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*Thank you,
Richard!*

**Faithful Elder
at Palm Beach Lakes**

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Palm Beach Lakes has been tremendously blessed by the many ways that Richard Watson has served this congregation! Richard has been known here for over 50 years, as he stole Debi away from us to Arkansas after college. But, we forgave him, when he brought her back in 2001. He served diligently as a deacon for 8 years and then has served lovingly as one of our shepherds for the last 8 years.

Those who know Richard know his heart of humility and service. No two words describe him better. His devotion to sound teaching, compassionate shepherding and fervent praying have been such a immense blessing to Palm Beach Lakes!

So, here we are again, with Richard stealing Debi back to Arkansas. Richard and Debi, thank you for everything! We love you both so very much! We will miss you!



By Dan Jenkins

The Three Hardest English Words

There are some really long words in our language. I remember years ago when I first heard what was at that time the longest one. It was *antidisestablishmentarianism*. I learned it when watching the national spelling bee. It took me a while to learn it, but I mastered how to say it.

“*Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*” is not recognized as a word, but a nonsense word from Mary Poppins. It is one that, while not easily pronounced, can be sung by those who saw the movie. If you have ever wondered, the longest word in the dictionary is “*pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis*”—a medical term describing lung infection caused by inhaling minute particles of dust.

As difficult as these words are to say, they are not the hardest to say as a three-word phrase. The phrase has only eleven letters in it, but there is something about these three words that makes them so difficult to say. In fact, these words were unspoken for the first 2,500 years men were on this earth. Every person could have said them, but no one ever did. What are these three words?

The three English words hardest to say are, “I have sinned.” Who was the first person to use these words in the Bible? It was not Adam or Eve in the garden, for instead of say-

ing what was true, they blamed the serpent or the woman whom God had made. For some strange reason, these three words are hard to understand. They were not said by the millions of people who perished in the flood. They were not said at the Tower of Babel. They were not said by Abraham when confronted in the lie he told about Sarah. They were not said by Jacob who stole the blessing and the birthright from Esau. They were not said by Joseph’s brothers. Such an important phrase, but so hard to say!

Three words, so easy to say, but never said. When said, so often not even meant.

The first time this phrase is found in the Bible was when Pharaoh said these words twice to get plagues removed from Egypt. How genuinely were they spoken? Evidently not at all, for when the plagues were removed he kept on sinning! Even in our day, sometimes men call upon God with these words but actions show they were not sincere.

They were spoken by Balaam who beat his donkey and talked to him. The false prophet then saw the angel and said these words but likely he was talking about doing wrong to the donkey. He said the words but kept on going on his journey to curse Israel.

The phrase is found less than 20 times in the Bible, and in a historical setting, David and the prodigal son use them nearly half of the time. Now think about yourself. You have wronged God and others, but how often do we use them?



By David Sproule

The Truth About Jesus (Part 1 of 7): The Introduction

There are 31,102 verses in the Bible. That’s a lot! If you memorized one verse per day, you could have the whole Bible memorized in just over 85 years. Of course, every verse in the Bible ultimately is about Jesus Christ—Someone is coming (summary of the Old Testament books), Someone is here (summary of Matthew through John), Someone is coming again (summary of Acts through Revelation). But, if you could memorize one verse that would give you an overview of the life, purpose, greatness and truth of that Someone, start with 1 Timothy 3:16.

You will probably notice in your Bible that most of the verse is set apart in its formatting, similar to the way that the book of Psalms or other poetic sections in your Bible might appear. In doing so, the translators help us to see six pivotal truths about Jesus Christ that are integral to the story of the Bible. But, before Paul gets to those six transforming truths, he introduces them with these words: “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness.” What is he telling us?

Paul emphasizes truth’s CERTAINTY: “without controversy.” The Greek word literally means, “that which one confesses,” and it is defined as “most certain, uncontestable, undeniable, beyond dispute, without doubt.” Think about God

using that word to describe the truth of Jesus Christ—it is without controversy and beyond dispute. Only a foolish mortal would deny or argue against the undeniable!

Paul emphasizes truth’s SUPREMACY: “great is.” The truth of Jesus Christ and God’s plan to save mankind is of surpassing importance. Nothing compares. It is likened to oxygen—we cannot survive without it. There is not (and never will be) anything greater or more important in your life.

The truth of Jesus Christ is certain, supreme, clear and relevant.

Paul emphasizes truth’s CLARITY: “the mystery.” The word does not mean mysterious or incapable of being understood. Quite the opposite. That which (i.e., “the mystery of Christ,” Eph. 3:4) “was not made known” in “other ages...has now been revealed” (3:5). God’s plan for salvation through His Son has been clearly revealed in the gospel.

Paul emphasizes truth’s RELEVANCY: “of godliness.” On the one hand, “godliness” stands for the entire Christian system, which has been revealed. On the other hand, the truth of Jesus Christ leads one to a life of “godliness,” referring to one’s devotion and conformity to God’s will, as one seeks to please God in all things.

The truth of Jesus Christ is certain, supreme, clear and relevant to our lives! As the Lord’s church, we are “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15). We must know it! We must teach it and defend it! Let’s study this together.



By Robert Lupo

God Is Worthy of All Praise

Every first day of the week, members of the Lord's church assemble to worship their heavenly Father according to the Scriptures (cf. Acts 20:6-7; 1 Cor. 11:18-32; 1 Cor. 16:1-2). Many people, however, feel that going to church is not for them. They say they don't need a building to worship God.

They can worship God anywhere in their daily living. This feeling is not supported by the Scriptures. In Psalm 150, the Lord says there is a proper place to worship, a proper reason to worship, and everyone is required to worship.

In the first verse, the psalm tells us that worship is done in the sanctuary of God. "Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!" When the psalm was written, the sanctuary of the Lord was the temple. Today, however, the temple of the Lord is the church (Eph. 2:19-22). "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord..." If you are not assembled with the church, you are not in the right place for worship.

In verse 2, we see why God should be worshipped. "Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His

excellent greatness!" Who is the God that we worship? He is the God who spoke the universe into existence, who parted the Red Sea, who gave His only begotten Son to die for the sins of the world. Who can compare to the power, wonder, and love of the Lord? The Lord must be praised because He is worthy. If your worship is not aimed at praising the Lord, your heart is not in the right place for worship.

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Finally, the psalmist explains that everyone is required to worship God. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Every created being owes its existence to the Lord. Not only that, but He also provides daily blessings, caring for us like a devoted Father. Psalm 103:13 tells us, "As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust." If our Father is so caring, why would we not take the small amount of time He requires of our week to give thanks to Him for all He has done for us?

God is worthy of all praise. He has demonstrated His love for us in all aspects of our lives. Are we so self-important that we think we don't need to demonstrate our love in return? We all must humbly gather together in the proper place He designated for worship and with the proper reason He designated for worship. Don't miss out on all the blessings of worship by forsaking the assembly.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Doing what's best for the church

Most preachers live by a guiding principle that they will strive to make decisions and take whatever actions are necessary to do what is best for the church. Removing self and being truly determined to put the needs of a congregation above one's own personal desires is essential to the betterment of the Lord's people and the Lord's purpose on this earth. Most elders live by that same guiding principle. Most deacons long for that, as well.

But, here's something to consider. Is that only a life principle that someone like an elder or a preacher are committed to follow? Or is that not a determination that God wants all of His people to have, regardless of their place in His church? Seeking "first" God's church (cf. Matt. 6:33) is not just about "being at church on Sunday." That's merely a small part and a natural outgrowth of having Christ as "Lord in your heart" (1 Pet. 3:15, NASB), because doing what's best for the church (read that as, "doing what's best for Jesus' body and Jesus' bride") is doing what's best for Jesus Himself. Read the second sentence in the first paragraph again. Is that you? — DS



Source material

Usually when I fly, I take a lot of study material with me to work on various lessons or projects. If I'm working on lessons, I will usually take pictures of the passage(s) in my wide-margin Bible, so that I have the notes from my Bible readily available on the flight. It is also extremely helpful, when I'm sitting on the plane, to be able to zoom in on the text in the picture, making it easier to read the very small (multi-colored) print that I have written in my margins and even between the lines of the printed Biblical text.

Earlier this year, a young lady next me was looking at my phone, as I zoomed in and out on the text and my notes. She couldn't tell exactly what it was, but she commented, "That's quite some source material that you're reading." I showed her that it was my Bible with handwritten notes around it...and she immediately shut down, turned away and stopped talking to me. That hurt. But what she said stuck me. The Bible is our "source material"! It is our source of truth (John 17:17), of life (Phil. 2:16), of all things that we need to serve God acceptably (2 Pet. 1:3). — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Ally Alberga	abdominal surgery postponed until August 15
Crystal Burroughs	dealing with a lot of pain
Mary Coombs	dealing with chronic weakness
Carolyn Cullom	hospitalized last week, being treated for an infection
Dianne Halenda	still dealing with swelling and pain in her leg
Christina Jones	recovering from surgery on her legs
Charlene Knowles	continuing therapy on her shoulder
Debora Lynch	recovering from cataract surgery on her other eye
Janice Maloney	recovering at home from hospitalization
Cheryl Milton	recovering at home from surgery on her mouth
Jackie Stout	being treated for Afib, pacemaker surgery on Aug. 21
Guadalupe Tipton	liver biopsy on 8/8
Betty White	issues with her eyes, started a new medication

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

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Jean Charles	Anthioda Charles' son, surgery for brain bleed
Jerry Davis	Judy Bird's brother, recovering from heart stents
Vera Gibson	Ophelia Holmes' sister, dealing with back issues
Daniel Greaves	Dannette Margarini's father, surgery on his hand (Sept.)
Tom Holaday	Dave & Loretta Holaday's brother, in rehab after stroke
Scott Kelley	Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, blood clot in his leg

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

Sunday, August 10

- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share. All members are encouraged to enjoy this time of fellowship!

Monday, August 11

- ♦ **NO Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on August 25.

Tuesday, August 12

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

Thursday-Monday, August 14-18

- ♦ **PBL Group to Polishing the Pulpit.** Please keep this group in your prayers as they travel. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Friday-Thursday, August 15-21

- ♦ **Polishing the Pulpit.** Thousands of Christians will gather in Sevierville, Tennessee for a time to refresh, renew and recharge. Visit polishingthepulpit.com for details.

Monday, August 18

- ♦ **NO Monday Night Bible Study.** Class will resume on August 25.

Tuesday, August 19

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Class will resume next week.

Saturday, August 23

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ♦ **Widows & Widowers Bunko Party** at 4:15 p.m. in the Family Room. Pizza will be served for dinner. See John or Sue Hoelzer for more details.

Sunday, August 24

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated** after morning services or before evening services in the Family Room by Mike Erickson.

Friday, August 29

- ♦ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. See Skye Brown or Allison Roman for details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Sunday, August 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. in Adult 3. Do you have a Bible question that you would like answered? Please place it in the mailbox in the classroom or give it to Ivan Villard.

Saturday, August 23

- ♦ **Young Adult Connect Day** at 3:30 p.m. in the Family Room. We will be helping to host the Widows & Widowers with their Bunko Party. See Ivan Villard or John Hoelzer for more details.

Saturday, September 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, October 4

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Tim & Beth Fry. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, October 25

- ♦ **Young Adult & Sr. High Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, August 10

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Back-to-School Ice Cream Social** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring ice cream, toppings and drinks to share.

Sunday, August 17

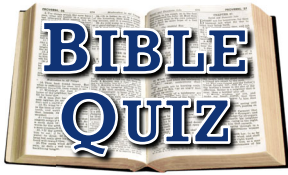
- ♦ **No His Kids Class.** Class will resume next week.
- ♦ **Jr. High Devo** after evening worship. See Robert Lupo for details.

Sunday, August 24

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

Saturday, August 30

- ♦ **Sr. High Basketball Hangout** at 5:00 p.m. Meet at Osborne Park to play basketball followed by dinner at the home of Darin & Brittany Summerlot. See Robert Lupo for more details.



Women You Might Know

1. What Egyptian woman found the infant Moses in the river (Exodus 2:5)? _____
2. What epistle mentions Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labored in the Lord? _____
3. Who was the wife of Haman of Persia (Esther 5:10)? _____
4. What two women heard that their husband had killed a man (Genesis 4:19-23)? _____
5. What maid of Leah became the mother of two tribes of Israel (Genesis 30:11-13)? _____
6. Whose daughters became the mothers of the Moabites and Ammonites (Genesis 19:30-38)? _____
7. What priest of Midian had seven daughters, one of whom became Moses' wife (Exodus 2:16-20)? _____
8. What little girl was referred to as "Talitha" by Jesus (Mark 5:21-42)? _____
9. What two Hebrew women risked their lives by disobeying Pharaoh (Exodus 1:15-20)? _____
10. What harlot fled from a burning city, taking her family with her (Joshua 6:22-25)? _____
11. Who had an Israelite servant girl who told him about a cure for leprosy (2 Kings 5:1-2)? _____
12. Who urged her husband to curse God and die (Job 2:9)? _____
13. What apostle had a sister whose son informed soldiers of a murderous plot (Acts 23:16)? _____
14. Who was forbidden to mourn the death of his beautiful wife (Ezekiel 24:16-18)? _____
15. What general's mother never saw her son return from battle (Judges 5:28)? _____
16. What woman dedicated 1,100 shekels of silver to the making of idols (Judges 17:1-4)? _____
17. Whose mother took refuge in Moab while her son fled the wrath of Israel's king (1 Sam. 22:1-4)? _____
18. What was the occupation of two women who disputed over a child (1 Kings 3:16-28)? _____
19. What city suffered such terrible famine that two women agreed to eat their sons (2 Kings 6:20-30)? _____
20. What king's mother taught her son wise sayings that are recorded in the Bible (Proverbs 31:1)? _____

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
August 3

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux, Mr. & Mrs. Roxroy & Karen Edmondson; Mr. Dane Eaks; Mr. Jo'Sies Kelly; Mr. Josue Rodriguez; Mrs. Trellini Smith; Mr. Arlington Spencer; and Ms. Atalia Williams.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Noel & Aleta Bautista, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Cory & Nicole Brown, Eagon, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mrs. Jennifer Jackson, Douglasville, GA; Ms. Diana Perez; Mr. & Mrs. Vann Rubino, Miller Place, NY; and Mr. Ryan Stark, Copperas Cove, TX.



Wedding Announcement

Congratulations to **Darin Summerlot & Brittany Jameson** who were married on Friday, August 1.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, August 10th

Phil & Mary Porter (Ann.)
Paulette Cole
Loretta Holaday
Dan McLeod
Paul Metzkes
Cody Price

Thursday, August 14th

Mike & Donna Erickson (Ann.)

Friday, August 15th

Tim & Beth Fry (Ann.)
Carolyn Lord
Buzz Nelson

Tuesday, August 12th

Loretta James

Back-to-School



Sunday, August 10

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, August 10

Singing Robert Lupo
Lord's Supper Paul Metzkes
Singing
Opening Prayer Dan Fuller
Scripture Reading Dan McLeod
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Justin Kelly
Gorman Ericksen	Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Freddie Gadson	Bobby Shelton
Ed Gager	Cristian Suarez

Sunday Evening, August 10

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Douglas Alvarenga
Scripture Reading Mike Damron
Singing
Lord's Supper Darin Summerlot
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dirk Summerlot

Serve at Table:

David Perez	Daniel Wagner
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Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Israel Cuevas

Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, August 13

Singing Chuck Reeves, Jr.
Invitation Islay Rodriguez
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	Aug 3	July Avg
Sun. Bible Study	158	151
Sun. AM Worship	253	228
Sun. PM Worship	128	101
Wed. Bible Study	136	118
Contribution	\$20,068	\$16,019

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,079

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

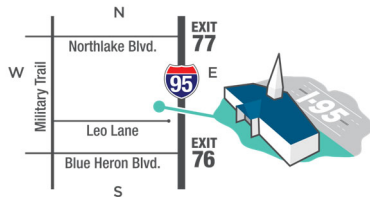
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Gary Jenkins
Safety Team for this week: Addison Collins



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: **Richard & Debi Watson**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses, let
us also lay aside every weight, and
sin which clings so closely, and let us
run with endurance
the race that is set before us.*

HEBREWS 12:1

