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**STRENGTH AND DIGNITY**  
 are her clothing,  
 And she **SMILES**  
 at the future.  
 She opens her mouth  
 with **WISDOM**,  
 And the teaching of  
**KINDNESS** is on her tongue.  
 She looks well to the ways  
 of **HER HOUSEHOLD**.

*Proverbs  
31:25-27*

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**"Coming Home" Sunday**

**May 18**



By Dan Jenkins

## Understanding the Heart of a Visitor

There is a principle taught repeatedly throughout the Bible about how we should treat others. Simply stated, it is that we should: (1) put ourselves in the place of those around us, (2) ask ourselves how we would want to be treated, and (3) treat them in that way. Before the exodus, the Jews had been strangers in Egypt. As they left the land of bondage and headed for the Promised Land, God spoke of the strangers who would soon live among them. "You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the heart of a stranger, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Ex. 23:9). Because they had once been strangers, they had "the heart of a stranger" and were able to know how to treat others.

In view of the many visitors who come our way and especially those we trust will come next Sunday for our "Coming Home" Sunday, we need to put ourselves in the place of visitors. Having the "heart of a visitor" we must treat others as we would have them treat us (Matt. 7:12).

**If I were a visitor, I would want to be welcomed from the time I got out of my car.** Every week, but especially next Sunday, greet every person you see as you walk toward the building. If you do not know them, introduce yourself, and let them know you are so glad they have chosen to come to visit.

**If I were a visitor, I would want to be welcomed from the time I entered the foyer.** There is that awkward moment when anyone enters a new building and is overwhelmed by the fact that so many "belong" in the foyer and are so happy to see each other, while the visitor has no sense of belonging. Every week, but especially next week, have the "heart of a visitor" and make them feel comfortable and sense they are in a place of warm Christian friends.

**Having the heart of a visitor helps us treat others as we want them to treat us.**

**If I were a visitor, I would want to be welcomed from the time I entered the auditorium.** Those Christians, who demand their "end pew seats" and force visitors to climb over them to sit, send a silent message to visitors. Those Christians who readily move and give up their seats also send a silent message. Jesus rebuked those who "love the chief seats in the synagogue," and many Christians fail to listen to Him.

**If I were a visitor, I would want to be welcomed and greeted before and after worship.** Letting visitors know with friendly words and warm smiles we are glad they have come is so important. Before spending time visiting with each other, we must spend time with those we do not know. This is a vital part of having the "heart of a visitor."

**Great opportunities surround us.** God help us to do all we can to touch the lives of those who enter our services. How we treat them can make an eternal difference!



By David Sproule

## Is a Believer a Child of God or a Child of the Devil?

If someone "believes in Jesus," does that mean he is saved and a child of God? Could a "believer in Jesus" actually be a child of the devil? Let's look at what Jesus said about this. Whatever He says will settle it!

In John 8, Jesus preached to a group of Jews, affirming His deity (8:14-19), warning of spiritual death (8:21-24), predicting His crucifixion (8:28) and requiring faith to escape eternal punishment (8:24). Verse 30 plainly states, "As He spoke these words, **many believed in Him.**" There you have it—many believed in Jesus! Were they saved? Were they free from sin? Were they children of God? Keep reading, for Jesus continues speaking to them.

Verse 31 begins: "Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him..." These are the same people who heard His preaching and "believed in Him" in verse 30. What did Jesus say to them?

**To believers, Jesus gave conditions to be His disciples.** "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed" (8:31). Were they not already His disciples by believing?

**To believers, Jesus gave conditions to be free from sin.** "If you abide in My word...you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (8:32). Were they not already free from sin by believing in Him?

**To believers, Jesus affirmed that they were not children of God.** "Jesus said to them [same believers in the context], 'If God were your Father...'" (8:42). Were they not already children of God by virtue of believing in Jesus?

**To believers, Jesus affirmed that they were children of the devil.** "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do" (8:44). Had they not escaped the clutches of the devil by believing in Jesus?

**According to many denominations today, one is saved when he believes.**

How could believers NOT be disciples, NOT be free from sin, NOT be children of God and ACTUALLY be children of the devil? According to many denominations today, one is saved when he believes.

Why were these believers still lost? Jesus tells us (when He told them). He told them that they must abide in His word, but then announced, "My word has no place in you" (8:37), and then, "You are not able to listen to My word." Believers must obey His word!

Perhaps if we go back to the beginning of the book of John, we can find God's explanation for what a believer in Jesus actually is or has. What does Jesus "give" to "those who believe in His name"? Read John 1:12 carefully. "To them He gave the right to become children of God." Believing did not make them children of God or free from sin! It simply gave them the Jesus-given right to BECOME such! Believers must obey; otherwise, they remain "of the devil" (cf. John 3:36)!





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### **Opinions are like noses**

One of my favorite people, David Lipe, has been known to say, “Opinions are like noses—everybody’s got one and they’re all different!” Isn’t that the truth! Everywhere you go, somebody’s got an opinion about something—the world, politics, media, sports, fashion, children, education, entertainment AND religion! That’s right! Everybody’s got their own opinion about religion! However, human opinions are worthless where there is Divine revelation!

Nadab and Abihu’s opinion about fire was worthless (Lev. 10:1-3). Uzzah’s opinion about transporting the ark was worthless (2 Sam. 6:3-7). Naaman’s opinion about curing leprosy was worthless (2 Kgs. 5:1-14). The Pharisees’ opinion about worship was worthless (Matt. 15:7-9).

Why were their opinions worthless? Because where there is Divine revelation (i.e., “Thus says the Lord”), there is no need, place or value for human opinions (cf. Isa. 55:8-9)! There is only need, place and value for human submission and obedience (Heb. 5:8-9; Jas. 4:7)! – DS

### **Reassuring Truth: Jesus remains the same!**

In a book that exalts Jesus Christ and everything about Him as being superior in every way, the New Testament epistle of Hebrews makes a stunning, refreshing, comforting declaration in its first chapter and its last chapter. In a quotation from Psalm 102:25-27, which depicts the perishable and changing nature of all things, it is said to Jesus, “You are the same” (Heb. 1:12). While everything else around us changes, Jesus remains the same! Then, in the last chapter, the writer affirms, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (13:8).

Jesus does not change! His nature does not change! His character does not change! His love does not change! His gospel does not change! His plan does not change! His promise does not change! His hope does not change! Thank God that Jesus does not change!

Amidst everything else that changes, how stunning, refreshing and comforting is this truth! You can count on Him! And He won’t (doesn’t) change! He is the “I AM” (John 8:58)! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

**Carolyn Cullom**      fractured vertebrae from recent fall, in a lot of pain  
**Pearl El**              suffering with congestive heart failure  
**Shirley Hopkins**    recovering at home from knee surgery

### 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  
**Patricia Ventress**      both kidneys removed



**Angie McNicol**, upon the passing of her father, **Dan Riesenbeck**, last week.  
**Mattie Cox**, upon the passing of her brother, **Eddie Campbell**, last week.

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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

**Miriam Burden**      Bobbo Lupo's grandmother, congestive heart failure  
**Craig Clark**            Chuck Clark's brother, terminal  
**James Cunningham**    Jackie Price's father, not doing well  
**Hilary Ann Findley**    Maria Hackshaw's sister, recovering from surgery  
**Nathaniel King**        Mary A. Jackson's brother, recovering from stroke  
**Perry King**            Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer  
**Mason Lerro**            Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, successful surgery  
**Melanie Olds**            Stephanie Weeks' sister, suffering with back pain  
**Owen Pataluna**        Zula Garrett's great-great-grandson, leukemia & chemo  
**Tammy Powell**          Olivia Ellis' mother, recovering from procedure on foot  
**Terry West**              Amy West's father, undergoing cancer treatments

*Remember*  
**Our Mission Works**  
*Our Paraguay Team*  
**Josh & Cara Blackmer**  
**Troy & Andrea Spradlin**  
*Pacific Islands*  
**Robert & Mary Martin**  
**Scott & Rebecca Shanahan**  
**Joey & Tammy Treat**  
*Africa*  
**Tamuka Arunashe**  
**Nnanna Aforji**  
*Montgomery, Alabama*  
**Apologetics Press**  
*Coral Springs, Florida*  
**Mauricio Yegros**



# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, May 11

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

## Monday, May 12

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

## Tuesday, May 13

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

## Wednesday, May 14

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting for "Coming Home" Sunday.** Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

## Friday-Sunday, May 16-18

- ◆ **Father/Son Retreat at CFBC.** See the bulletin board for more details.

## Saturday, May 17

- ◆ **Fish Fry Fundraiser at CFBC** from 4:30-6:00 p.m. See the bulletin board for details.

## Sunday, May 18

- ◆ **"Coming Home" Sunday.** Please pray for those whom we will be contacting for this effort.

## Saturday, May 24

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The Media Center will be available for teachers and decorators. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.
- ◆ **Saturday Night Congregational Singing** (Led by Gary Friedly) at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

## Sunday, May 25

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Young Adults

## Saturday, May 17

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

## Sunday, May 18

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 1.

## Saturday, June 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

## Sunday-Wednesday, June 15-18

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** at 7:00 p.m. each night. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.

## Monday, July 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:00 p.m.

## Saturday, July 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Youth

## Sunday, May 11

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

## Saturday, May 17

- ◆ **Jr. High Service Project with the Young Adults.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Sunday, May 25

- ◆ **Sr. High Bowling** after evening worship. See Paul Metzkes for details.
- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

## Friday, May 30

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo & Guys/Girls Night.** Following the devo, guys will be camping and girls will be having a girls' night. See Paul or Lisa Metzkes for details.

## Saturday, May 31

- ◆ **Jr. High Trip to the Miami Zoo.** See David or Traci Sproule for details.



# FAMILY/Youth *Emphasis*

## Working Together

*By Josh Blackmer*

Have you ever been part of a group project? In the ideal situation, everyone has an equal share of the work and helps with the final project. Often there are one or two people in the group who do very little or nothing. There are many people, who are willing to let others do the work, rather than do work for others. This is a group dynamic that is generally true. That is why group projects (and political parties), based on the concept that “we all work for the common good,” usually don’t last. “Why?” you ask. Because in the end, we are more motivated by personal gain than the “good of others.” It is too easy to sit back and do less and still receive the same reward.

However, as Paul wrote, “you have not so learned Christ” (Eph. 4:20). The church isn’t the same. It is not some man-made institution where human concepts always apply. The church is a hybrid of better things. By that I mean we need to work for the common good and for individual responsibility. Paul mentioned to the Philippians that the work they did would “increase to their account” (Phil. 4:17). Christ is seen in Revelation chapters two and three judging whole congregations saying, “I know your deeds” (Rev. 2:2, 19, 23; 3:1, 8, 15). In that same context, Christ also mentioned individuals (Rev. 2:20). The New Testament is very emphatic about personal responsibility, or every man being judged “according to his deeds” (Rom. 2:6).

So, what does this have to do with the Family/Youth? We need everyone involved. This is an “all hands on deck” call! Amazing things can be done with God, faith and a mind to work (Neh. 4:6). We have to put aside the concept that says, “I belong to the group so I can get the benefits” or “This isn’t about me.” While it is true that belonging to a faithful, healthy congregation has its benefits, it is equally true that you will be judged by your own fruits (Matt. 7:20). Coming to worship is not involvement but rather an aspect in the lifestyle of a person who calls Christ, “Lord.” What Christ wants is that all would be active in the work of His church, like “living stones” (1 Pet. 2:5). You can be active through the “Family and Youth,” “Laborers Together with God” or in ways that no one will ever see. The important thing is that we are actively living our devotion. Paul wrote this to Titus, “Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful” (3:14). There are “pressing needs” that nobody can do for us. Christ already did all the heavy lifting, showing us love through self-sacrifice. It is our turn to show love through obedience.



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



Sunday,  
May 4

Thank you so very much for the basket of goodies, school made Bible booklet, calls, cards, and prayers after my surgery. This church is like my family to me.

In Christian love,  
Joan Holloway  
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We want to thank **Kane & Fran Campbell** for opening up their home to us again and to **Tim & Susie Cox** for discussing legal matters with us. We appreciate everything you do for us.

The Widows and Widowers

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Evonte Anders; Paul & Nellie Batitsky; Gary Eutsey; Hazel Hackshaw; Michael Henry; Mr. Michelet Jean; Michael Staley; Lana Smith, Sasha & Alexis; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Valerie Thomas; Norma Teresa Walker; and Joe Woodfall.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mrs. Lorraine Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Vickie Armstrong, Tampa, AL; Mrs. Linda Baker, Centreville, VA; Mrs. Suzanne Branard, Merritt Island, FL; Miss Shaeyla Davis, Valdosta, GA; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Gary & Carol Gerber, Westwood, NJ; Aaron Johnson, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Stephen Johnson, Plantation, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Rich Kelley, Newberry, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rosenblum & Mia, Huntsville, AL; Andrea Spradlin; Ivan & Lenis Villard, Daytona Beach, FL; and Ms. Linda Wolfe, Fayetteville, NC.;



**Amy Rosado** was restored Sunday, May 4.



Monday (May 12<sup>th</sup>)

Brianna Solis  
Cathy Seay

Tuesday (May 13<sup>th</sup>)

June Pack

Wednesday (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

Carolyn Cullom  
Judy Lerro  
Mattie Cox

Thursday (May 15<sup>th</sup>)

Pete Brown

### Those to Serve

*If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.*

*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

Lead Singing ..... Matt Ellis  
Opening Prayer ..... Scott Studer  
Scripture Reading..... L.H. Richardson  
Presiding at Table ..... Jerry Hopkins  
Serve at Table:  
Stephen Beliech Gary Jenkins  
Cornelius Brown Gene Puckett  
Ted Friesner Mike Trujillo  
Namdidie Ikon Ken Worsham  
Alternates:  
Alex Lane Taylor Reeves  
Sermon..... Dan Jenkins  
Closing Prayer ..... David Holaday

#### Sunday Evening, May 11

Lead Singing ..... Jerry Pittman  
Opening Prayer ..... Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Scripture Reading..... Jim Rogers  
Presiding at Table..... Tim Fry  
Serve at Table:  
Grant Fuller, Nick Pietro &  
Darin Summerlot  
Sermon..... Dan Jenkins  
Closing Prayer ..... Gary Friedly  
**Wednesday Evening, May 14**  
Lead Singing ..... Chad Brown  
Extend Invitation..... Glen Dawson  
Family Prayer ..... Tim Fry

### Our Record

Attendance	May 4	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	259	233
Sun. A.M. Worship	399	391
Sun. P.M. Worship	178	177
Wed. Bible study	212	198
Contribution	\$15,911	\$14,388
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +10,587		

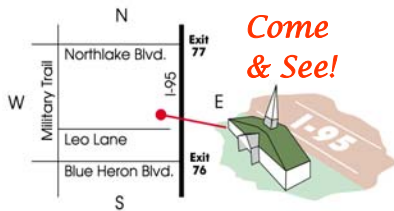
Ushers for the week of **May 11** Head Usher: Dick Kelley, Orlando Lolo & Brandon Thomas



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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: **Four Generations of McLeod's: Zula, Dan, David & Roderick**

## First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

Speaking where the Bible speaks

Silent where the Bible is silent

Calling Bible things by Bible names

Doing Bible things in Bible ways

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Upcoming Events

### May 18

"Coming Home" Sunday

### May 24

Saturday Night Singing

### June 1

Summer Bible Class Quarter Begins

### June 4, 11, 25, July 2

"Kick Start Your Summer" Series on Wednesday Nights  
Theme: "Count Your Blessings"

### June 15-18

Vacation Bible School

Theme: "God's Creation: Digging for Answers"

### July 20-26

Jenkins' Week at Central Florida Bible Camp