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Welcome New Members



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

JUNE 8-11

EACH NIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.

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By Dan Jenkins

Understanding Letting Our Lights Shine

As I have gotten older, I have learned so much about how to study the Bible. Let me allow you to look over my shoulder as we read the following verse and begin our study by carefully looking at every phrase and sometimes every word. Take time to see how each part of a verse relates to every other part and how it ties so many Biblical truths together throughout the Bible.

Paul said, "For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6). You might profit by reading this verse more than just one time.

"God...commanded the light to shine out of darkness..." Think first about the emptiness and darkness in our universe before the Spirit of God moved over the face of the deep and God said, "Let there be light." Imagine a world without any sun, moon, and stars, for this immense darkness is hard to contemplate. However, this darkness is nothing to compare to the darkness of sin around us. Our world almost seems like that of Noah's when every thought and imagination of man's heart is on evil continually.

God...has shown in our hearts to give the light..." The

Bible speaks so often about that which is a light to our feet and a light to our paths. We who once were in darkness are now in the light which He has given us. He is truly the light of the world, but His plan is to use us to let the light that we have received shine in the world to glorify God.

"God...has shone in our hearts..." Here is the key as to how to let our lights shine. True Christianity is not some ritualistic lifestyle. The first commandment deals with loving Him with all our hearts. If He is not in our hearts, our lives will never impact the world. It begins at this place and impacts how we let our light reflect His.

"To give the light of the knowledge..."

Knowledge that is not shared with our lost world is meaningless. We must never let Bible study be simply a mental exercise understanding Bible truths. The knowledge we have is to given to others.

"Knowledge of the glory of God..." Remember when Moses asked to see the face of God and Jehovah passed by so that he might see the glory of God. If you want to see what he saw read Exodus 33:18-19. This is the glory we have in our hearts to let shine into the hearts of others!

"Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." We are so blessed in the theme of the sermons at PBL. We are walking with Jesus and seeing God's glory as we look at Jesus. Your life will be changed eternally by these lessons.

Looking deeply
at how we let
others see the
glorious light of
Jehovah God



By David Sproule

The Church Belongs to Christ

It is interesting and often discouraging to observe happenings in the religious world. The whole world was tuned in to the recent passing of Pope Francis and the selection of Pope Leo as the new leader of the Catholic Church. During that same time, an article was published by a major news outlet regarding "an ongoing debate" within another large denomination about a belief on the rise in this denomination that doesn't "align with [their] doctrinal beliefs," and a strong desire among the leadership to maintain "fidelity to what we believe."

The intent of this article is not to address either of these religious groups or these specific matters that they have faced. The purpose is to ask a fundamental question: Where did all of these different religious groups come from? Or, to ask it another way, did all of these different religious groups come from the Bible?

The vast differences in beliefs and practices among Christendom as a whole is astonishing. Within this, supposed, global community of people with a, supposed, common "Christian faith," one would expect unanimity of faith and practice, and yet what one finds is as far from unanimity as possible. Some say that Jesus is God, but others teach that Jesus is "a god." Some say that man should only pray to God,

but others teach to pray to saints also. Some say that baptism is by immersion, but others teach that baptism is by sprinkling. Some say that worship is to be done on Saturday, but others teach that it is on Sunday. Some say that only men are authorized to preach, but others teach that women may preach. And the list of differences could go on and on and on.

What
would
happen if...?

What's the point? The examples used above show that there are doctrines diametrically opposed to each other within this, supposed, common faith of Christendom, emphasizing such incompatibility that the opposing positions cannot both be right. This cannot be because the Bible contradicts the Bible or because the Bible leads to contradicting views. Every word in the Bible is from God (2 Tim. 3:16), and the Bible demands that "all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions" (1 Cor. 1:10). Thus, the only rational conclusion is that such division is the result of man, not God.

What would happen if man laid aside all doctrines and practices and simply went back to the Bible, used only the Bible, and refused to teach anything but the Bible? He would find that Christ has "one body" or "church" (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23), with Christ as the one "head" (Eph. 5:23), and only "one faith" (Eph. 4:5) that is to be taught without addition or subtraction (Rev. 22:18-19). Following only Scripture would never lead to hundreds, yeah thousands, of different groups with different belief systems. How beautifully simple is God's Way!



By Robert Lupo

You Can Understand the Bible (Part 1): Direct Commands

How do you know you're interpreting the Bible accurately? Do you need a preacher's opinion? Do you need a traditional interpretation? Or do you need a single elected man in a seat of authority to give a definitive answer?

Now, there is definitely great value in asking a trusted Bible teacher for help. In Acts 8:30-31, when Philip asked the Ethiopian eunuch if he understood what he was reading, he rightly answered, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" However, the Bible teaches us that, ultimately, the responsibility for understanding the Bible is ours alone. Paul reminded Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:15, to "Be diligent to show yourself approved to God...rightly dividing the word of truth." And it was the Bereans who were commended for confirming the words of Paul and Silas by "...searching the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). You can understand the Bible and God shows us how.

In this series of articles, we will see the principles of interpretation that are taught in the Bible itself. We will begin with the first and most familiar concept in interpretation: direct commands. A direct command is a statement to do something in a clear, straightforward, and authoritative manner.

Direct commands is one of the primary ways God communicates His will in the Bible. We are most familiar with this concept in the Ten Commandments where the Lord speaks "Thou shalt" or "Thou shalt not."

Direct commands are fairly easy to identify. In English, there are a couple ways to indicate them. First, we use imperative words like "Thou shalt." In modern language, this would look like "you must" or "let us." We also show direct commands with imperative clauses. These are phrases that begin with a verb followed by a direct object. For example, the phrases "Leave me alone!" or "Give me a hand." We see this type of phrase in the Bible, like in Exodus 20:12, where instead of "Thou shalt," the Bible says, "Honor your father and your mother..."

There are also two types of direct commands in the Bible. There are generic commands. These are broad commands that don't tell you how to do something. For example, "Love your neighbor." There are also specific commands. These are narrower and do tell you how to do something. "Make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them..." (Matt. 28:19).

If we train ourselves to identify this kind of language, then we are well on our way to start learning how to understand the Bible. In the next article, we will learn about implied commands.

...the responsibility for understanding the Bible is ours alone.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Be a man!

Boys and young men are often asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Here's an answer (and it also works for those who are not so young anymore): Be a man!

Be a man like Enoch—walk with God! Be a man like Noah—save your family! Be a man like Abraham—trust fully in God! Be a man like Moses—respect the holiness of God! Be a man like Joshua—march to the beat of God's drum! Be a man like Caleb—don't ever age out of serving God! Be a man like Gideon—don't worry how many are on your side! Be a man like Samuel—be a servant of God who listens to Him! Be a man like David—take on big challenges for God! Be a man like Isaiah—recognize your unworthiness! Be a man like Daniel—never compromise! Be a man like Nehemiah—lead when others don't! Be a man like Peter—step out on faith in Jesus! Be a man like Paul—make changes to be right with God! Be a man like Jesus—humbly sacrifice for others!

What does our world need? What does the church need? What do families need? You...to be a man (1 Cor. 16:13, NASB)! – DS

Do others see what they should see?

Do the people you work with OR go to school with OR hang out with at the gym OR see regularly during your week OR see periodically as you "do life"...do they know that...you are a Christian...and happily so? That you go to church regularly...and happily so? That you believe in God, Jesus and the Bible...and happily so? That you are married (if you are)...and happily so?

That your home abides by Biblical values and principles...and happily so? That you are striving in every way to be faithful to your God, your church, your Christian walk, your spouse, your family, etc.? AND that you will not compromise on any of these things?

Our lives are to be "a living sacrifice" for Christ (Rom. 12:1), and others should know that. Our lives are to be "hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3), and others should know that. Our lives are to be about our "Father's business" (Luke 2:49), and others should know that. If Christ truly has "preeminence" in "all things" in our lives (Col. 1:18), then others should see it in all we do (Matt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:12). – DS



Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	scheduled for surgery on May 22
Pete Brown	Jupiter Medical Center, recovering from toe amputation
Ed Buonadonna	recovering from a concussion
Dianne Halenda	severe leg pain, awaiting test results
Ophelia Holmes	waiting on test results
Lynne Jorgensen	recovering from second cataract surgery
Nadia King	Palms West, surgery on May 15
Charlene Knowles	recovering from fractured shoulder
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 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	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mom, Chatsworth (room C15), rehab
Bobby Haines	June Pack's son, cancer returned, minor surgery
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

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 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

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

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.

Wednesday-Friday, June 4-6

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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.

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Wednesday-Friday, June 4-6

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Friday, June 27

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

Saturday, August 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ☆ Wedding Shower for Kinsey Hayes & Dan Chang ☆ Shepherds Praying ☆ Young Men Conducting Evening Services b Bret Nesbitt b Melinda Price	2 a Macener Assad & Juna Dorcely b Juna Dorcely	3 b Sabrina Clayton b Connor Goodale b Daniel Swayne	4 ☆ Summer Series with Steven Akin	5 b Lance Collier b Haley Hall	6 a Michael & Astrid Menendez b Sandy DeVall	7 ☆ His Kids Camp a David & Daisy Lord b Maria Hackshaw
				VBS Setup (June 4-6)		
8 ☆ Shepherds Praying	9 a Stephen & Carolina Beliech b Namdidie Ikon	10 a Bill & Gai Ingram b Kinsey Hayes b Amberdenise Puckett	11 b Richard Watson	12	13 a Tim & Susie Cox b Judie Jenkins b Taylor Price b Squadeina Ross	14 a Jeff & Diane Leslie b Mary Beth Hester
Vacation Bible School (June 8-11)						
15 ☆ 2 Week Mini-Session Classes Begin ☆ New Member's Orientation Class ☆ Promotion Sunday ☆ Shepherds Praying	16 b Ally Alberga	17 b Mary Jackson b Nyla Hackshaw	18 ☆ Summer Series with Grant Fuller a Dan & Judie Jenkins	19 a Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot b Judy Carmack b Gwen Lyons	20 ☆ Ladies' Fellowship a Dan & Loni Fuller b Evetta Wilson	21 ☆ Memorial Service for Joyce Parker a Ivan & Amber Villard b Eddie Gooden
				Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women (June 18-21)		
22 ☆ Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented ☆ Shepherds Praying	23 a Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon b Israel Cuevas	24 a Bret & Shelley Nesbitt	25 ☆ Summer Series with Ben Griffin b Rodney Woods	26	27 ☆ Young Adult Sunset Fellowship	28 ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting b Reanna Lupo b Cheryl Milton
Sr. High & Adult Mission Trip (June 23-30)						
29 ☆ New Bible Classes Begin ☆ Shepherds Praying	30 a Edward & Ellen Gager					

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



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
May 11

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Julianne Battle; Mrs. Evelyn Green; Mrs. Crystal Lang; Mr. James Lang; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Ms. Tiffany McIntosh; Miss Anny Silva; Mr. Noel Sinclair; Mrs. Trellini Smith; and Mr. Joshua Tull.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Linda Baker, Centreville, VA; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Billie & Linda Bryant, Middleburg, FL; Mrs. Tammy Davison, Berkeley Springs, WV; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tampa, FL; Ms. Hannah Richey, Okeechobee, FL; and Mr. David Robertson Kelly, Hayward, CA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, May 18th

Josh & Cara Blackmer (Ann.)
Rick & Peggy Hall (Ann.)
Rick Price

Tuesday, May 20th

Lovetta Harmon

Thursday, May 22nd

Willie & Mattie Cox (Ann.)

Thursday, May 22nd (cont.)

Karly Stone

Friday, May 23rd

John & Sue Hoelzer (Ann.)
Natasha Campbell
Tyler Williams



Are you attending this year's Vacation Bible School?

We will be serving a child-friendly dinner Monday-Wednesday from 6:00-6:45 p.m., but **you must RSVP!** This is a great way for your family to attend and enjoy a meal with your friends!

The real fun begins at 7:00 p.m. There will be classes for ALL ages (babies thru adults)! Come and enjoy food, singing, Superhero Bible lessons and prizes! Invite your friends!

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 18

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

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Israel Cuevas	Cristian Suarez
Gorman Ericksen	Dirk Summerlot
Bill Ingram, Jr.	Daniel Swayne

Sunday Evening, May 18

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading David Brown
Singing
Lord's Supper Darin Summerlot
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Paul Metzkes

Serve at Table:

Bobby Shelton Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, May 21

Singing Chuck Reeves
Invitation Jeff Leslie
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

Our Record

Attendance	May 11	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	155	180
Sun. AM Worship	266	276
Sun. PM Worship	101	121
Wed. Bible Study	125	138
Contribution	\$16,433	\$16,987

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$10,419

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

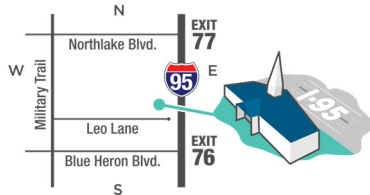
Ushers for this week: Mike Damron & Andres Fernandez
Safety Team for this week: David Lord



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.



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BUT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES

❧ TREASURES IN HEAVEN ❧

WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST DESTROYS

AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN

AND STEAL

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS



THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.



MATTHEW 6:20-21