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# Welcome New Members



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**AMERICA'S**  
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A Series of  
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By Dan Jenkins

## Hope Is Our Anchor

Our theme for this year is *With GOD We Can*, and the emphasis for this month is that with Him we can anchor our hope in Christ. Our world is so complex and is so rapidly changing. Televisions, phones, computers and other electronic devices become outdated so rapidly. We seemingly move from house to house and job to job far more frequently than before. Relationships and our roles in our family are so different as we rush through life. Is there nothing stable on which we can build our lives?

The answer is found in the closing verses of Hebrews chapter six. "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast and which enters the Presence behind the veil." God has given us hope and that hope is the anchor of our souls.

**Hope is based on His immutable promise.** The Bible clearly shows that we are saved by hope (Rom. 8:24) and this hope is the anchor of our souls. The writer of Hebrews ties hope to the promises of God. God's promises to Abraham enabled the patriarch to see what others could not see. God spoke the promise to Abraham and His word was enough. Yet God wanted Abraham to know how much he could trust Him. So God confirmed this with an oath (Heb. 6:13-16). The writer then says *this* same hope, our hope, is our anchor.

Everything is changing. Is there nothing on which we can build our lives?

**Hope is based on the promises which are secure.** Hebrews say that the hope we have is *sure* and steadfast (Heb. 6:19). What could be more sure? The omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, eternal and Almighty One have given us His promise and He cannot lie (Tit. 1:2). Life is filled with uncertainty but the hope we have is far beyond all certainty. It is the basis of all of life's decision. It is truly the anchor of the soul!

**Hope is based on the promises which are steadfast.** His promise and our hope are both sure and *steadfast* (Heb. 6:19). There is no variance in the trustworthiness of our anchor. The life's philosophy of some is forced to change throughout their lives from day to day, but the faith we have is constant and unchanging. As our faith grows stronger, the anchor becomes more secure. It is always there. It is always secure. It is the anchor for our soul.

**Hope is based of the life of Jesus and reaches from earth to heaven.** Look again at Hebrews six. Jesus our forerunner has carried the anchor and has taken it into the very presence of God. No wonder it is an anchor sure and steadfast. The anchor line extends from our hearts, from our trials, and reaches into heaven. Hold on to that anchor. It will never move for it is anchored in eternity. God, hasten the day when we arrive at the place where we have anchored our lives! God, we thank You for the anchor You have given to us!



By David Sproule

## Singing Without the Instrument Is Unacceptable!

There is much discussion about whether it is acceptable (according to Scripture) to have an instrument in the worship of the church. There is much that has been said on both sides of the issue, but it comes down to one and only one question—*What does the Bible say?* That's all that matters!

This will surprise some of you initially to read, but I want you to read it all the way through (and not misquote me). I believe with all of my heart that any worship (including and especially singing) that is done without the instrument is vain, unscriptural and sinful. Let that settle in for a minute. In fact, let's state it this way: God will not accept any worship that is offered without the instrument.

You may think that is different or even contradictory to statements that have been previously spoken or written, but I assure you that it is not. It is just stating this matter from a little different perspective. The key is to define and understand what instrument is under discussion.

Let us first underscore that there is no New Testament authority for the use of a **mechanical instrument** in worship. God specified the music that He wanted (and authorized) in worship, and that music is singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). By specifying singing, God automatically excluded all other types

of music, including the use of a mechanical instrument.

However, there is an instrument that God requires in our worship. The "melody" must come from somewhere! And, once again, God specified the instrument that He authorizes to make that melody. Read Ephesians 5:19, "...speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and **making melody with your heart** to the Lord." There is one instrument that God authorizes to accompany our singing, and it is an instrument that every worshiper must "pluck" as he is singing—**the heart instrument!**

Consider these statements again. Any worship (including and especially singing) that is done without the instrument (i.e., the heart instrument) is vain, unscriptural and sinful. God will not accept any worship that is offered without the instrument (of the heart). Jesus taught that true worship is done "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). One's heart (i.e., spirit) is required! Jesus condemned vain worship, which comes from the mouth and lips while the "heart is far from" honoring the Lord (Matt. 15:8-9). Our singing must be done "with the spirit" and "with the understanding" (1 Cor. 14:15). The heart is required!

Did the title and early paragraphs of this article get your attention? True worship demands our attention and our heart! Worshiping **with** a mechanical instrument is as unacceptable to God as worshiping **without** the heart instrument!

Worship that is done without the instrument is vain, unscriptural and sinful.



By Josh Blackmer

## The Lamborghini Gospel

I recently saw a guy driving a Lamborghini Huracan (Italian for hurricane) over the railroad tracks. That is a \$240,000 car with a ground clearance of a little over 5 inches (135mm). I was holding my breath. This particular crossing is not smooth and is at an angle. That means those 5 inches of clearance get cut down very quickly. How does a guy get to the point that he drives a car so valuable like a common Camry?

You are probably thinking about some reasons right now. (Or you are thinking about how common the Camry really is.) The most obvious may be that he uses it all the time and forgets its value. With familiarity, what was once exotic and rare can become common place. We may be guilty of the same thing with our own possessions. My question for you is, "Have we done that with the Bible and, more specifically, the gospel?"

We just finished up with a gospel meeting. Whether you attended them all or just one, you heard a familiar story. If you are a member at Palm Beach Lakes or any congregation of the Lord's body, you would know the gospel message that was preached. As I sat there listening, I wondered, "How do I keep a message, which is so important, valuable and unique, vibrant

in my heart and soul? How do I listen to the message as though it were the first time? How do I maintain the conviction and fervor that was there when I came up out of the water?"

Here are some ideas. First, remember that the gospel is still at work in your life. 1 John 1:7 reads, "But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." This is a continual cleansing. The blood of Christ is still at work in my life today. As long as I walk in His ways and keep His precepts, the cleansing power of the gospel goes with me.

Second, you need to see that conviction and the light of understanding shine on the face of another. In teaching others about that gospel, we get to see the changes they make in their lives as a result—there are few greater joys in life. We are but servants, you and I. The glory is not for us but for our Father. What we take away from those moments is the knowledge that God has used us for His good pleasure and that we have made an eternal difference in a person's life (1 Cor. 3:4-8).

The next time you hear it, think about how important it is. May we never let the gospel be told or heard as though it were just a story among other stories or just a car among cars. It is the story, it is our hope, it is our salvation.

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## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### The lost sheep of God's people

Upon selecting the twelve men who would be His closest companions, His most devoted students and the foundational stones for His church, Jesus sent His apostles out to preach, but only to a select group of people. They were not to go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, but only "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 10:1-6). "House of Israel" was a favorite expression of the prophets (especially Ezekiel) to speak of God's people, the Jews.

Wait a minute! If "the house of Israel" was God's people, then why did Jesus call them "lost"? Even though the Jews had enjoyed favor and "a-special-treasure-above-all-the-peoples" relationship with God, many of them had wandered away from their God (like wandering sheep). The apostles' first assignment was to go to God's lost people and get them to repent and return.

In our efforts today to save souls, let us be ever mindful of "the lost sheep of the house of God." May we reach out to brothers and sisters who have strayed and urge them to repent and return. – DS



### Blessed beyond measure

With nearly every earthly blessing, there is the ability to measure it. If you get a raise or a bonus at work, the amount can be measured. If the local produce market "throws in" a few extra pounds of fruit, the weight can be measured. If a neighbor brings over a chocolate cake, even the calories can be measured. Every earthly blessing has the ability to be measured.

Amazingly, spiritual blessings don't work that way (at least most of them do not). They cannot be measured. When God promised that He'd "open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10), that is a blessing beyond measure. When God promised that He'd give to you "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over..." (Luke 6:38), that is a blessing beyond measure.

Life's greatest blessings cannot be measured, because life's greatest blessings are spiritual in nature and come from the infinite (i.e., immeasurable) God! How blessed are you? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Sandy Colage</b>	undergoing radiation treatments for cancer
<b>Vera Day</b>	now under Hospice Care on 45th Street (room 119)
<b>Tasha Ellis</b>	recovering at home from eye surgery
<b>Margaret Griffo</b>	under on-going Hospice Care
<b>Richard Haines</b>	upcoming knee replacement surgery (3/17)
<b>Margie Hardin</b>	chest pains & high blood pressure
<b>Dave Holaday</b>	recovering at home from hip injection
<b>Jean McMasters</b>	recovering at home from fall, fractured vertebrae
<b>Sallie Moses</b>	continues to improve
<b>Cathy Seay</b>	now at home, high blood pressure

### 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>	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
					Margaret Wade

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Russell Beliech</b>	Stephen Beliech's brother, recovering from neck surgery
<b>David Dawson</b>	Glen Dawson's brother, recovering from heart bypass surg
<b>Lyle Fjelsted</b>	Micky Affron's uncle, diagnosed with bone cancer
<b>Joung Hutson</b>	Daniel Swayne's sister-in-law, stage 4 stomach cancer
<b>Freddie King</b>	Matthew, Nadia & Kahla's father, undergoing chemo
<b>Brenda Lendsey</b>	Debora Lynch's sister, chemo for lymphoma
<b>Peggy McKeal</b>	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
<b>Anne Merrill</b>	Betsy Donahue's mother, undergoing medical testing
<b>Mary Sanders</b>	Betty Sanders' daughter, recovering from surgery
<b>Roger Sanders</b>	Betty Sanders' brother, home from the hospital
<b>A'Gatha Spradlin</b>	Troy Spradlin's mother, declining after last year's stroke

**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, March 8

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time begins.** Set your clocks forward one hour.
- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** Please have your photo taken *after morning services or before evening services* by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Adult Mission Trip to Paraguay Meeting** after morning worship in Adult 1 for those interested in going. See Josh Blackmer for details.
- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at the home of Joan Holloway. Bring a dish to share and wear green. See Joan Holloway for details.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Monday, March 9

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

## Tuesday, March 10

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

## Tuesday, March 10 (cont.)

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins. Bring drinks or chips.

## Sunday-Wednesday, March 8-11

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Clewiston** each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). David Caskey will be preaching. See the bulletin board for more details.

## Sunday, March 15

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Monday, March 16

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

## Tuesday, March 17

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Bring drinks or chips.

## Friday, March 20

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Young Adults

## Monday, March 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. Bring a topping for the baked potatoes. See Cara for more details.

## 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.

## Friday, March 27

- ◆ **Young Adult Movie Night & Food Truck Invasion** at 6:30 p.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park. The movie (Guardians of the Galaxy) will begin at 8:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

## Saturday, April 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Youth

## Sunday, March 8

- ◆ **Makin' Music Trip Meeting** for teens and parents who are going after morning worship in the Sr. High Room. See Skye Brown for details.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Saturday, March 14

- ◆ **Jr. High Bike Riding.** Meet at Bradley Park in Palm Beach (Sunset Ave. across from Publix) at 10:00 a.m. and bring lunch.

## Sunday, March 22

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

## Saturday, March 28

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Fun & Games** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the building. Come and enjoy carnival games together. Food and prizes included.



# **Palm Beach Lakes FAMILY GROUPS**

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## **FAMILY GROUP MEETINGS** for March & April

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 10 — FAMILY GROUP 1**

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins. Bring drinks or chips.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 17 — FAMILY GROUP 2**

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Bring drinks or chips.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 24 — FAMILY GROUP 3**

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Bring drinks or chips.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 31 — FAMILY GROUP 4**

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Bring drinks or chips.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 7 — FAMILY GROUP 1**

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the home of TBA. Bring drinks or chips.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 14 — FAMILY GROUP 2**

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Bring drinks or chips.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 21 — FAMILY GROUP 3**

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. Bring drinks or chips.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 28 — FAMILY GROUP 4**

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Bring drinks or chips.

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



Sunday,  
March 1

**Scott Lewis** was baptized on Wednesday, March 4 following our evening service.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Rose Armstrong; Johnson Cijulas; Terry & Regina Crews; Mrs. Maxine K. Griggs; Mike & Melanie Heitman; Mr. & Mrs. Don Jamison; Scott Lewis; Miss Pat Patterson; Morris McDaniel; and Ms. Phyllis Shephard.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Brad Alsup, Knoxville, TN; Ms. Beatrix Barni, Boynton Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Don Bellows, Sunnyvale, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dempsey, Plymouth, MI; Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Ms. Monique Leblanc, Canada; Bill & Carlene Long, Miami Gardens, FL; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; James & Carolyn Miller, Freeport, Bahamas; Joan Palmer & Ann Carter, Searcy, AR; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Daniel & Allison Simons, Greenwood, IN; Robert Swayne, Stuart, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Guy Wood, Prattville, AL.



Sunday (March 8th)

Henry Bass

Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>

Jim & Robin Davis (Ann.)  
Karl Dupérat

Monday (March 9th)

Jean McMasters  
Bonnie Quigley

Friday (March 13<sup>th</sup>)

Bob & Jennifer Higbee (Ann.)  
Leesa Schenk

Wednesday (March 11<sup>th</sup>)

Godfrey & Norma Pratt (Ann.)

Saturday (March 14<sup>th</sup>)

Mike Erickson  
Carla Owens



*Anchor Our Hope in Christ*

**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, March 8**

Lead Singing .....Jerry Hopkins  
Opening Prayer .....Gene Puckett  
Scripture Reading.....Bobbo Lupo  
Presiding at Table .....Joe Holland  
Serve at Table:  
Pete Brown            Namdidie Ikon  
Harrison Carter      Wallace Jones  
Cam Crofts            Paul Metzkes  
Andy Griffiths        Adam Seal  
Alternates:  
Johnny Davis        Richard Watson  
Closing Prayer ..... Gary Seames

**Sunday Evening, March 8**

Lead Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Bob Higbee  
Scripture Reading.....Shea Brown  
Presiding at Table..... Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Serve at Table  
Michael Fox  
Nick Pietro  
Clayton Trujillo  
Prayer.....David Holaday

**Wednesday Evening, March 11**

Lead Singing .....  
Invitation.....Dan Fuller  
Family Prayer .....Phil Porter

**Our Record**

Attendance	Mar. 1	Feb. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	204	215
Sun. A.M. Worship	391	360
Sun. P.M. Worship	215	186
Wed. Bible study	204	212
Contribution	\$13,209	\$14,572
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -2,005		

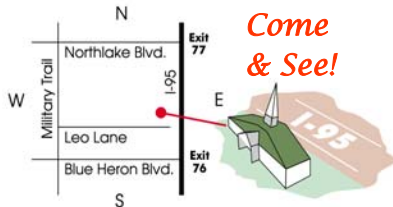
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**Come  
& See!**

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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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## What Must I Do to Be Saved?

### The Bible says...

- 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**  
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- 2. Repent of your sinful ways**  
"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
- 3. Confess your faith in Jesus**  
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
- 4. Be immersed in water**  
"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
- 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**  
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

In his heart a man  
plans his course  
but the LORD  
determines his steps.

~ Proverbs 16:9

