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Welcome New Members



Frazier, Terietta

Identified April 20

Mother

(n) maker of grilled cheese sandwiches; kisser of boo-boos; best friend; boss; teacher; personal hygiene expert; maker and keeper of precious memories; *greatly admired person.*

"Strength and honor are her clothing... She watches over the ways of her household" (Proverbs 31:25, 27).



By Dan Jenkins

All Mankind Must Change

His name was George. He had been dishonorably discharged from the Marines. His addiction to alcohol and sinful living would have caused many to dismiss him as a hopeless case. Then he met Brenda and through her he met Jesus. His life was changed eternally by Christ. They devoted their lives working with those in the local jails and hundreds were changed, not by them, but by the Jesus they met through them. On a recent Answering Macedonia Calls trip, I met a Christian whose life was transformed by the teaching of George, who is now dead, but who, before his death, taught this man by preaching and serving also as an elder.

Then there is Ronnie. He lived in Palm Beach County and was a hard worker. He was seen by the world as successful until drugs came into his life. When the deputy came to arrest him, he took the deputy's gun and demanded more drugs be brought to him. Needless to say he was incarcerated in prison. Then he met Frank and through him met Jesus. After his release, he came to Palm Beach Lakes and the first time he ever partook of the Lord's Supper was here. He later married Jeanie, a member of this congregation, and they have spent the last twenty years conducting an outstanding program in Alabama with facilities for about twenty addicts spending up to two years there in the recovery program.

This article is not about George and Brenda. It is not about Ronnie and Jeanie. It is about the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus. It could have begun by saying, "His name was Saul and he was seen by many as one having a great future. That future was totally changed, and he no longer was killing Christians after literally meeting Jesus. He became a Christian through Ananias." This article is not about Ananias, it is about the transformation Christ can bring in a person's life.

**It is not about us,
it is about the
transformation
we make when
we meet Jesus**

This article is about you! It is about those we know to whom that same Jesus said, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:2). Addicts like George and Ronnie needed transformation, but so does a devotedly religious Saul, who we know better as Paul. Wherever we are and how others see us, we must meet Jesus and let Him eternally change us!

It is a renewal that comes, as the Scripture says, by a renewal of our minds. We must quit letting the world set our values, letting human wisdom and feelings decide the course of our lives. We are what we think (Prov. 23:7), and when we meet Jesus, we change the way we think. We never stop being transformed. "Though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor. 4:16). This article is about me. It is about you. It is about personally changing every day, transforming ourselves into His image.



By David Sproule

Give Me the Bible, Not "Sola Scriptura" (Part 6 of 6)

Let's see if we can summarize these matters. The term "sola scriptura" is not found in the Bible, as it is a Latin phrase created by some men to describe a belief system and to distance themselves from another belief system that was created by a different group of men. As a manmade expression, its meaning can vary from person to person. Even if such a belief system "sounds good" or "seems to align with what the Bible teaches," why not just go to the Bible and let the Bible teach what the Bible teaches?

First, the Bible teaches that ALL Scripture in the Old Testament and New Testament is inspired of God. Second, the Bible teaches that the 66 books of the Old Testament and New Testament are ALL-sufficient for man today. Third, the Bible teaches that the truth of God's Word has been once for ALL delivered. Fourth, the Bible teaches that the Bible is ALL-authoritative in our lives. Finally, the Bible teaches that the Bible is PERFECT and demands (and deserves) ALL respect and obedience.

When Jesus came to this earth, the Catholic church did not exist (and would not for hundreds of years). When Jesus came to this earth, the protestant movement and "sola scriptura" did not exist (and would not for over one thousand years). When Jesus came to this earth, He set the standard for

us in "handling aright the word of truth" by not holding to any manmade doctrines or traditions. Listen to Jesus: "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak" (John 12:49-50).

**Let's speak
where
the Bible
speaks.**

If Jesus Himself would not speak on His authority apart from what the Father commanded, who are we to do any different? If Jesus Himself would only speak what the Father said, who are we to do any different? His Word is perfect, complete, sufficient, final, enduring, authoritative and our only means to eternal life (John 6:68). I don't need to know Catholic dogmas or protestant terminology. I only need to concern myself with, "What does the Bible say?" Let's just go back to the Bible. Let's speak where the Bible speaks. Let's call Bible things by Bible names, do Bible things in Bible ways, and believe, teach and practice only those things that are in accordance with God's full revelation in the Bible.

Heaven is too important! Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Let's go to the Bible, teach only the Bible, do His will as revealed in the Bible, and help others to do the same.



By Robert Lupo

“Humble Yourselves?” Not as Simple as You Think

One of my favorite songs we sing in worship is “Humble Yourselves.” It is extremely simple, focusing solely on a single phrase in each verse. As we join together to sing, we admonish one another to know our place in the presence of the Almighty God.

You may already be aware that the lyrics to “Humble Yourselves” comes directly from Scripture. In James 4:10, the Bible says, “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.” In this passage, James explains that if we relinquish our pride and give our lives over to the Lord, He promises to glorify us. But, there is much more to this message in its context.

In verses 1-5 of James 4, we are told of the unavoidable outcome of pride. Whether your pride is carried out in the acts of war, lust, murder, covetousness, or adultery, none of these things will profit you. You will always be left wanting. All you succeed in doing is making yourself an enemy of God (v. 4). But, there is an alternative: humility. In verse 6, James quotes Proverbs 3:34, saying, “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Pride gives you nothing in the end, but humility gives you the favor of the Lord.

So, if we are going to humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, what should that look like? In verses 7-9, James gives

us nine imperatives for humble living.

Submit to God (v. 7a). Who is the master of your life? Stop letting your pride cause you to pick and choose what you like and dislike in the Bible.

Resist the devil (v. 7b). Do you find yourself giving in to the same temptations? Stop letting your pride cause you to be comfortable with your pet sins.

Draw near to God (v. 8a). Do you spend time with the Lord in prayer and study? Stop letting your pride cause you to think you can do this on your own.

Cleanse your hands (v. 8b). Have you removed guilt from your life? Stop letting your pride cause you to live with the sins of your past. God has promised that baptism washes away sins. Live like you believe it.

Purify your hearts (v. 8c). Do you still enjoy the sins of the world? Stop letting your pride cause you to resist the new heart Christ promised you. Abhor what is evil.

Lament, mourn, weep, and turn (v. 9). How do you feel about sin? Stop letting your pride cause you to feel apathy for transgressions. Let godly sorrow change your mind to agree with your Lord and change your actions.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up.

Pride gives you nothing...but humility gives you the favor of the Lord.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“Only Jesus with themselves”

Can you imagine getting to see Moses? That would be pretty special! The 80-year-old man who led God’s people out of Egypt, through the Red Sea, to Mount Sinai, through the wilderness, to the Promised Land, and wrote the first five books of the Bible! Yes, seeing him would be a treat! Can you imagine getting to see Elijah? The man of trusting prayer, who cared for the widow of Zarephath, defeated the prophets of Baal, confronted Ahab and Jezebel, and rode to heaven in a chariot of fire! Yes, seeing him would be a treat!

Peter, James and John received a double portion when they got to see both Moses and Elijah together (Mark 9:2-5). But there was something infinitely better than that, and the God of heaven wanted them to know how much better! When Peter, James and John “looked around” at the conclusion of the transfiguration event, “they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves” (Mark 9:8). Think about that statement. Seeing “only Jesus,” being with “only Jesus,” following “only Jesus” is all that matters! ALL that matters! – DS



“We know”

The expression “We know” is found 53 times in the Bible. Only five of those are in the Old Testament, which leaves 48 in the New Testament. Of those 48, one New Testament author uses 30 of them. Who would you guess that is?

The apostle John is the inspired penman who writes “we know” thirty times—13 of the 30 are in his account of the gospel, and then 17 of the 30 (one-third of every occurrence in the whole Bible) are in the little book of First John. The gospel of John records individuals affirming about Jesus: “We know that You are a teacher come from God...We know that this is indeed the Christ” (3:2; 6:42).

The apostle fills his short epistle with: “...we know that we know Him...we know that we are in Him...we know that we shall be like Him... we know that we are of the truth...we know that He abides in us...we know that we abide in Him...we know that He hears us...we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him...we know that the Son of God has come... that we may know Him...” (2:3, 5; 3:2, 19, 24; 4:13; 5:15, 20). Take time to savor what “we know”! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	scheduled for surgery on May 22
Ed Buonadonna	recovering from a concussion
Dianne Halenda	severe leg pain, awaiting test results
Ophelia Holmes	waiting on test results
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from cataract surgery
Charlene Knowles	fell and has a fractured shoulder
Tiffany Mayes	recovering at home from hospitalization
Jackie Stout	slowly improving from her hip replacement

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Judy Chilcutt	Stephen Beliech's sister, under Hospice Care
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering at home
Bobby Haines	June Pack's son, cancer returned, surgery next week
Weston Nesbitt	Bret & Shelley Nesbitt's son, bulging disc in his spine
Patti Nielsen	John Hoelzer's sister, breast cancer surgery on May 20
Margie Willis	Shelley Nesbitt's mother, dealing with bronchitis

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Kasandra Jones
Josie Dawson	Leigh Puckett
Zula Garrett	Maurine Reed
Dick Haines	Don Seay
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Daniel Johnson	

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, May 12

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

Tuesday, May 13

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

Saturday, May 17

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.
- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Saturday, May 24

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.
- ◆ **MOM Group Dinner & Devotional** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. This is for all PBL moms of children from birth to 18.

Sunday, May 25

- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, May 31

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, June 1

- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Kinsey Hayes & Dan Chang** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at TheKnot.com.
- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Wednesday, June 4

- ◆ **Summer Series: "When the Trumpet of the Lord Shall Sound"** at 7:00 p.m. Steven Akin will be speaking on "Will He Find Me Encouraging My Brethren?" Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Saturday, May 17

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, May 24

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Saturday, May 31

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Wednesday-Friday, June 4-6

- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible Study on Wednesday; Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 27

- ◆ **Young Adult Sunset Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Okeechobee. Bring a picnic dinner.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 17

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.
- ◆ **Teen Lunch & VBS Evangelism** after the VBS Work Day. Bring money for food.

Sunday, May 18

- ◆ **No His Kids Class.**

Saturday, May 24

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Sunday, May 25

- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room.

Hezekiah's Tunnel

by Wayne Jackson

In ancient times the Gihon Spring, located in the Kidron valley east of Jerusalem and outside the city wall, was the major source of water for the holy city. This circumstance made the city of David vulnerable to hostile attack. An opposing army could simply cut off the Hebrews' water supply, and wait them out.

Accordingly, in the eighth century B.C., when Judah was threatened by the Assyrians, Hezekiah, king of Judah, cut an underground tunnel and diverted water from Gihon to the pool of Siloam inside the city. The record of this enterprise is found in the Old Testament (2 Kings 20:20; cf. 2 Chronicles 32:30).



This tunnel was explored by Edward Robinson when he arrived in Jerusalem in April of 1838. He made the first scientific study of this amazing engineering feat. The conduit, cut from solid rock in a rather circuitous route, was 1,750 feet long, with an average width of two feet, and an average height of six feet. Because the workmen's chisel marks changed directions at about the halfway point, Robinson speculated that two crews had dug the tunnel, starting at opposite ends, finally meeting in the middle.

Some forty-two years later, his theory was confirmed.

In June of 1880, some school boys, playing in the cool waters of Siloam, wandered into the tunnel. One of them discovered strange markings on the wall about twenty feet in from the pool. The carvings were reported and, some months later, Professor A. H. Sayce came and sat for hours in the mud and water transcribing the inscription by candlelight.

The writing consisted of six lines of ancient Hebrew script which described the triumph of the ancient engineers' remarkable feat in constructing the tunnel. The importance of this discovery may be summarized as follows.

- It revealed the phenomenal skill of those Hebrew engineers of more than 2,500 years ago. The conduit was not in a straight line, but in an intentionally designed S-shape which required precision skill by the workmen operating from opposite directions.
- The inscription stated that the tunnel was twelve hundred cubits in length, which indicates that the ancient cubit was approximately eighteen inches long.
- The discovery confirms the accuracy of the Old Testament record concerning the defensive maneuvers of Hezekiah against the Assyrian threat.
- The inscription is one of the oldest forms of classical Hebrew text in existence. This was the language in which the Old Testament Scriptures were originally composed.

We are thus grateful for this great discovery from the ancient past.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 4



We rejoice with **Can Margarini** who was baptized on Sunday, May 4.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Jordan Anderson; Mr. Charles Davidson; Mrs. Carolyn Deem; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Tangelia Jackson; Mr. Joe B. Lewis; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Can & Dannette Margarini; Miss D.L. Moore; Ms. Ann Marie Newman; Ms. Liz Otero; Ms. Jean Powers; Miss Anny Silva; Mr. Joshua Tull; Mr. Joseph Wanyoike; and Ms. Polly Weiss.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mrs. Kristen Dye, Carrollton, TX; Mrs. Kathryn Fuller, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Rachel Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Johnny & Shirley Robinson, Sunrise, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, May 11th
John Judd

Wednesday, May 14th
Carolyn Cullom
Claire Crews
Mattie Cox

Monday, May 12th
Bree Solis

Tuesday, May 13th
June Pack

Thursday, May 15th
Pete Brown



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you so very much for the calls and cards these last couple of months. I am so happy to have so much love and care around me.

In Christian Love,
Judy Bird

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, May 11

Opening Prayer Tim Cox
Singing Robert Lupo
Lord's Supper Stephen Beliech
Singing
Contribution
Scripture Reading.....Robert Mariano
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing PrayerOrlando Lolo

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga Tim Mahlbacher
Ryan Hankins Taylor Reeves
Namdidie Ikon Lawrence Williams
Steward Lynch Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, May 11

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer.....Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Ricky Smith
Singing
Lord's SupperTim Fry
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer..... Richard Watson

Serve at Table:

Joe Maloney Trevin Roman

Audio this week: David Brown
Computer this week: Israel Cuevas
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, May 14

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation..... Stephen Beliech
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	May 4	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	175	180
Sun. AM Worship	280	276
Sun. PM Worship	96	121
Wed. Bible Study	118	138
Contribution	\$19,555	\$16,987

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$10,789

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

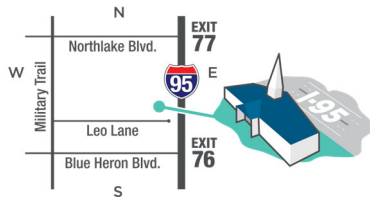
Ushers for this week: Victor Colage & Nahum Villard
Safety Team for this week: Rick Price



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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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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

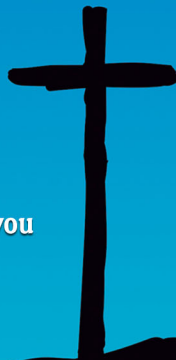
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

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)