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# **Palm Beach Lakes FAMILY GROUPS**

**Sunday, February 15**

**AMERICA'S  
Only Hope**

**A Series of  
Gospel Lessons  
with Phil Sanders**

**March 1-4**



By Dan Jenkins

## Starving to Death in the Pews

The following is not a story thought up by an imaginative preacher simply to illustrate a point. It really happened.

She often sat in the auditorium, and as the preacher delivered his message, her young children noticed that she often wept. When one of them asked her why she was crying she said, "I come here every week, and I am starving for food, but I am getting nothing to eat. I am dying of thirst, but I am getting nothing to drink." When they changed churches it all changed. She no longer wept in worship. She found that spiritual food for her soul was there, and her spiritual thirst was quenched by the waters which flowed from the pulpit.

I wonder how many Bible class teachers or preachers are like that one the woman first heard. I wonder how many individuals leave worship without having sat at the feet of one who, figuratively, first sat at Jesus' feet. What kind of food do we give to those who come hungering and thirsting for God? I am not talking about lessons which are designed to create a *feeling* of spirituality, but one which uses God's messages to heal the souls with the balm from heaven. Those who have little understanding of the place of preaching suppose that, when their "itching ears" are tickled and their hearts are stirred by "cunningly devised stories" delivered by a

gifted orator (2 Tim. 4:3), they have grown spiritually. However, God designed the pulpit as a place where there would be edification, exhortation, comfort, reproof, rebuke and convincing, with a longsuffering heart and teaching (doctrine) (1 Cor. 14:3; 2 Tim. 4:2). Some who sat beside the woman who wept at what she was hearing may have felt they were getting what they needed. But, what they *supposed* were their needs was not what God *knew* were their needs.

**There is an audience which must be satisfied each week when you teach or preach**

So to my fellow teachers and preachers, let me urge that you examine your preaching. Great preaching does not come from great, emotionally driven stories. It does not come from discussion of sports, politics or your personal family experiences. They may be satisfying and entertaining to your audience, but God designed the pulpit to feed those who are hungry and to give them water to drink from the "living water" who lived on this earth. It takes far more time to prepare lessons which feed others than it does to use the internet to copy and then "parrot" lessons with moving illustrations, but this latter practice does not feed souls or build faith.

There is an audience which must be satisfied each week when you teach or preach. It is so easy to forget this truth. The audience which must be pleased at the end of your lesson is not the one which sits *before* you. The audience which matters is the one which is *above* you!



By David Sproule

## God Made You!

Sometimes, when something is so obvious and so basic, we often will not give much attention to it and lose sight of its place in our lives. However, it is often those things that are the most obvious and the most basic that we need to be reminded of on a regular basis, in order to help us stay

focused on what is truly important.

On the wall in the children's Bible classroom was a small laminated poster with the image of two little hands and the words in bold print across the top: "GOD MADE YOU!" Boys and girls need to be reminded of this great truth over and over, but they're not the only ones. Grown-up boys and girls (i.e., men and women) need to be reminded of this great truth over and over! GOD MADE YOU!

**God made you, which means that He loves you!**

Psalm 100 beautifully reminds us, "It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves" (v. 3). As such, you are a special object of His love and affection. Read 1 John 4—"Love is of God...God is love...He loved us...God so loved us...His love has been perfected in us...we have known and believed the love that God has for us...He first loved us" (4:7-19). God loves you!

**God made you, which means that He wants the best for you!** Earthly fathers want what is best for their children,

but that pales in comparison to God's care for us. "If you then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!" (Matt. 7:11). God wants the best for you!

**God made you, which means that He has plans for you!** Jesus affirmed, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Lord wants you to have an abundant life in His Son on this earth and then to enjoy eternal life in the home He has prepared for you in heaven (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:1-8). God has special plans for you!

**God made you, which means that you have a wonderful purpose!** You have the greatest purpose that could ever be assigned—to bring glory to God! Almost three millennia ago, God spoke of His people, "Whom I have created for My glory" (Isa. 43:7). Therefore, Christians are instructed, "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). Think about the all-inclusive scope of that statement—"whatever you do." There is nothing in your life that is not encompassed in that! God has a purpose for you!

**God made you!** What an awesome thought! It's not just something that little kids need to learn. It's a blessed truth that must be ever before our hearts—we have been made by God and in the image of God! May our lives glorify Him!

**Grown-up boys and girls need to be reminded of this great truth over and over!**



By Josh Blackmer

## “In the temple and from house to house.”

We don't have a temple today—we are the temple (2 Cor. 6:16). From the book of Acts, we know it was a practice of the early church to meet at the temple or somewhere on the temple mount and publicly proclaim the message of Christ. Another meeting place for the early church was the home.

Look at these passages from the book of Acts. “Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart” (Acts 2:46). “And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ” (Acts 5:42). “How I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house” (Acts 20:20). In his letters, Paul mentions several families that had the church meeting in their home (Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Phile. 1:2). There are some great benefits for us meeting in our homes once a month. Meeting in the home during the week...

**Provides opportunities for spiritual growth.** The more contact I have with God's word the more He can influence me and use me for His work. It is also great for children

to feel that they can help and be a part of what is happening and seeing their parents live their faith.

**Makes it easier to invite friends and coworkers.** It is easier to say, “Come over to my house” than, “Come to church with me.” Many people are apprehensive about visiting a church building, but going over to a friend's house is less intimidating.

**Is great for “one-anothering.”** There are so many responsibilities that we have to one another and these types of events provide opportunities for that to happen.

**Can foster closer relationships and community.** Seeing each other more frequently and outside of the normal worship times will help us to grow closer to one another. With more familiarity, hopefully, we will feel comfortable enough to open up and ask for help.

**Provides opportunities to develop leaders.** People will have to step up and lead, and this is a great environment to learn how to lead.

As we look at the possibilities, this has the potential to help us grow as individuals and as a congregation. There is also a possibility for greater impact in our communities and Palm Beach County. Send me one soul today!

**There are some great benefits for us meeting in our homes once a month.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Find the good, make the good!

It sure can be easy to let the circumstances of life and the things happening around us to get us down and dejected. What else is going to go wrong in this country? What else is going to happen to the cost of living? What else is going to trouble my family and my friends?

Rather than focusing on "all the bad things" that keep happening, let's target our attention and our efforts in a positive direction. Isn't that what Jesus did, what the apostles did, what the early church did? For example, every day, spend time trying to identify "good things" that happen. At lunchtime, "What good has happened this morning?" At dinner, "What good happened this afternoon?" If we will re-focus what we're looking for during the day, it will help our outlook.

Then, don't just "look for the good," go out and "make good things happen"! Don't wait for others to be nice to you, be nice to them first. Don't wait for others to smile, extend a hand or express gratitude, you do it first. It will change your attitude! It will change you! -- DS



### Are you ready to die?

It is such an unpleasant topic—death. Who wants to talk about it? Who wants to think about it? But, the reality is that the one thing that every person on earth has in common is that one day they will die. For those who do not believe in absolutes, guess what? Death is an absolute! It is absolutely going to happen! Every one of us is going to die!

So, the question is—are you ready to die? Have you taken care of all that you need to take care of before you die? Have you made all the necessary preparations for what will happen to you after you die? As certain as death is, we can also be certain that there is life after death! Are you ready for that? Do you know, with absolute certainty, where you will go when you die?

No, this is not a pleasant topic, but it is one that must be considered, and considered very seriously! Life on this earth is temporary! We are here for only a short time. Our short time here is to be used to prepare for our eternal time on the other side. Are you ready? – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

**Sandy Colage**      undergoing chemo and radiation for cancer  
**Margaret Griffo**      under on-going Hospice Care  
**Sallie Moses**      recovering at home from surgery, improving

### Long-Term Health Issues

**Lillian Bankston**      dialysis treatments  
**Janet Hickerson**      suffering with back pain  
**Ruth Milton**      chronic health problems  
**Silas Moses**      dialysis treatments  
**Charles Norton**      dialysis treatments  
**Gene Puckett**      dialysis treatments  
**Norm Smedley**      breathing problems  
**Patricia Ventress**      dialysis treatments

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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

**Russell Beliech**      Stephen Beliech's brother, upcoming neck surgery (2/16)  
**David Dawson**      Glen Dawson's brother, recovering from heart bypass surg  
**Brenda Lendsey**      Debora Lynch's sister, chemo for lymphoma  
**John Lewis**      Jaqua' Lewis' father, eye surgery  
**Peggy McKeal**      Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again  
**Amy Wombough**      Micky Affron's daughter, recovering from asthma attack

*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, February 15

- ◆ **PBL "Family Groups" Sunday.** Be here Sunday morning to learn about these new groups for every PBL family.

## Monday, February 16

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

## Tuesday, February 17

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

## Friday, February 20

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

## Friday-Sunday, February 20-22

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Sebastian.** Melvin Otey of Montgomery, Alabama will be speaking on "Edifying the Church." See the bulletin board for more details.

## Saturday, February 21

- ◆ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL Members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. RSVP to David Sproule by February 13.
- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street in Pompano** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. This year's theme is "You Are Not Alone." See the bulletin board for details.
- ◆ **Fish Fry & Singing hosted by Okeechobee** at noon. See the bulletin board for details.

## Sunday-Wednesday, February 22-25

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Okeechobee.** Jim Day will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

## Wednesday, February 25

- ◆ **Prayer Meeting** to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. 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.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Young Adults

## Friday, February 27

- ◆ **Young Adult Movie Night & Food Truck Invasion** at 6:00 p.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park. The movie (*How to Train Your Dragon 2*) will begin at 7:30 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

## Saturday, March 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Cynthia Parker.

## Monday, March 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer.

## Sunday, March 15

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

## Saturday, March 21

- ◆ **Young Adult Cookout for Kids** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at TY Park in Miami. See Ivan Villard or Rachel Fuller for details.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Youth

## Sunday, February 15

- ◆ **Important Meeting for YES Weekend** after morning worship in the Sr. High Room for teens going on the trip and their parents. See Josh Blackmer for details.

## Friday-Sunday, February 20-22

- ◆ **YES Weekend for Grades 8-12** at the Forrest Park congregation in Valdosta, GA. Cost is \$50. See Josh Blackmer for details.

## Saturday, February 21

- ◆ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth need to be at the building by 3:30 p.m. See David or Traci Sproule for more details.

## Sunday, February 22

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

## Sunday, March 8

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

# March 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> ☆ <b>Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit</b> b Willie Smith	<b>2</b> b Jean Duperat b Andy Griffiths b Angela Walker	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> b Glen Dawson	<b>5</b> b John Hoelzer	<b>6</b> b Susie Cox b Linda Studer	<b>7</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Devo</b> b Justin Maloney
<b>Gospel Meeting at PBL with Phil Sanders (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>)</b>						
<b>8</b> ☆ <b>PBL Family Photos</b> ☆ <b>Single Ladies' Luncheon</b> ☆ <b>Youth &amp; Family Singing</b> b Henry Bass	<b>9</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night</b> b Jean McMasters b Bonnie Quigley	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> a Godfrey & Norma Pratt	<b>12</b> a Jim & Robin Davis b Karl Duperat	<b>13</b> a Bob & Jennifer Higbee b Leesa Schenk	<b>14</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High Bike Riding</b> b Mike Erickson b Carla Owens
<b>15</b> ☆ <b>EDP Meeting</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Meeting</b> a Henry & Josephine Bass	<b>16</b> b Tim Cox b Lynne Jorgensen b Cassie Lavender b Sue Shelt	<b>17</b> a Paul & Nellie Batitsky	<b>18</b> b Jackie Price	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> ☆ <b>PBL Ladies' Prayer Night</b> b Silas Moses	<b>21</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Cookout for Kids in Miami</b>
<b>22</b> ☆ <b>Jr. High Family Devo</b> ☆ <b>Sr. High Devo</b> b Joe Quigley	<b>23</b> a Major & Allison Roman b Betty Sanders	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> a Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham b Matthew King b Carmen Ruckman	<b>27</b> ☆ <b>Young Adult Movie Night &amp; Food Truck Invasion</b> b Danielle Carter b Jerry Hopkins b Jerry Pittman	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> ☆ <b>5th Sunday Singing in the Lobby</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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



Sunday,  
February 8

What a blessing to have such a wonderful and caring church family. Thank you for all the kind words, hugs, the beautiful flowers and all the heartfelt prayers said on our behalf for my brother, **Jim**. Thank you for helping to heal my broken heart. We feel so loved.

Kane & Fran Campbell

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Jean Charles; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Lauren Grimaldi; Pierre Irby; Ron Jenkins; Scott Lewis; Ms. Dorothy R. Macon; Ms. Christine Passavanti; Yolando & Christopher Stewart; and Miss Kimberly Traxler and Andres Lopez..

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Vicki Armstrong, Tampa, FL; Wayne Boone, Davenport, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Daniels, Lodi, CA; Joe Dolan, New York, NY; Henry Dowdey, Maryville, TN; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Ms. Monique Leblanc, Canada; Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Lee, Hopkinsville, KY; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Don & Judy Mahaney, Vienna, WV; Stan & Gina Meek, Norman, OK; Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; Sandy Mullally, South Lyon, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Palmer, Searcy, AR; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Cynthia & Dennis Saulsberry, Plymouth, MI; Rob & Nancy Stevenson, Maryville, TN; Ann Stone, Gallatin, TN; DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Averill Thomas, Shelby Township, MI; Eugene Wallace, Winston Salem, NC; and Mr. & Mrs. Guy Wood, Prattville, AL.



Monday (February 16<sup>th</sup>)  
Pat Parnell  
Laura Schuemann

Saturday (February 21<sup>st</sup>)  
Lillian Bankston

Tuesday (February 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Julie Williams

### 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, February 15

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Gary Jenkins  
Scripture Reading..... Chuck Clark  
Presiding at Table ..... Justin Maloney  
Serve at Table:  
Doug Carrick          Vincent Rogers  
Andy Griffiths        David Thorpe  
Kenneth Long         Clayton Trujillo  
Dan McLeod           Lawrence Williams  
Alternates:  
Ted Friesner          Darin Summerlot  
Closing Prayer ..... Victor Colage

#### Sunday Evening, February 15

Lead Singing ..... Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Jeff Leslie  
Scripture Reading..... Harrison Carter  
Presiding at Table..... Gary Seames  
Serve at Table  
Paul Batitsky  
Lance Collier  
Warren Porter  
Prayer..... Kane Campbell

#### Wednesday Evening, February 18

Lead Singing ..... Harrison Carter  
Invitation..... Tim Cox  
Family Prayer ..... Taylor Reeves

### Our Record

Attendance	Feb. 8	Jan. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	215	256
Sun. A.M. Worship	410	400
Sun. P.M. Worship	187	193
Wed. Bible study	223	205
Contribution	\$15,716	\$14,430
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +101		

Ushers for the week of **Feb. 15**: Head Usher: Glen Dawson; Jordan Beasley & Mike Erickson

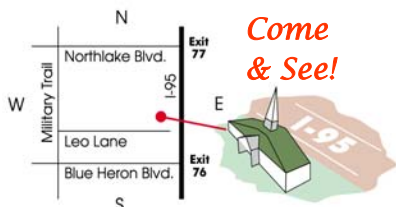




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speaks,  
silent where the Bible is silent.*



*Come  
& See!*

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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.

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# Proverbs

## 19:21

**MANY ARE THE PLANS IN A MAN'S  
HEART, BUT IT IS THE LORD'S  
PURPOSE THAT PREVAILS.**