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- David Sproule ..... 301-2230
- Josh Blackmer ..... 319-1418

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- Novel Brown ..... 848-6988
- Chuck Clark ..... 627-4132
- Victor Colage ..... 798-6275
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- Jim Davis ..... 747-2984
- Mike Erickson ..... 310-9916
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- Jeff Goodale ..... 261-1188
- Rick Hall ..... 622-5131
- Paul Hensel ..... 602-3928
- Bob Higbee ..... 303-386-6405
- Gary Jenkins ..... 889-3585
- Dick Kelley ..... 968-1799
- Jeff Leslie ..... 744-3444
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By Dan Jenkins

## Josh and FAMILY or Family?

That day has finally arrived for the Josh Blackmer family to once again be part of Palm Beach Lakes. Josh is no stranger to this congregation, having worked for many years with our youth and for the past five years as our missionary to Paraguay. His entire family has a place in the hearts of the members of this congregation, and we are so excited about their return.

**Josh’s work is not the same youth work he did in the past.** We are so indebted to David, Josh and Casey for what they have done with our youth for so many years, but Josh’s place at Palm Beach Lakes will be far different from what we have formerly done. When Casey left us to return to his home congregation two years ago, our emphasis in developing our young people changed. That work had been too focused around one person who was at the center of all teen activities. We are now far more focused on making sure that every Christian of every age is part of the lives of the entire church, and this certainly includes the teens.

**Josh’s work is not just to work with those families which have teens as part of the family.** You will hear the phrase family and youth connected with Josh and his work, but the use of the word family does not mean his focus will be only on those families who have teens. As you hear the word fami-

ly, recognize that it includes a much larger family. It includes every member of the entire FAMILY of God at PBL.

**Josh’s work will center on the FAMILY of God.** You may have noticed in the past few months how the word family has been printed using all capital letters in various places. This is to indicate that the focus of Josh’s work is with creating an intergenerational relationship in this congregation. We will always have various age groups, but the body is made up of every member. As each of us becomes more involved with the entire membership, that bond which ties us together will be greater and so much stronger. Every member has something to give to every other member. The church is one body and every member needs whatever can be given to them by others. That one body is one large FAMILY!

**Josh’s work will be so exciting and will have a great impact on this congregation.** It will take us a while to see how all of this comes together, but I promise you that you will be so grateful for what is about to happen. Josh’s work is not just with the teens, nor is it just with the families of the teens. His work is with the FAMILY of God and helping us to grow in our love and devotion to each other. Josh is not a “Youth Guy.” He is a “FAMILY guy,” and we are so blessed to welcome his family back to the FAMILY. God help us all to rally behind him and insure that great things happen!

**It may take time to see how all of this comes together, but it will help us eternally**



By David Sproule

## So Thankful to Have the Blackmer Family Back at PBL!

This congregation is truly blessed! I am so thankful that the Blackmer family has returned to Palm Beach Lakes and that Josh will be working with this church again! The excitement that has been building (since this was announced back in February) is now becoming a reality. Josh Blackmer is a great man and we are blessed to have him back!

**I appreciate Josh’s heart!** You will not meet a more genuine man; his love for the Lord and his love for people is evident in all that he does.

**I appreciate Josh’s humility!** In 10 years, I’ve never known the man to exert himself or his wishes above another. His Christ-like spirit of serving and giving of himself is so encouraging.

**I appreciate Josh’s sacrificial spirit!** The personal sacrifices that he made in moving his family to the mission field exemplifies a heart that is willing to do whatever it takes to win souls to Christ. Again, he is never his own focus!

**I appreciate Josh’s work ethic and determination!** He is a man that just does what needs to be done, when it needs to be done, in the way it needs to be done, and he’s not interested in who gets the credit.

**I appreciate Josh’s love for Palm Beach Lakes!** When

Josh left the mission field and came back to the States, he could have (essentially) moved his family anywhere he wanted. And, of all the places he could have gone, he came back to PBL. Here’s a man who has known us and seen our “dirty laundry,” but he still wants to work with us again.

**I appreciate Josh’s Bible knowledge!** He is a man who knows the book. As a preacher, teacher, evangelist and minister, that’s not always a “given” quality. Thankfully, he is well-versed in God’s verses!

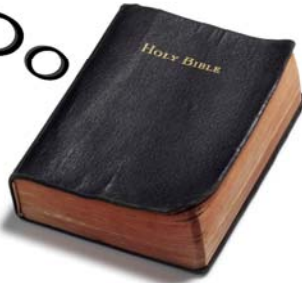
**I appreciate Josh’s Biblical soundness!** It is one thing to have Bible knowledge; it is another thing to use that knowledge as God intended for it to be used, taught and practiced. Thankfully, Josh is not interested in or swayed by manmade doctrines but is only interested in a “thus saith the Lord.”

**I appreciate Josh’s family!** Here’s a family so completely dedicated to the Lord, His church and each other! What would Josh be without Cara, Josiah and Vivian? How blessed we are to have all four of them back with us.

**I appreciate Josh’s understanding of and approach to an effective Family/Youth Program!** The church family is made up of all ages—who need each other and can help each other get to heaven! Josh is here to bring us together in this!

Ok, Josh, no pressure! We’re glad you’re here!

**Here’s a family so completely dedicated to the Lord, His church and each other!**



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### **“If it had not been the Lord who was on our side...”**

Psalm 124 begins with these words, “If it had not been the Lord who was on our side” (Psa. 124:1). How bad would it have been? “If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive...then the waters would have overwhelmed us” (124:2-4). Have you ever felt that way? *If it hadn't been for the Lord, there's no telling how bad that would have been!*

David goes on to conclude: “Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth...Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth” (124:6-8). *Things were looking pretty bad, but God would not allow us to be caught in the trap and overcome!*

If the Lord is on your side, you can rejoice to know that, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Rom. 8:31). *Our help comes from the Lord!* Read Psalm 124 and rejoice to know that the God who protected Israel is the God who protects you! – DS

### **“Is that how I really sound?”**

Have you ever heard a recording of your voice (maybe on a voicemail or a video) and thought, “That’s not how I sound...is it? Is that really how I sound to other people?” In our minds (and in our ears), we “hear ourselves” one way, but hearing a recording might sound more “pitchy” or nasal or strained or “throaty.” It can make you wonder how you actually sound.

Take that and apply it to more than just the “sound” of your voice but to the entirety of your communication habits. When others hear you, do you “come across” like you have an attitude or that you’re arrogant or that you don’t care? Or, do you “come across” like you’re humble, compassionate, interested, sincere and sympathetic? You may think that you “come across” one way, but in actuality, you may be coming across completely different.

Try to listen to your words and your tone through the ears of others. What if someone else spoke to you in the way you speak to others? How would that “come across” to you? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Joyce Barnhouse</b>	undergoing medical testing
<b>Joy Cantrell</b>	recovering from hospitalization
<b>Kaylani Carmona</b>	recovering from outpatient procedure
<b>Sandy DeVall</b>	recovering from outpatient procedure (9/12)
<b>Ellen Gager</b>	recovering from gallbladder surgery
<b>Dave Holaday</b>	Wellington Regional Hosp (room 304B), low blood count
<b>Judie Jenkins</b>	scheduled for surgery in Miami (9/16)
<b>Betty McQuinn</b>	recovering at home from surgery, has diverticulitis
<b>Sue Shelt</b>	recovering from surgery on her hand
<b>Linda Studer</b>	scheduled to begin chemo on Thursday (9/18)
<b>Lawrence Williams</b>	recovering at home from thyroid surgery
<b>Leonard Williams</b>	broken big right toe

### Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	suffering with back pain
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Gene Puckett</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	both kidneys removed

<b>Our Shut-Ins:</b>	Cora Lee Dennis	Margaret Griffo	Shelton Howell	Betty Matter	Leigh Puckett
Millie Ames	Kay Fish	Margie Hardin	Lennie Langley	Deidra Miley	Ricky Smedley
Vera Day	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Jean McMasters	Rosa Nash	Margaret Wade

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Ed Campbell</b>	Tasha Ellis' stepfather, preleukemia, undergoing chemo
<b>Craig Clark</b>	Chuck Clark's brother, terminal
<b>Shirlee Clucas</b>	Chuck & Mary Reeves' sis-in-law, COPD, critical condition
<b>Carl Hoeweler</b>	Jennifer Jordan's uncle, chemo & radiation for cancer
<b>Perry King</b>	Bettye King's father, under Hospice Care, liver cancer
<b>Susan Schenk</b>	Leesa Schenk's sister-in-law, diagnosed with bone cancer
<b>Mason Lerro</b>	Richard & Judy Lerro's great-grandson, chest surgery
<b>Charles Thomas</b>	Giselle Smith's father, health is failing

*Remember*  
**Our Mission Works**

*Paraguay*  
**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, September 14

- ◆ **SEW Meeting** after morning worship in Adult 1. For anyone interested in going. See Jeff Leslie for details.
- ◆ **Baby Shower for Taylor & Natalie Reeves** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Pottery Barn Kids, Buy Buy Baby and Target. *It's a boy!*
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Monday, September 15

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.**

## Tuesday, September 16

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

## Friday, September 19

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Adrienne Gadson. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

## Sunday, September 21

- ◆ **Joey Treat Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Sunday, October 5

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

## Friday-Sunday, October 10-12

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at CFBC.** This year's theme is "Promises." Cost is \$65 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board, fill out a registration form (on the Welcome Desk in the Lobby) and return it to Jeff Leslie.

## Sunday, October 12

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

## Sunday, October 19

- ◆ **Congregational Singing Class** at 5:00 p.m. (Led by Gary Friedly) in the Auditorium.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Young Adults

## Monday, September 15

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Nelson. Bring sides, drinks and desserts.

## Sunday, September 21

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

## Friday-Sunday, September 26-28

- ◆ **Live Saved at CFBC.** Sign up on the bulletin board. Register and pay (\$45) at [cfbiblecamp.org](http://cfbiblecamp.org). If you can provide transportation for some of our teens, please note next to your name on the sign-up sheet how many you can take with you. Please sign up by Sun., Sept. 14.

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## Sunday, October 19

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



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Youth

## Sunday, September 14

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

## Saturday, September 20

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Game Night** at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Bring your favorite games and snacks to share.

## Friday-Sunday, September 26-28

- ◆ **Live Saved at CFBC** for those 13 years old and up. Sign up on the bulletin board. DEADLINE to sign up is Sunday, Sept. 14. Register and pay (\$45) at [cfbiblecamp.org](http://cfbiblecamp.org).

## Sunday, October 12

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

## Saturday, October 18

- ◆ **Young Families' Costume Party** at 5:00 p.m.

# Examples of Conversion in the New Testament

Jesus Required in Great Commission	Believe	Repent	Confess	Baptized	Result
<b>Matthew</b> 28:19-20			How else would	Baptizing (19)	Make disciples (19)
<b>Mark</b> 16:15-16	Believes (16)		they know of	Baptized (16)	Saved (16)
<b>Luke</b> 24:46-47		Repentance (47)	one's faith?		Remission of sins (47)

Those Who Were Taught	Believed Heb. 11:6	Repented Luke 13:3	Confessed Rom. 10:10	Baptized Gal. 3:27	Saved 2 Tim. 2:10
<b>Jews</b> Acts 2:1-47	Cut to heart (37)	Repent (38)		Baptized (38, 41)	Remission (38) Added (47)
<b>Samaritans</b> Acts 8:5-12	Believed (12)			Baptized (12)	
<b>Simon</b> Acts 8:13	Believed (13)			Baptized (13)	
<b>Eunuch</b> Acts 8:26-40	Believed (36-37)		Confessed (37)	Baptized (36-38)	Rejoiced (39)
<b>Saul</b> Acts 9:1-18				Baptized (9:18; 22:16)	Sins washed away (22:16)
<b>Cornelius</b> Acts 10:25-58	Believed (43)	Repentance (11:18)		Baptized (47-48)	Remission of sins (43)
<b>Lydia</b> Acts 16:11-15				Baptized (15)	
<b>The Jailer</b> Acts 16:25-34	Believed (31, 34)	Washed their stripes (33)		Baptized (33)	Saved (30) Rejoiced (34)
<b>Corinthians</b> Acts 18:4-11	Believed (8)			Baptized (8)	
<b>Ephesians</b> Acts 19:1-7	Believed (2, 4)			Baptized (5)	

#### Those who were converted in the New Testament did:

1. Exactly what they were told to do.
2. Immediately what they were told to do.
3. Uniformly (in every case) what they were told to do.
4. Graciously receive the same blessing of salvation.

***N.T. conversions matched Jesus' Great Commission?  
Does yours?***

Today, there is little controversy over the essentiality of faith or repentance for salvation. And, we have no doubt that every conversion in the New Testament included faith and repentance, although they are not specified in each case.

**But, notice what God did specify in each of these cases of conversion: Baptism!** How can this possibly be a point of controversy today? God specified it and He requires it!

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



Sunday,  
September 7

My Dear Family at PBL,

Thank you so much for the many cards, prayers and visits during this difficult time. I am overwhelmed by your love and support for me and my family. Thank you so much for the beautiful gift baskets. They were a complete surprise. Thank you for the wonderful food. We enjoyed every bite. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. I have a long road of treatment ahead. God is so good, and I love you all.

Sincerely,  
Linda Studer  
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Thank you to all my brothers and sisters in Christ who have been praying for my family in this difficult time following the death of my nephew's 4-year-old son.

Leesa Schenk

**LOCAL VISITORS:** David Baudin, Joshah & Yurose; Mrs. Bonnie Beatty; Jeff & Charlotte Blalock; Ms. Dorcas Francois; Mrs. Carol Hardman; Ken & Connie Tipton; Serge Tishin; and Kimberly Traxler.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Ashley Brooks, Phoenix, AZ; Tony Campbell; Ms. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Ron Eubanks, Rochester Hills, MI; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Philip Minor & Vanessa, Ponta Gorda, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Shannon, Star, ID; Ben, Tresa, Cameron, & Allee Shirrell, Stuart, FL; and Darlene Smith, GA.



### Directory Changes

**David & Daisy Lord** placed membership last Sunday.  
**Stephanie Hensel** placed membership at Jupiter/Tequesta.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (September 14<sup>th</sup>)  
Josh Blackmer

Monday (Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>)  
Ruth Milton

Tuesday (Sept.. 16<sup>th</sup>)  
Justilien & Adelene Honore (Ann.)  
Peggy Hall

Wednesday (Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Mike Ellis  
Robert Lupo  
Lisa Metzkes

Thursday (September 18<sup>th</sup>)  
Marcia Kelley

Friday (September 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Justilien Honore  
Sherrick Thomas

### 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, September 14

Lead Singing ..... Dave McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Novel Brown  
Scripture Reading..... Dirk Summerlot  
Presiding at Table ..... Johnny Davis  
Serve at Table:  
Jordan Beasley      Brent Leslie  
Doug Carrick        Paul Metzkes  
Matt Ellis            Gene Puckett  
Gary Jenkins        L.H. Richardson  
Alternates:  
David Brown        Kenneth Long  
Closing Prayer ..... Bill Ingram, Sr.

#### Sunday Evening, September 14

Lead Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Gary Seames  
Scripture Reading..... Ted Friesner  
Presiding at Table.....Glen Dawson  
Serve at Table:  
John Kemp  
Clayton Trujillo  
Leonard Williams  
Closing Prayer .....Gary Friedly

#### Wednesday Evening, September 17

Lead Singing .....Bobbo Lupo  
Extend Invitation..... Jeff Leslie  
Family Prayer ..... Tim Fry

### Our Record

Attendance	Sept. 7	Aug. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	180	224
Sun. A.M. Worship	329	347
Sun. P.M. Worship	178	185
Wed. Bible study	201	204
Contribution	\$11,443	\$14,787
2014 Weekly Budget: \$13,670		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +17,804		

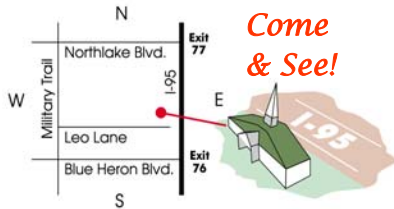
Ushers for the week of **Sept. 14:** Head Usher: Kane Campbell, Cornelius Brown & G. Ericksen



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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: **Lennie Langley with Dan Jenkins, June Pack, Cindy Nelson & Gorman Ericksen** (and Gorman's dog, Gus)

