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Welcome New Members

Sproule, Kelly Baptized February 16	Group 1
Service Medina, Carolina	Group 1



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Not Homecoming but "Coming Home"

I cannot over-

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Coming Home

Sunday

Our plans are to make a concerted effort in May to encourage former members who no longer attend to come back for a special Sunday service. It might be hard for an individual to come to a regular service but far easier to know that they will be among several others who come for a visit.

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There is so much to do between now and then, and it all begins this Sunday morning. **We must have your help in making sure that we do not overlook anyone**. At our morning service you will be asked for your list of those whom you have known in past years and who no longer are attending even though they still live in this area. It is vital that you take time to be part of this effort. Do you have old directories with their names in it? Even if you do not

know much about the person (it might be that the best way you can identify them is to call the Joe or Jane's brother who works at Walmart). From that list we will work together to come up with a complete list. I cannot overemphasize the important role you play in "Coming Home Sunday."

Obviously, we are not talking about members who moved away or who are faithfully attending sister congregations. This is not a Homecoming Sunday where former members return for a special day of reunion with members they have known in the past. Our goal is to contact every former member to get them to come on that day. They are missed, and they need to know this. They need to again feel that special feeling of brotherly love which is part of this congregation. We must make a concerted effort to get them to come again.

Jesus told the story of the prodigal son who took his inheritance and misused it in a foreign land. He felt ashamed

of what he had done. Because we know the full story, it may be that he knew before he returned how his older brother would respond. It is obvious from what that older brother said to the father, that he knew where his wayward brother was and what he had been doing. That older brother would have been far happier if he had never had to deal with the prodigal.

I know that this attitude of the older brother is not in the heart of anyone at Palm Beach Lakes. There will be several opportunities in the coming weeks to let former members, even those you do not remember, know that you will welcome them back on that special Sunday. Do not assume that someone else will turn in the names of the one you have on your list. We must not overlook even one person, and the first step is to be made this Sunday.

Imagine that you had wandered away. What would you want others to do to bring you back? That thought is the motivation for a great response of names this week!



"I want to be baptized. What do I need to know?" (Part 3 of 4)

The most exciting words one can ever say are, "I want to be baptized." There is no decision more important than that one! In order to be ready for this step, one needs to understand the all-authoritative nature of Scripture, man's desperate need for salvation, God's full plan of salvation and the pur-

pose of baptism in God's plan. Additionally, to be a proper subject for Bible baptism and to properly obey this part of God's plan, one must understand: God (

5. The unique nature of the Lord's church and its essentiality to our lives. Some might disagree with this thought, but let's allow God to determine it's validity. Have you ever heard a person ask in some endeavor in life, "What have I gotten myself into?" Why would someone ever be baptized without being

able to answer that question? Bible baptism has a direct connection with the Lord's church, as baptism is that step by which God places a person "into" His church (1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:41, 47). His church is not a denomination (1 Cor. 1:10-13), for He only has one church (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23). When one is saved (through baptism), he is immediately a part of the Lord's church, which comprises all of the saved (Eph. 5:23). Only time and study will help one to fully appreciate the unique nature of the Lord's church and its essentiality to our lives, but one needs to understand "what he's getting himself into." **6. The commitment being made.** Baptism is not some kind of "Get Out of Jail Free" card or something one does to "make sure all the bases are covered." Nor is baptism something to be done merely for what one receives (i.e., forgiveness of sins). Truly, when one is baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, there is a "death" that takes place of the old man/life (Rom. 6:4-6), and a "birth" of a new life in Christ (John 3:3-5), which does not live for self but for Christ Himself (Gal. 2:20). In be-

coming a Christian, one presents his body and life as "a living sacrifice" to the Lord and His cause (Rom. 12:1-2). Baptism requires and involves a very serious commitment of the rest of one's days to Him.

7. The singularity of God's saving plan. With so many man-made denominations today, there is quite a bit of confusion on being saved and "which plan" is a "good plan." Some say, "Well, I was baptized as a

baby in thus-and-so church." Others say, "I was baptized us a baby in thus-and-so church." Others say, "I was saved when I was a teenager at a church with my friend; we all accepted Jesus at the same time." Or, "I was baptized at a denomination several years ago." God does not have multiple plans to save us from our sins—He only has one plan (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)! Being baptized is not just "one method" of being saved or even "the best method" of being saved. Bible baptism is "God's only method" for us to be saved (Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21).

Are you ready to be baptized? (conclusion next week)

God does not have multiple plans to save us from our sins— He only has one!



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How do people know you're a Christian?

There are, no doubt, a variety of ways that people in the world might know that you are a Christian. For one, you could just tell them. Walk up and tell individuals, "Hello, I'm a Christian." (Nothing wrong with that, and our world might be a better place as a result.) Or, someone else could tell people for you. "Did you know that he is a Christian? Just thought you should know." A more appropriate way, no doubt, is to "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works" (Matt. 5:16). Let others see you living the Christian life!

With less than twenty hours left in His own life, Jesus gave a guaranteed way for ALL to know who the Christians are. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). Christian love (Greek word, *agape*) distinguishes Christians from everyone else in the world; it is a quality that is impossible (even for Satan) to fake or fabricate! Christian love is action-oriented (cf. 1 John 3:18)! When you act like Christ, with unselfish and unconditional love (Phil. 2:3-5), the world will know that you belong to Christ! Guaranteed! – *DS*

Watch the tone!

Jesus told a grieving widow who had just lost her only son, "Do not weep" (Luke 7:13). Did He say that like an irritated coworker, "Stop the crying already!"? Did He say it like a bossy big brother, "Stop your crying, you big baby!"? Or, did our Savior use another tone of voice?

Trying to assign tone to written communication can be tough, and even harmful. When someone writes a message to you, it is quite easy to take on a defensive posture and assign a tone to the writing that was never intended by its author. Read it carefully and thoughtfully!

As Christians, we must strive to be characterized by agape love, which "believes all things" (1 Cor. 13:7). That expression teaches we are to be eager to see the best in others, rather than thinking the worst. That is not always easy, but find something listed in First Corinthians 13:4-7 that is easy. At the very least, individuals (especially our brethren) deserve the benefit of the doubt when it comes to tone in written in communication. Don't we desire the same in return (cf. Matt. 7:12)? -DS

Keep in Your Prayers

Pray for These PBL Members

Pat Brown	suffering with back pain
Tasha Ellis	recovering at home from surgery
Carolyn Cullom	recovering from a fall, injured her back
Sharon Feeney	recovering from shoulder surgery
Janet Hickerson	recovering from back surgery
Judie Jenkins	recovering from foot surgery
Jeff Leslie	doing well following his surgery
Ruth Lipford	suffering with sciatica, in a lot of pain
Ruth Milton	not feeling well
Harriet Morris	recovering from fall, hurt her knee
Silas Moses	recovering at home from kidney surgery
Godfrey Pratt	now at home, pneumonia & still very weak
Jo Ann Rogers	suffering with the shingles
Cathy Seay	recovering at home from surgery

Solution *is extended to...* **Bonnie Arthur,** upon the passing of **her sister, Maxine Maskell**, last week.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Craig Clark	Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
Billie Earhart	Cindy Nelson's grandmother, radiation for lung cancer
Pat Frazier	Brittany Thompson's grandmother, internal bleeding
Bobby Jackson	Gladys Jackson's son, recovering from surgery
Perry King	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, NICU, tracheotomy
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, recovering from major surgery
Ronnie Morris	Jeff Goodale's brother, recovering from surgery
Owen Pataluna	Zula Garrett's great-great-grandson, leukemia & chemo
Kevin Schenk	Leesa Schenk's husband, upcoming surgery on arm (4/14)
Curtis Spann	Glen Dawson's cousin, stage 4 cancer
Terry West	Amy West's father, undergoing medical testing

Long-Term Health Issues

Millie Ames	receiving specialized care
Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Lennie Langley	Palms Edge, Hospice Care
Deidra Miley	dialysis treatments
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Gene Puckett	dialysis treatments
Les Sawyer	recovering from radiation
Norman Smedley	at home and very weak
Patricia Ventress	both kidneys removed

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

- Vera Day Cora Lee Dennis Margie Fortenberry Helen Gardner Margaret Griffo Margie Hardin Loretta Holaday Shelton Howell
 - Gladys Jackson Jean McMasters Betty Matter Leigh Puckett Ricky Smedley Margaret Wade Karen Watts

Pray for Our Missionaries

- Josh & Cara Blackmer Troy & Andrea Spradlin Robert & Mary Martin Scott & Rebecca Shanahan Joey & Tammy Treat Tamuka Arunashe Nnanna Aforgi Apologetics Press Mauricio Yegros
- Paraguay Paraguay Pacific Islands Pacific Islands Pacific Islands Zimbabwe Nigeria Montgomery, AL Coral Springs, FL

Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, March 30

 5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby during evening worship.

Monday, March 31

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

Tuesday, April 1

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

Sunday, April 6

• Renova Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room. There will be a potluck luncheon after the Bible study. Bring some potluck dishes to share and enjoy.

Thursday April 17

• Ladies' Day at Palm Beach Lakes. Kathy Pollard of Denver, CO will be speaking on *"The Bride of Christ."*

Palm Beach Lakes Palm Beach Lakes Adults

Saturday, April 12

• Young Adult Area-Wide Devo & Fellowship at 6:00 p.m. at PBL. See Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, April 20

• Young Adult Meeting after evening worship in Adult 1.

Monday, April 21

• Young Adult Ladies' Bowling Night at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. See Sarah Collier or Cindy Nelson for more details.

Saturday, May 3

• Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

Monday, May 5

• Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

• Young Adult & Jr. High Service Project. Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

Thursday, April 17 (cont.)

Ladies' Day Schedule

Registration
Opening Comments
Dinner Served by PBL Men
Lesson: "The Bride of Christ"

Saturday, April 19

• **Golf Tournament at CFBC.** See the bulletin board for more information.

Sunday, April 20

Mount Dora Children's Home Supply Deadline. A supply list can be found on the Welcome Desk.

Sunday, April 27

• **Troy Spradlin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.

<u>Sunday, May 4</u>

- Renova Nursing Home Visit at 2:30 p.m.
- Wedding Shower for Ivan Villard & Amber Pittman at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Pottery Barn, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Palm Beach Lakes

Saturday, April 5

- Jr. High Family Picnic at 10:30 a.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons. Bring food and games. See David or Traci Sproule for more details.
- Sr. High Service Project. Meet at the building at 5:30 p.m. Bring \$10. Sign up on the bulletin board so drivers and food can be arranged. See Skye Brown for more details.

Sunday, April 13

• Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday, April 18

• Sr. High PDQ Lunch (No School Day) at 1:00 p.m. Meet at PDQ on Okeechobee Blvd. Bring money for food. See Skye Brown for more details.

Saturday, April 19

• Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. High Youth.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - April, 2014

		April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27	
Morning \	Norship Serv	vice				
Song Lead	der	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly	David McLeod	
Opening F	Prayer	Johnny Davis	Gene Puckett	Nate Nelson	Mike Erickson	
Scripture I	Reading	Dan Jenkins	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Novel Brown	Scott Studer	
Presiding	at Table	David Sproule	Jeff Goodale	Orlando Lolo	David Thorpe	
Serving at Table:		Kane Campbell	Cornelius Brown	Henry Bass	Pete Brown	
		Lance Collier	Victor Colage	Tim Cox	Matt Ellis	
		James Davis	Grant Fuller	Andy Griffths	Bobby Ingraham	
		Namdidie Ikon	Gary Jenkins	Paul Hensel	Les McQuinn	
		Ken Long	Carmen Ruckman	L.H. Richardson	Rick Price	
		Jerry Pittman	Clayton Trujillo	Gary Seames	Taylor Reeves	
		Jim Rogers	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Ross Stone	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	
		Eugene Williams	Kevin Weeks	Lawrence Williams	Brandon Thomas	
Closing Pr	ayer	David Sproule	Chad Brown	David Holaday	Jimmy Banks	
Evening V	Vership Com	ine				
Song Lead	Vorship Serv	Dan McLeod	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Bobbo Lupo	
Opening F		Brad Shelt	Darin Summerlot	Harrison Carter	Bobbo Lupo	
•	0.000.0000	David Payne	Austin Williams	Mike Ellis	Jon Jordan, Jr. Jeff Leslie	
Scripture Reading		Rick Hall	Dan Fuller	David Brown	Stephen Beliech	
Presiding at Table Serving at Table:		Gorman Ericksen	Ted Friesner	Vincent Rogers	Gary Friedly	
Serving at	Table.	Bobbo Lupo	Tyrone Toson	Chris Thompson	Bob Higbee	
		Dirk Summerlot	Leonard Williams	•	John Kemp	
Closing Pr	aver	Charles Hayes	Tom Martens	Mike Trujillo Tim Fry	Mike Archer	
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Alternates	3:				-	
		Paul Metzkes	Alex Lane	Chuck Clark	Dan McLeod	
		Chris Thomas	Richard Lerro	Richard Watson	Dave Payne	
Technical	Assignment	ts				
Morning:	Computer	Taylor Reeves	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	
	Audio	Jon Erickson	Bobbo Lupo	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	
Evening:	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	
	Audio	Jon Erickson	Bobbo Lupo	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	
Ushers -	Morning & E	vening Services (Sun	day & Wednesday)			
		Apr. 6 & 9	Apr. 13 & 16	Apr. 20 & 23	Apr. 27 & 30	
Head Ush	er	Freddie Gadson —				
		David Brown	Doug Carrick	Cam Crotts	Jeremy Maloney	
		Gary Seames	Tommy Pauldo	Namdidie Ikon	Brent Leslie	

• Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.

• Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.

• Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.

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

Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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

Thank You

Thanks to the West Palm Beach church for the incredible number of thank you cards I have received. What a thoughtful gesture. It makes an old man feel worthwhile. I always enjoy being with you all and your receptivity to "cornbread" preaching.

Sincerely, David Lipe

I want to thank the church for their prayers during my great-grandson's surgery on his ear. — Christene Bean



Sunday, March 23

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Jean Charles; Miss Shaeyla Davis; Ms. Carla Dukes; Gary Eutsey; Mrs. Darlene Fields; Ben Harriott; Ophelia Holmes; Ms. Linda Hoskins; Ms. Monique LeBlanc; Mrs. Sherri Panuzzo; Rick & Kathy Reitana; Sandy & Jon Roberts & Tommy Magaldi; Kevin Schenk; Lana Smith, Sasha, and Alexis; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; and Kimberly Traxler.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Cleek, Oklahoma City, OK; Judd & Leann Davis, Henderson, TN; Tom Genduso, Apex, NC; Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Davis, Equality, AL; Corey Hair, Kissimmee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Laddie Owens, Dyersburg, TN; Lynne Ford & Bette Donna Sulivan, Virginia Beach, VA; Thomas & Benita Ramsey, Whitwell, TN; and Buddy & Linda Williams, Nashville, TN.



<u>Tuesday (April 1st)</u> Taylor Reeves <u>Friday (April 4th)</u> Major Roman

Wednesday (April 2nd) Lorena Pittman

<u>Thursday April 3rd</u>) Giselle Smith <u>Saturday (April 5th)</u> Joycelyn Harriott Elizabeth Summerlot



Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533. If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u> If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, Mar. 30

Lead Singing	Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer	Richard Lerro
Scripture Reading	Jimmie Banks
Presiding at Table	Bob Higbee
Serve at Table:	
Pete Brown	Warren Porter
Freddie Gadson	Ross Stone
Jonathan Jordan	Scott Studer
Jeremy Maloney	Chris Thompson
Alternates:	
Tim Fry	Paul Hensel
Sermon	Dan Jenkins
Closing Prayer	Jeff Leslie

Sunday Evening, Mar. 30

Lead Singing Robert Lupo				
Opening PrayerLes McQuinn				
Scripture ReadingDan McLeod				
Presiding at TableTaylor Reeves				
Serve at Table:				
Novel Brown, David Payne &				
Darin Summerlot				
SermonDan Jenkins				
Closing Prayer Chuck Clark				
Wednesday Evening, Apr. 2				
Lead SingingBobbo Lupo				
Extend Invitation Richard Lerro				
Family Prayer Chuck Clark				

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Mar. 23</u>	<u>Feb. Avg.</u>	
Sun. Bible study	205	225	
Sun. A.M. Worsh	ip 334	379	
Sun. P.M. Worsh	ip 165	179	
Wed. Bible study	215	192	
Contribution	\$12,751	\$14,116	
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670			
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +4,117			

Ushers for the week of Mar. 30 Head Usher: Glen Dawson, Chad Brown & L.H. Richardson



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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: Servers at Ladies' Day 2013

