team for this week: Daniel Swayne



# 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:

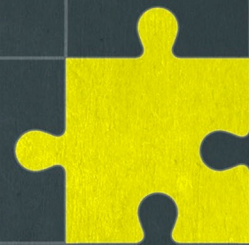
Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.



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And let steadfastness  
have its full effect,

**that you may be  
perfect and complete,  
lacking in nothing.**



**James 1:4**