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# CONNECTED PARENTING FAITHFULLY IN THE DIGITAL AGE



**SPEAKER:  
JOE WELLS**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**9:00 A.M.**

**“GROWING UP CONNECTED”**



**10:00 A.M.**

**“SAFETY MUST BE PRIORITIZED”**

**12:45 P.M.**

**“BE AWARE:  
ANXIETY, ADDICTION AND REPUTATION”**



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By Dan Jenkins

## The “Wicked Bible” Printed in 1631

The first copies of the King James Version of the Bible were printed in 1611, and it was not long before more and more copies were needed. Robert Baker and Martin Lucas were the royal printers (officially authorized to print official documents), who were commissioned to reprint 1,000 copies of the King James Version. They accidentally left out one vital word in Exodus 20:14, and it mistakenly said, “Thou shalt commit adultery.” The king ordered that all copies be burned, and less than 15 copies still exist. That printing is commonly called “The Wicked Bible.”

The word “not” is found 6,474 times in the entire Bible and 2,055 times in the New Testament. Imagine how popular it would be if a new “Wicked Bible” were printed today and all the “nots” of the Bible were removed on purpose. It would be a new “Wicked Bible,” and it would be widely loved by many.

A new “Wicked Bible” would be so loved by those who teach that all one has to do in order to be saved is to say the words of the modern sinner’s prayer. The new Bible would say, “Everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven” (Not-Matt. 7:21). The real Bible says, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father” (Matt.

7:21). We need to listen to the Bible instead of those televangelists who teach the opposite of what Jesus said.

A new “Wicked Bible” would be loved by many who have trouble dealing with others. It would say, “Be angry and sin” (Not-Eph. 4:26). It would also say, “Let us be conceited, provoking one another, envying one another” (Not-Gal. 5:26).

A new “Wicked Bible” would be loved by our immoral society which lives lawlessly, and their fleshly desires dominate sinful actions like fornication, lewdness, hate, contentions, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, envy, revelry and a long list of other sins also specifically mentioned in Galatians. The new “Wicked Bible” would say, “Those who practice such things will inherit the kingdom heaven” (Not-Gal. 5:19-21). Many would love reading this new Bible!

A new “Wicked Bible” would allow every man to change any and everything in the Bible they did not like by adding or subtracting what they like or dislike from the revelation of God. Sin would cease to exist, for the new Bible would license all that anyone wanted to do and encourage the fulfillment of every desire of every man.

All mankind will someday be judged by the eternal words God put in the Bible (Rev. 20:12). The King of kings has written His book, and there is no room for a modern “Wicked Bible.”

**What would happen if we removed the word “not” from the entire Bible?**



By David Sproule

## The Lord’s Church Came with Power

Can I ask you a question that you’ll just think about for moment? Step back, consider this, and formulate in your mind an answer to this question. “Where did the denominations come from?” Have you ever really thought about that?

Depending on what researchers you trust, at the very least it can be stated that there are thousands of denominations in the world. (Let’s not quibble about the exact number but state it generally as “thousands.”) Where did they come from?

As you think about the “Where,” think about the “When.” When did denominations come about? The answer to that question varies, as some began in recent years, some a few hundred years ago, some several hundred years ago. But, it can be stated unequivocally that the “when” of the origin of all denominations is some time after the beginning of the Lord’s church in Acts 2. How do we know that? Answer this question: “When the Lord added people to His church in Acts 2:47, to which denomination did He add them?” Your response is likely the same as every response I’ve ever received to that question, “There were no denominations in Acts 2.”

So, now back to the question, “Where did they come from?” And, again, the answer to that question varies. Some

denominations came about due to doctrinal differences, leadership differences, salvation differences, worship differences, personality differences, etc. Without focusing on the hearts or sincerity of any individuals, do any of these reasons for starting a denomination (or really, any other reasons that could be added to the list) sound God-approved? They do not.

Listen to the “plea” of the God of heaven Himself, “...you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you” (1 Cor. 1:10). Since the desire (which equals a demand) of the God of heaven is that all “speak the same thing,” is that what is happening in denominations? Since the desire (i.e., demand) of the God of heaven is that there be “no divisions,” is that reflected in the thousands of denominations?

The Lord’s church came with power in Acts 2. Jesus said His church/kingdom would come “with power” (Mark 9:1), when the apostles were “endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49), having received that “power when the Holy Spirit” came upon them (Acts 1:8) in Jerusalem in Acts 2:1-4. No denomination ever came into existence “with power” from God, but as the result of the desires of man. So, what are you a part of today? Are you in the church that Jesus established with power in Acts 2, or are you in a denomination that came about later by the power of man? That question has eternal consequence!

**No denomination ever came into existence “with power” from God**





By Robert Lupo

## What Did You Call Him?

There are some things that we would never do. Just about anyone would agree, you'd never ever use your mother's name as a curse word. We love our mothers! They carried us for nine months, cooked us meals, kissed our bruises, and nurtured us into who we are today. We would never do something to dishonor their name. Why then is it so easy for us to use our heavenly Father's name as a curse?

We know that using the Lord's name in vain is a sin. In Exodus 20:7, God made it the third commandment of the Law of Moses. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." So, why do we treat this command so flippantly? We will say we love and fear God and then follow His holy name up with all sorts of vulgarity. Maybe we just don't understand the significance in the name of God.

In the Bible, we see many names given to the Lord. He is called **Yahweh**, which means "I am." He is the uncreated Creator. There was nothing before Him (cf. Isa. 43:10). There is none like Him. God is.

He is called **Adonai** which means "lord." "O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!" (Psa. 8:1). He is our Master.

**Maybe we just don't understand the significance in the name of God.**

He is our highly exalted God. He is worthy of our service and worship.

He is called **El Shaddai** meaning, "almighty God." "... I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless" (Gen. 17:1). He is all powerful. He commanded the sun, moon and stars into existence. He formed man from the dust of the ground. There is nothing too hard for Him (cf. Jer. 32:17).

He is **El Olam**. This means "the everlasting God." "Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God" (Gen. 21:33). God is without beginning. God is without end. He will never die, and He gives everlasting life.

He is called **El Roi**, or "the God who sees." This name signifies God's ability to understand and take care of all of our needs. When the Lord cared for Hagar while pregnant and abandoned in the wilderness, she proclaimed, "...You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, 'Have I also here seen Him who sees me?'" (Gen. 16:13). He is a compassionate and merciful God.

There are many other names that proclaim the greatness of God's eternal, loving, mighty character in the Bible. We have an abundance of ways to express our love to our heavenly Father. If we really do love and respect Him, then let's never use His name to express something evil or careless.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### When everybody likes you and says nice things

We want to be liked. We want to be accepted. We want people to be nice to us and say nice things about us. But what if that's all we have and all we receive?

Jesus made an interesting statement in Luke 6:26, "Woe to you when all men speak well of you." The Son of God Himself came to this earth, and guess what? Not everyone "spoke well" of Him! Some folks had some very "un-well" things to say. What did Jesus do to deserve the unkindnesses thrown His way? Not a thing! And He warned His followers, "Because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you" (John 15:19). "All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:12), simply because they are "a Christian" (1 Pet. 4:16).

Thus, "Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you" (1 John 3:13). But do be concerned if all people speak well of you! The light of the Christian life will make people in darkness act out (John 3:19-21; Eph. 5:8-14). – DS



### Jesus often withdrew and prayed

Jesus was on this earth for only 33 years—what a short life. And yet we have less than 100 days of His life recorded in Scripture. With such little information shared with us about His day-to-day activities, we ought to truly absorb what we do know. One such detail is found in Luke 5:16. "He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed."

Jesus made a habit to "slip away" (NASB) to "desolate places" (ESV) by Himself, in order to pray. The fact that Jesus prayed is enthralling! He is God, and yet He talked with His Father. The fact that He prayed "often" is instructive! It was something that He needed to do and wanted to do (not something that He "had to do," to check it off His daily "To Do List").

The application of this is pretty obvious. If the Son of God Himself "often withdrew and prayed," do I? If not, why not? Jesus' prayer "closet" (cf. Matt. 6:6) was not an actual room. The place itself varied, but the seclusion for communion with His Father never wavered. What about me? – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Patricia Hackshaw</b>	recovering at home but is still struggling
<b>Ophelia Holmes</b>	undergoing tests on her lungs
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	having an outpatient procedure on December 11
<b>Dick Kelley</b>	showing some signs of slow improvement
<b>Joyce Parker</b>	Jupiter Hospital, pneumonia, congestive heart failure
<b>Vincent Rogers</b>	mild heart attack, recovering from heart catheterization
<b>Henry Williams</b>	dealing with ongoing eye problems



**The family of Joan Holloway**, who passed away on Monday, November 25. There will be a Memorial Service on Wednesday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m. in our building.

## Ongoing Health Issues

<b>Judy Carmack</b>	chronic 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	Joyce Parker
Dick Haines	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>John Lord</b>	David Lord's father, stage 4 prostate cancer treatments
<b>Diana MacArthur</b>	Maxine McCoy's mother, pacemaker surgery
<b>Chuck Reeves, Sr.</b>	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, chemo/radiation treatments
<b>Greg Ryan</b>	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, continues to improve

**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, December 2

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

## Tuesday, December 3

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume in January 2025.

## Thursday, December 5

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or a drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange, too. See Traci Sproule for more details.

## Sunday, December 8

- ♦ **"Connected: Parenting in the Digital Age" with Joe Wells.** These lessons will address the subject of parenting in this digital age and keeping our children safe online. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium for Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

## Tuesday, December 10

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Lunch** at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins for anyone who has ever attended Monday or Tuesday Class. Bring a dish to share.

## Saturday, December 14

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

## Wednesday, December 25

- ♦ **No Midweek Services.**

## Sunday, January 5

- ♦ **Every Member Present Sunday** for Bible Class and Worship. New plans for the new year will be presented, and every member is urged to be in attendance. Let's start the new year together!
- ♦ **Meeting of All PBL Men** at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Monday, January 6

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited.

## Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

## Monday, December 2

- ♦ **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.

## Thursday, December 5

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## Friday, December 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier. See Ivan Villard for more details.



## Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## Saturday, December 7

- ♦ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. There will be food, games and more! See Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

## Saturday, December 14

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. See Robert Lupo for details.

## Tuesday, December 31

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lock-in** from 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Bring \$5 for food. Chaperones are needed. See Robert Lupo for details.

## Sunday, January 12

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.



2024 Theme:

# STAND *in the* GAP

*January*

To Take the Gospel to the Lost World

*February*

To Strengthen and Protect Our Youth

*March*

To Defend the Truth of the Bible

*April*

To Reach People I Know with the Gospel

*May*

To Serve More Effectively in the Church

*June*

To Grow More in My Faith and Devotion

*July*

To Defend the Church of the Bible

*August*

To Encourage Brethren Who Might Be Overlooked

*September*

To Reinforce Our Godly Homes

*October*

To Defend the Morality of the Bible

*November*

To Foster Stronger Relationships in the Church

*December*

To Exemplify Christ Who Stood in the Gap for Us



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



**Thank You**  
for worshipping with us

Sunday,  
November 24



Thank you for the prayers and calls that I received during my time of illness. Please continue to pray for me as I heal.

Betty White

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My family and I would like to thank you all for the prayers, phone calls, texts and cards. Heaven will be much sweeter now! Thanks for being my family. I love you all so much.

Amy West

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I want to say thank you for the comfort, gift of sympathy and for praying for me. Those we love are never forgotten.

Maxine McCoy

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Thomas & Young DiNetta; Mrs. Terietta Frazier; Mr. Sterling Frederick; Mr. Michael Fuentes; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; and Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Philip.

**OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Shea & Jordan Brown, Jackson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Conley Brown, Jackson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Brent & Yvonne Clark, Chattanooga, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Kathryn Fuller, Plantation, FL; Miss Stacy Hall, Dallas, TX; Mr. Cory Mattox; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Beth Rosenblum, Huntsville, AL.



Monday, December 2nd

Pat Brown

Steward Lynch

Wednesday, December 4th

Guadalupe Tipton

Thursday, December 5th

Troy Alberga

Adrienna Gadson

Thursday, December 5th (cont.)

Janice Osborne

Friday, December 6th

Cara Blackmer

Saturday, December 7th

Jeannie Buonadonna

David Perez

## 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, December 1

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

#### Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Bill Ingram, Jr.
Addison Collins	Gary Jenkins
Gorman Ericksen	David Lord
Rick Hall	Cristian Suarez

### Sunday Evening, December 1

Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Douglas Alvarenga  
Scripture Reading ..... David Brown  
Singing  
Lord's Supper ..... Darin Summerlot  
Contribution  
Singing  
Sermon  
Singing  
Closing Prayer ..... Daniel Swayne

#### Serve at Table:

David Perez      Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: Ricky Smith

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Edward Gager

### Wednesday Evening, December 4

Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Invitation ..... Robert Lupo  
Family Prayer ..... Tim Fry

## Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 24	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	150	137
Sun. AM Worship	242	246
Sun. PM Worship	117	108
Wed. Bible Study	NA	119
Contribution	\$16,780	\$16,122

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,330

Service Coordinator:  
Rick Hall

Ushers for this week: Mike Damron & Chuck Reeves, Jr.  
Safety Team for this week: Dirk Summerlot

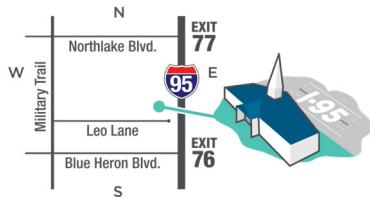




# Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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: **Scott Studer & Buzz Nelson**

## What Jesus **DID** for YOU ...and why

**He created you**  
(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

**He came to this earth for you**  
(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

**He died on the cross for you**  
(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

**He shed His blood for you**  
(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

**He was raised from the dead for you**  
(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

### Because...

**He loves you**  
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

**He wants to save you**  
(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

**He wants to take you to heaven**  
(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)

## What Jesus **EXPECTS** of YOU ...and why

**Learn and know the truth** (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

**Obey the will of God** (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

**Believe Jesus is God's Son** (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

**Repent (turn) from your sins** (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

**Confess your faith in Jesus** (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

**Be immersed into Christ** (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

**Live faithfully and serve Him** (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

### So that...

**You can prove your love for Him** (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

**You can be saved from your sins** (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

**You can go to heaven** (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)