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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ



June 15-18

Each night at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Lessons

God Made the Heavens, Earth, Light & Sky
God Made the Plants, Sun, Moon & Stars
God Made the Birds, Fish, Animals & Man
God Made the Dinosaurs

Adult & Teen Lessons

Design Demands a Designer
Creation versus Evolution
Creation: In Six Days or Six Billion Years?
What About the Dinosaurs?



By Dan Jenkins

What's On Your Thanksgiving List?

We often sing about counting our blessings. Will you take time to “look over my shoulder” and see some of the blessings in my life? Every blessing should result in praise and thanksgiving to Him who has opened the windows of heaven and poured out that blessing on Palm Beach Lakes.

I am thankful for “Coming Home” Sunday. I am thankful for the 3,000 letters and cards you sent to 100 weak Christians encouraging them to come for that Sunday. I am thankful for the more than twenty of them who visited us on that day.

I am thankful for the visible responses we have seen at Palm Beach Lakes in recent weeks. I am thankful for those five formerly inactive members who were restored in recent weeks and also for those who have become Christians.

I am thankful for the obvious improvement of so many in the welcoming of visitors to worship. Visitors are being consistently welcomed in the parking lot and in the foyer. More members are leaving the best parking places for visitors and, as strange as it may seem, I have actually seen members give up the “chief seats in the synagogues” (those choice seats at the end of the pews) and move down the aisle to honor guests with their seats.

Every blessing should result in praise and thanksgiving to our Father

I am thankful for all those working so diligently in our educational program. This includes those who are developing the curriculum, those who have spent more than a thousand hours preparing decorations for the classrooms, painting murals on the hallways and those who are teaching our children every week. I am also thankful for those who have worked tirelessly in getting ready for our VBS.

I am thankful that Josh Blackmer will soon be here to help us focus on the FAMILY and youth. The church truly is a FAMILY, and Josh’s efforts will provide avenues for us to become more and more involved in intergenerational involvement of the church.

I am thankful for my coworkers, David, June and Cindy. Our secretaries readily go the second mile to do all they can to serve this church. I am especially thankful for David and the many years we have had together and never had a single disagreement. Our hearts beat in unison.

I am thankful for our shepherds and our deacons who fulfill their roles so remarkably well. Our elders truly watch for our souls and lead us in paths of righteousness and our deacons have worked to help us be laborers with God.

I am thankful for so much more. There is no room for more, but there is so much more! Let me suggest you count your blessings and make your own “thanksgiving” list.



By David Sproule

Seeing Christianity Through Their Eyes

Being a Christian can have its triumphs and its challenges. Some Christians enjoy loads of triumphs and few challenges; others enjoy few triumphs and loads of challenges. Each Christian has a unique perspective on living the Christian life.

A valuable exercise for each of us to attempt is to place ourselves “into the shoes” of other members of the church around us. Doing so can bring us joy, by enjoying their triumphs with them (i.e., “rejoicing with those who rejoice”). But doing so can also bring us grief, by enduring their challenges with them (i.e., “weeping with those who weep”). Either way, we would grow (personally) in the process of seeing Christianity through the eyes of someone who is experiencing it a little differently than we are.

For example, a young Christian once affirmed, “Being the youngest, smallest and the most inexperienced member [is] difficult.” Did you hear that? Have you ever tried to imagine what it is like to live as a teenage Christian today? As if trying to live a holy life (different from everyone else around them) isn’t hard enough on “Monday through Saturday,” how many teenage Christians find it challenging (and maybe even discouraging) to consider themselves “the youngest, smallest and most inexperienced members of the church” on Sunday?

Dr. Seuss might say, “A child of God is a child of God, no matter how small!”

That’s not to dispute the accuracy of the claim—many of them are the youngest, smallest and most inexperienced. But, the point is, what can we do to encourage them to flourish?

First, let none of us ever be guilty of “despising their youth” (1 Tim. 4:12). As Dr. Seuss might say, “A child of God is a child of God, no matter how small!”

Second, let us all find ways to speak words of encouragement to them (1 Thess. 4:18). “How delightful is a timely word!” (Prov. 15:23).

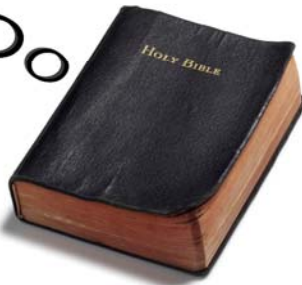
Third, let us all look for the good in our youth, rather than the bad! It is possible to “seek and find” (Matt. 7:7) what you’re wanting to find!

Fourth, let us all seek to motivate our youth to greater heights of faith (Acts 11:23), rather than tear them down for mistakes they make (Gal. 5:15)!

Fifth, let us all provide opportunities for our youth to be real, actual, active parts of the church right “now” (1 Pet. 2:10), rather than having to wait until they “come of age.”

Sixth, let us all spend genuinely meaningful time in fellowship with our youth (1 Pet. 4:9; 1 John 4:7).

This young Christian (quoted above) went on to say, “But as Philippians 4:13 states, ‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.’” Let us be instruments in the hands of Christ to help strengthen young Christians!



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The ONE consistent

Things are changing so rapidly! The advances in technology seem to have brought about advances in almost every part of our lives. Sometimes (maybe all of the time) it is hard to keep up! Where will things be 10 years from now? 20 years? 100 years? The imagination can run with ideas, but that's all we're doing at that point—imagining.

Go back 10 years ago...20 years ago...50 years ago...100 years ago...1,000 years ago...2,000 years ago...5,000 years ago. Is there anything that has remained consistent? Cultures? Different! Languages? Different! Mass communication? Different! Mode and range of travel? Different! Everything has changed! Go forward (in your imagination) those same spans in years. Will there be anything that remains consistent? Or will everything be different?

Here's one thing we do know. Go back as far as you can and then go forward as far as you can and there is ONE consistent – GOD! He is “from everlasting to everlasting” (Psa. 90:2). He is “the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb. 13:8). Aren't you glad! – DS

Be a man!

Our society, through its media and entertainment industries, has done a masterful job of rebranding the male species today as a bunch of lazy, incompetent, selfish, stupid (and even unnecessary) losers. Turn on the latest TV show. Go to the movies. Look around you. You will see (and know) this for yourself. And, to a great extent, there are men who have fed this stereotype and bought into it themselves, doing our world more harm than good.

What can we do? What should we do? Or, does it really matter? The place to start is to go back to the Bible! It is entirely unpopular today to quote Scripture, but God's Word still says, “I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God” (1 Cor. 11:3).

What do men need to do? First of all, guys, “Act like men!” (1 Cor. 16:13). That's what God says! Second of all, look to Jesus as the greatest man who ever lived and model your life after His—“Imitate Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1)! Third, “live honorably in all things” (Heb. 13:18)! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Helen Bashaw	suffering with back problems
Pearl El	suffering with congestive heart failure
Tasha Ellis	recovering at home from eye surgery
Annie Faison	suffering with swelling in her left eye
Margie Fortenberry	recovering at home
Judie Jenkins	recovering from foot surgery
Angie McNicol	recovering from foot surgery
Leigh Puckett	foot surgery postponed
Angie Seames	recovering from foot surgery
Cathy Seay	recovering at home from surgery on carotid artery
Norm Smedley	having breathing problems, at home

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

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Elaine Back	Jenny Jordan's mother, fell & injured her arm
Ed Campbell	Tasha Ellis' stepfather, preleukemia, very serious condition
Craig Clark	Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
James Cunningham	Jackie Price's father, recovering from stroke, nursing home
Dawn Fish	Kay Fish's daughter, under Hospice Care
Carl Howeller	Jenny Jordan's uncle, diagnosed with cancer
Ulysses Jones	Sallie Moses' son, diagnosed with liver cancer
Perry King	Betty King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, surg. complications
Mario Moss	Marcia Clough-Moss' husband, undergoing medical testing
Charles Thomas	Giselle Smith's father, recovering from heart attack
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-Wednesday, June 15-18

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 16

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

Tuesday, June 17

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

Wednesday, June 25

- ◆ **Kick Start Your Summer Series: "Count Your Blessings."** James Mayo will be speaking on "You Have God's People."

Sunday, June 29

- ◆ **Church Family Devo** after evening worship. Josh Blackmer will be speaking live from Paraguay. All families are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, July 2

- ◆ **Kick Start Your Summer Series: "Count Your Blessings."** Kevin Patterson will be speaking on "You Have God's Providence."

Sunday, July 6

- ◆ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday-Sunday, July 9-13

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Please see David Sproule if you can providing housing for guys or girls.

Sunday, July 13

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons** presented by the young men and women. There will be a separate class for the ladies.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday-Saturday, July 20-26

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Apply online at www.cf biblecamp.org. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for details.

Sunday, August 3

- ◆ **Renova Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

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. at the home of Jennifer Goodale.

Saturday, July 12

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

Sunday-Saturday, July 20-26

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for details.

Saturday, August 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Area-Wide Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the Stuart congregation.



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Youth

Sunday, June 22

- ◆ **Jr. High Devo** after evening worship.

Saturday, June 28

- ◆ **Sr. High Visitation Day** from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Meet at the church building and bring money for lunch. See Dan or Loni Fuller for details.

Sunday, June 29

- ◆ **Church Family Devo** after evening worship. Josh Blackmer will be speaking live from Paraguay. All families are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday-Sunday, July 9-13

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** See Dan Jenkins or David Sproule for details.

Friday, July 11

- ◆ **Jr. High Split Retreat (Girls & Guys).** See David or Traci Sproule for details.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM NADAB AND ABIHU

An open letter to the congregation of Israel from your humble servants and priests, Nadab and Abihu.

Brethren:

It is with the utmost humility that we inform you of a change of worship practices. Be assured that we bring about this change only after much prayer and study. We have recently concluded an in-depth study of the Law, and have decided to bring about a change in the type of fire used in worship.

We are aware that there is a standing tradition of using only one source of fire, but we, as priests, do not feel obligated to blindly follow tradition. Numerous polls indicate the overwhelming opinion that worshipers do not care where we get the fire. We are in agreement with the majority, as we cannot see how a change in fire will affect anything in the least about our sacrifices.

Besides all this, nowhere in the Law does the Lord forbid the use of what some detractors have referred to as "strange fire." We feel that the lack of such a restriction was meant to give us freedom. Is there any place in the Law that tells us we cannot do something the Lord has not seen fit to condemn? Where are other fires explicitly condemned?

Also, Israel is the only religious group that limits itself to one kind of fire. We have become a laughingstock, and have been ridiculed openly by many groups. We are in great danger of appearing distinctive. This self-righteous, "only-one-fire" policy has alienated us from everyone else. We believe this change will open up many fellowship opportunities.

Now, to set the minds of some of you at ease, we will continue to offer a traditional service using the old-fashioned fire as well as a progressive service with the new fire. This approach will also make it possible to appeal to a younger audience as we discover more entertaining ways to "light the fire" of our assemblies.

For those who still oppose the use of new fire, we ask you not to be judgmental. We also hope you will not use this change as an excuse to divide our people or stir up trouble. We remind you that this has been well thought out and the majority of priests have signed on with us.

We are all very much looking forward to our first new fire service. God will be watching and we anticipate that His joy over seeing His people take a great step toward throwing off the burden of binding tradition will be an electrifying experience. Our new contemporary worship service will no doubt make it easier for us to really be on fire for the Lord!

See you there ... we think this new practice is going to spread like wildfire. Please come and enjoy what we know will be an illuminating experience for all of us.

For freedom's sake!

Your faithful priests,

Nadab & Abihu

This satire was written by David Brassfield to illustrate why the church has no authority to teach or practice anything that is not authorized by God. Read Leviticus 10:1-3 to discover the fate of these change agents.

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



Sunday,
June 8

LOCAL VISITORS: Paul & Nellie Batitsky; Phillip Bryan; Helen Chapman; Mr. Jean Charles; Iesha Cobb; Ava Dexter; Jonathan Finkley; Keith Hatchett; Luther Robinson; John Morgan; Miss Natasha Ortiz; Lana Smith, Sasha & Alexis; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; and Joe Woodfall.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Estes, Alachua, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; John & Annette Gaessler, Rockvale, TN; Mrs. Judy F. Gregory, Elberton, GA; Ashley McDonald & family, Athens, AL; Mr. & Mrs. James Miller, Freeport, Bahamas; Valerie Porter; and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sutter, Henrico, VA.



Food Pantry Restock

Cornerstone Group 4 - Please help restock the Food Pantry by bringing in **Chef Boyardee Meals**. Leave the items at the Welcome Desk or beside the Pantry door.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (June 15th)
Gary & Sue Shelt (Ann.)
Rosemarie Joseph
Austin Metzkes

Wednesday (June 18th)
Dan & Judie Jenkins (Ann.)
Walter Arthur
Charles Fifield

Monday (June 16th)
Ally Alberga

Thursday (June 19th)
Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot (Ann.)
Judy Carmack
Gwen Lyons

Tuesday (June 17th)
Matt Ellis
Helen Gardner
Gladys Jackson
Mary Jackson

Friday (June 20th)
Cam & Hollie Crotts (Ann.)
Dan & Loni Fuller (Ann.)
Evetta Wilson



To the Young Adults and Junior High,

Thank all of you thoughtful people for working on cleaning my house and trimming my trees and shrubbery. It was such a thoughtful thing to take your Saturday to work for me. Thank you so much.

With love to all,
Ruth Milton

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, June 15

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading Orlando Lolo
Presiding at Table Victor Colage
Serve at Table:
Henry Bass Namdidie Ikon
Pete Brown Richard Lerro
Tim Cox Tommy Pauldo
Grant Fuller Ken Worsham
Alternates:
Nate Nelson David Thorpe
Closing Prayer Paul Hensel

Sunday Evening, June 15

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Dirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading Dan Fuller
Presiding at Table Gary Jenkins
Serve at Table:
John Kemp
Jerry Pittman
Vincent Rogers
Closing Prayer Novel Brown

Wednesday Evening, June 18

Lead Singing VBS
Extend Invitation VBS
Family Prayer VBS

Our Record

Attendance	June 8	May Avg.
Sun. Bible study	245	244
Sun. A.M. Worship	375	387
Sun. P.M. Worship	191	179
Wed. Bible study	175	194
Contribution	\$13,362	\$14,896
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +16,308		

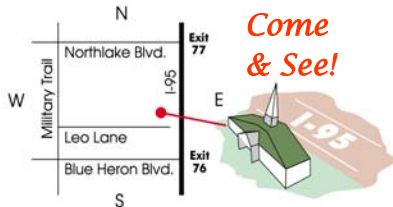
Ushers for the week of **June 15**: Head Usher: TBD, Mike Ellis & Edward Gager



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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: Allison Roman & Trish Clark

Don't Look Too Closely!
Evolution is Unscientific
Dr. Jeff Miller

FREE Seminar

August 29-31

A qualified, credentialed scientist discredits Evolution and the Big Bang Theory.

Friday, August 29

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Evolution vs. the Laws of Science (Part 1)

Do the following laws of science support the atheistic evolutionary model or the creation model:
1st Law of Thermodynamics, 2nd Law of Thermodynamics, Law of Causality?

Saturday, August 30

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Evolution vs. the Laws of Science (Part 2)

Do the following laws of science support the atheistic evolutionary model or the creation model:
Laws of Probability, Law of Biogenesis, Genetic Mutation?

Evolution's Evidence (Part 1)

Do the commonly cited alleged evidences of Darwinian evolution prove it to be true:
Embryonic Recapitulation, Homologous Structures, Genetic Similarities, Horse Evolution, Whale Evolution, Vestigial Organs and Genes, Fossil Evidence I?

Sunday, August 31

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Evolution's Evidence (Part 2)

Do the commonly cited alleged evidences of Darwinian evolution prove it to be true:
Fossil Evidence II, Uniformitarianism, Dating Methods?

Why Be an Atheist?

If the evidence is so decisive, why do so many reject it?