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Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Sterling Frederick .....

(Identified October 18)

By Dan Jenkins

We Are "In," But Not "Of…"

As you study the Bible, take note of the fact that Jesus looked at every specific word that was written and determined the truth based upon just one word. He rebuked those who did not see that the assurance of the resurrection rests on the precise tense of one word in the Old Testament. He said that the absolute assurance of the resurrection was based on whether God said of dead Abraham that He had been Abraham's God or He was still Abraham's God. "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living"—thus Abraham was still alive (Matt. 22:23-32). The doctrine of resurrection can be determined by whether God said, "I was" or "I am." Now consider this as you read the words "in" and "of."

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, He prayed to the Father and described His followers. "These are in the world…they are not of the world" (John 17:11, 14). Read this section and you will see how Jesus said that after He became a man, He was in the world. The same is true of the apostles. They lived among men, but they were certainly different from all others. They were "in" the world, but not "of" the world.

The apostle John describes all that is in this world. "For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world" (1 John 2:16). What is in the world? It is: (1) the lust of the flesh, (2) the lust of the eyes, and (3) the pride of life. Look into Satan's "tool box" and there are only three items in it. In the Garden of Eden, he used all three. The fruit was good for food—the lust of the flesh. The fruit was pleasant to the eyes—the lust of the eyes. The fruit was able to make one as wise as God—the pride of life. Satan uses these same tools against us today. We are in the world, but we must not be of the world!

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The next verse in First John sums it all up. "And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:17). This can be seen so readily in the life of Moses. "By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin" (Heb. 11:24-25). The world and its lusts are temporary. The pride of earthly attainments—money, fame, success and earthly honors—pass away. When we recognize that reality, our lives will be eternally transformed.

So, as you make your decisions, keep this in mind. Happiness and success from being "of the world" are so temporary, but remember what else John says—"He who does the will of God abides forever." Let us make that our aim in all that we say and do.

By David Sproule

The Things You Look For

What do people look for when they are wanting to get married? What do they want to find in a spouse? Some look for money—or at least for the potential to make money. Some look for good looks—or at least for someone who is not completely unfortunate looking. Some look for personality—someone who is fun, kind and easy to get along with.

There are certainly a lot of things that are important to us to find in a future spouse, but can I tell you that none of these things listed so far matter? In the grand scheme, things like money, looks, personality, etc. don't matter!

When looking for a spouse, what matters is—will this person help me serve the Lord and get to heaven? That's all that matters! God put me on this earth to serve and glorify Him (Isa. 43:7; Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 10:31), and Jesus longs for me to be in heaven with Him (John 14:3; 17:24). If the potential spouse that I find will not help me with this eternally important purpose, I need to keep looking!

Take that and apply that to those who are looking for a church. In the sea of religious division that exists today, finding the right church can be a challenge. So, what do people often look for when they are wanting to start going to church and find their church home?

Some look at the size—how many people are there? Some look at the demographics—what kind of people are there? Some look at the programs—what do they offer for me and my kids? Some look for impressive preachers—will they inspire me and keep me engaged? Some look for anonymity—can I just go to church, blend in and not be called on? Some look for return on investment—what will I get out of this?

Finding the right church can be a challenge

There are certainly a lot of things that are important to folks when they are looking for a church (and many more could be added), but can I tell you that none of these things listed so far matter? In the grand scheme, things like size, demographics, programs, entertainment, etc. don't matter!

When looking for a church, what matters is—will this church teach me only the truth of the Bible (without addition or subtraction or modification or modernization), help me to faithfully serve the Lord and get to heaven? If a church doesn't teach salvation according to the Bible (Acts 2:37-41), recognize the unique nature of the Lord's church (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; 5:23), worship as authorized in the New Testament (John 4:23-24), organize itself according to the New Testament pattern (1 Tim. 3:1-15), and speak only the oracles of God (1 Pet. 4:11), then I need to keep looking! I need to use the blueprint that God gave for His church in the New Testament and find the one that is built on that blueprint.

By Robert Lupo

You Get What You Put In

When I went away for school, I was given a piece of advice that many people have received before me. They said, "You get what you put in." In other words, the amount of value I receive in my education is equivalent to the amount of effort I put into my work. It is excellent advice that applies to so many aspects of our lives.

This is also true in the realm of interpretation. Whenever we receive information, we tend to filter it through our own preconceived ideas and determine its meaning through that lens. This is called bias. Bias is a dangerous enemy of interpretation because it takes the words of the speaker and removes their intent. You get the meaning you put into it. This is especially dangerous with Biblical interpretation.

Bias is a dangerous enemy of interpretation

When we read the Bible, our goal must be to arrive at the meaning that God intended. In 2 Peter 1:20-21, Peter tells us, "…no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." There is only one correct interpretation of the Scriptures: the one God intended. So, how can we know what God's intended meaning is? It starts with removing our bias from the equation.

When someone reads their own personal biases, modern views, or preconceived notions into a text, it is called **eisegesis**. We must avoid this at all costs. In Deuteronomy 4:2, the Bible says, "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you." It is even repeated in Deuteronomy 12:32, Proverbs 30:5-6, and Revelation 22:18-19. When we read our bias into the words of God, we add concepts that were never in the text.

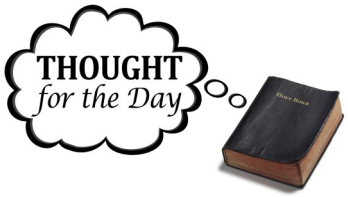
Good students of the Bible want to draw the meaning out of the text. That is called **exegesis**. It comes from a Greek word that means "to lead out." Exegesis begins by studying the context of a passage. Context is found by reading the surrounding verses, understanding who is speaking, who wrote the passage, who it was written to, and when it was written. If we understand these things and do our best to view the text through the cultural and religious lens we find in the Bible, then we can be sure that we are eliminating our biases and finding the true meaning of the Scripture.

There is a lot more to exegesis than this, but this simple truth can help each of us grow as students of God's Word. If we want to "rightly divide the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15), then we must learn to keep our biases out and diligently seek the meaning from within.

Articles Published in **PBL Family News Emails** Last Week

Spinach, epoxy and Energizer batteries

When I was a kid, I watched a fair amount of the Popeye the Sailor Man cartoon. It seemed pretty simple—pop a can of spinach and you get strong. Around that same time, whenever something was broken around the house, my dad would whip up a homemade batch of his epoxy. Again, it was simple—if you put epoxy on it, it was stuck together for good. A good while later, the Energizer Bunny commercials started running. They made it look simple—put Energizer batteries in your devices and they'll keep going and going and going.



I've thought about these three things and realized there is at least one thing they have in common. Your marriage needs some spinach, to keep it strong. Your marriage needs some epoxy, to hold it together. Your marriage needs some Energizers, so that it will keep going and going. Where can you get all of that? In a mutually prioritized relationship with God! When you and your spouse share a love for the Lord, His Word, His church and His eternal home in heaven, your marriage will be strong, stick together and keep going and going and going (Eph. 5:22-33; 1 Pet. 3:1-7). *– DS*

How do others expect you to smell?

It's interesting how there are some pleasant smells that you would not necessarily expect. For example: freshly cut grass, freshly brewed coffee, freshly cut wood, fresh rainfall on dry pavement, freshly sharpened pencil. Those have such a distinct smell that your imagination probably just brought all of those to your senses. To look at those things is one thing, but to smell them enhances the entire experience.

Consider this. When someone of the world "sees" you with their eyes, it may not be much different than your eyes "seeing" a pot of coffee brewing. BUT, what happens when they "smell" you? Wait! What? Smell you? As with the apostle Paul, we are intended to be instruments in the hands of God, who "through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place" (2 Cor. 2:14). Now, not every likes the smell of coffee brewing and not everyone likes the fragrance of Christ (2:16), but we ought to be so distinct that folks find in us something pleasant, even when they may not have expected it. So, what do others smell when around you? *– DS*

Pray for These PBL Members

Charlene Knowles	begins treatments on her nose in November
Verdell March	dealing with issues with her ears
Kathy Nelson	undergoing medical testing on October 27
Isolyn Sinclair	undergoing medical testing for her severe back pain
Amy West	recovering from a medical procedure

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
Bill Ingram, Jr.	advanced Alzheimer's
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Kyle Buonadonna	Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna's son, blood clot, testing
Kari Carden	Chuck Reeves' sister, undergoing radiation treatments
Ann Freseman	Nicole Freseman's mother, recovering from hip surgery
Michael Newman	Lorena Pittman's brother, ICU, slowly improving

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Sadie Myrie
Gloria Boyd	Leigh Puckett
Josie Dawson	Don Seay
Zula Garrett	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Jackie Stout
Kasandra Jones	Samuel Williams
Owen Miley	Evetta Wilson

Church Family Calendar OF Events

Monday, October 26

- **No Monday Night Bible Study**. Class will resume next week.

Tuesday, October 27

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

Sunday, November 1

- **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Set your clocks back one hour.
- **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, November 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.

Wednesday, November 4

- **No Midweek Services.** Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of Anchored.

Thursday-Sunday, November 5-8

- **Anchored: *"Be Still and Know."***

Thursday, Nov. 6	7:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 8	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. 9	9:00 a.m. Bible Class
	10:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, November 8

- **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Thursday, November 12

- **PBL Ladies' Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. See Lisa Metzkes or Traci Sproule for more details.

Saturday, November 14

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

Sunday, November 15

- **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3.

YOUNG ADULTS

Monday, November 2

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

Saturday, November 14

- **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Thursday, December 3

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

Saturday, December 5

- **Young Adults Baking Cookies** at 9:30 a.m. Come and help bake cookies, then help the Grades 5 & under children decorate them.

Friday, December 11

- **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Brent & Lindsey McPherson. See Ivan for more details.

YOUTH & FAMILY

Sunday, October 25

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

Sunday, November 15

- **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring drinks and desserts to share.

Wednesday, November 18

- **Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project** after Bible study. We will assemble Thanksgiving baskets that we will deliver on Sunday, November 22.

Sunday, November 22

- **Jr. High & Sr. High Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring money for lunch and a change of clothes (if needed). Meet in the Family Room after morning worship. We will return by 3:00 p.m. Parents, please let Robert Lupo know if you can help by being a driver.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - November 2026

	November 1 (P)	November 8 (A)	November 15 (C)	November 22 (A)	November 29 (C)
Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Dan McLeod	Robert Mariano	Dan Fuller	Dan Jenkins	Tom Garrison
Scripture Reader	Islay Rodriguez	Orlando Lolo	Addison Collins	Kingsley Gardner	Beau Caviness
Presiding at Table	Dan Jenkins	Stephen Beliech	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Leslie	Philip Porter
Serving at Table	M. Brinckerhoff	Beau Caviness	David Brown	M. Brinckerhoff	Andres Fernandez
	Kingsley Gardner	Namdidie Ikon	Ed Buonadonna	Michael Erickson	Jack Holoman
	Kameron Heitler	Todd Juckett	Gorman Ericksen	James Green	Namdidie Ikon
	John Patrick	Steward Lynch	Richard Gathright	Sylvester Jackson	Orlando Lolo
	Jim Rogers	Tim Mahlbacher	Can Margarini	John Patrick	Steward Lynch
	Vincent Rogers	Bret Nesbitt	Joseph Snyder	Jim Rogers	Tim Mahlbacher
	Joseph Snyder	Taylor Reeves	Cristian Suarez	Joseph Snyder	Joe Maloney
	Marty Williams	Nahum Villard	Darin Summerlot	Marty Williams	Robert Mariano
Closing Prayer	Michael Erickson	Tim Cox	Dave Holaday	Kane Campbell	Bret Nesbitt

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Stephen Beliech	Robert Lupo	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Young Men Conducting PM Worship Service
Opening Prayer	Ivan Villard	Tom Garrison	Paul Metzkes	Jimmie Banks	
Scripture Reader	Vincent Rogers	Bret Nesbitt	Wilton Moorer	Eugene Williams	
Presiding at Table	Jeff Goodale	Tim Fry	David Lord	Ivan Villard	
Serving at Table	Kane Campbell	Joe Maloney	Douglas Alvarenga	Rick Hall	
	Islay Rodriguez	Nahum Villard	Ken Gonsalves	Kameron Heitler	
Closing Prayer	Eugene Williams	Trevin Roman	Daniel Wagner	John Hoelzer	

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Audio	Jack Holoman	David Brown	James Green	David Brown	James Green
Computer	Buzz Nelson	Ivan Villard	Buzz Nelson	Addison Collins	Ivan Villard
Video	Ed Gager	Scott Studer	Ed Gager	Scott Studer	Ed Gager

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Jimmie Banks	Jack Holoman	Dirk Summerlot	Vincent Rogers	Nahum Villard
Usher	James Green	Victor Colage	Freddie Gadson	Tim Cox	Victor Colage
	Rick Hall	Andres Fernandez	Rick Hall	Islay Rodriguez	Tim Fry

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Rick Hall	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox	Rick Hall (AM) Robert Lupo (PM)

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 6-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

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

Members Traveling this week

Thank You for worshiping with us

Sunday, October 18

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Josue Charles; Mr. Alex Cornwell; Mr. Deondre Gibbs; Mr. Mark Lester; Mr. Nathan Norwood; Ms. Liz Otero; Ms. Nicky Phillips; Ms. Jean Powers; and Mr. DeMarcus Turner.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Miss Emilee Blaylock, Temple Terrace, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Carlos & Tenecia Cousins, Pembroke Pines, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Tia DiSalvio, Sebastian, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Shirley Edwards, Beaverton, Ontario; and Ms. Jackie Price, Paducah, KY.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, October 25th
Ekaette Ikon

Monday, October 26th
Kane & Fran Campbell (Ann.)
Samantha Eutsey

Tuesday, October 27th
Traci Sproule

Wednesday, October 28th
Sylvester Jackson

Friday, October 30th
Marie Yolette Achille

It has been a long haul, but it is over. I am thankful for the love and support of our wonderful congregation. The visits were great, and my drivers were wonderful. Thank you for the wonderful cards, texts and prayers. I am praising God with thanksgiving.

Sandy DeVall

MOUNT DORA CHILDREN'S HOME

Thank you to each member who brought gift cards to help support Mount Dora Children's Home. We were able to send them $1,385 to help their families. Thank you!

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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 25

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

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna	Can Margarini
Gorman Ericksen	Bobby Shelton
Ed Gager	Cristian Suarez
Richard Gathright	Darin Summerlot

Sunday Evening, October 25

Singing ..... Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reading ..... Mike Damron
Singing
Lord's Supper ..... Douglas Alvarenga
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Singing
Closing Prayer ..... Wilton Moorer

Serve at Table:

Ken Gonsalves	Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: David Brown
Computer this week: Addison Collins
Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, October 28

Singing ..... Freddie Gadson
Invitation ..... Tom Garrison
Family Prayer ..... Dan Fuller

Service Coordinator:
Tim Cox

Ushers for this week: Chuck Reeves, Jr. & Dirk Summerlot
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 18	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	149	150
Sun. AM Worship	230	234
Sun. PM Worship	94	98
Wed. Bible Study	112	97
Contribution	$15,258	$17,000

2026 Weekly Budget: $17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: $5,716

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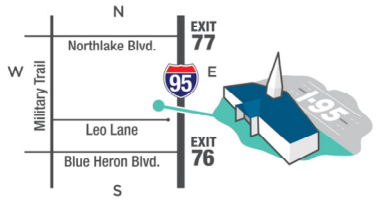
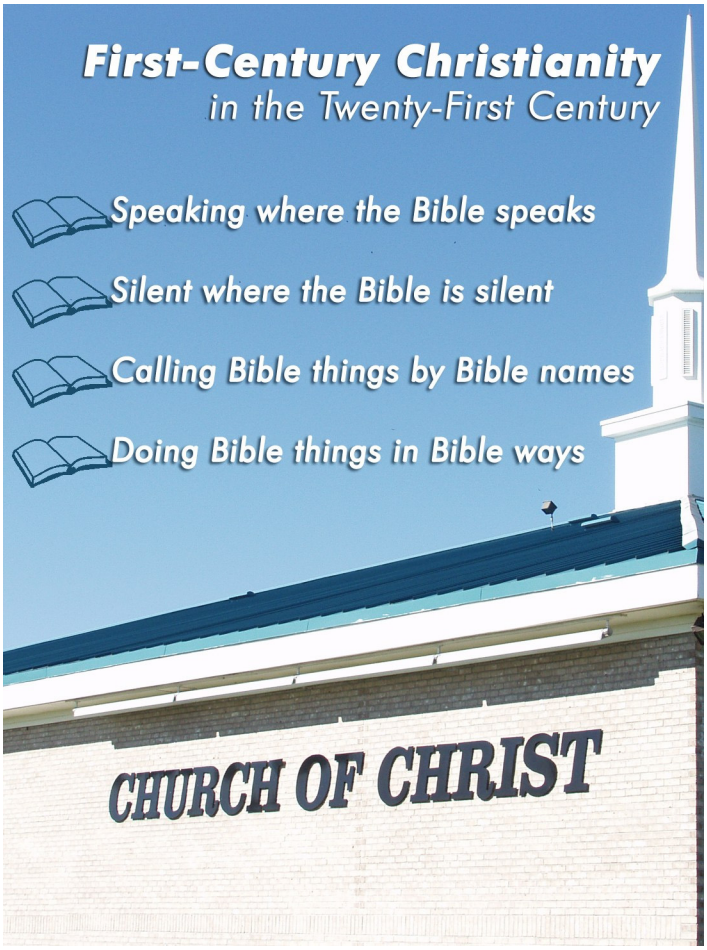
*Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.*



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: **Ivan Villard**



What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. **Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**
   "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
2. **Repent of your sinful ways**
   "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
3. **Confess your faith in Jesus**
   "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
4. **Be immersed in water**
   "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
5. **Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**
   "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).