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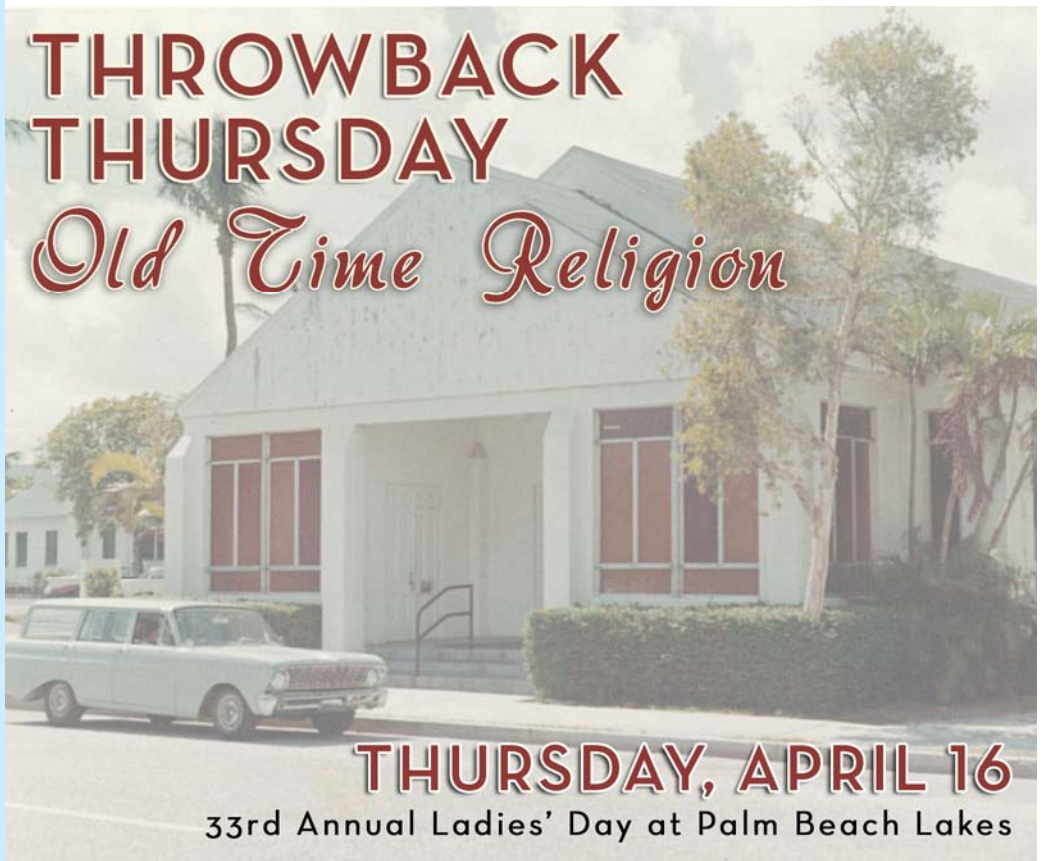
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THROWBACK THURSDAY

Old Time Religion



THURSDAY, APRIL 16

33rd Annual Ladies' Day at Palm Beach Lakes



By Dan Jenkins

Being Watched By Those Beyond Our Galaxy

You may not be aware of it, but for many years, scientists have been listening for messages from distant stars and galaxies hoping to discover that intelligent life exists beyond our solar system. Without getting into whether such could ever happen, let's assume that their dream could be reality.

With that assumption, it then would follow that perhaps those beyond our world could be listening to discover if there might be intelligent life on earth. If such were true, what would they be discovering about us?

How would they feel toward the hypocrisy of protecting turtles still inside eggs buried in the sand, while providing no protection for humans inside the womb? How would they feel toward our passing laws to not only make such slaughter of infants legal, but passing laws to encourage it to happen? How would they feel to discover there are buildings throughout America to insure that humans are being ripped from the bodies of women some 4,000 times every day?

What do you think they would think about how we regulate the meals of children in school to keep them from being overweight, but providing protection for the rights of all adults to drink as much alcohol as they like? What do you think they would think about our practice of providing alcohol which

results in fighting, strife, abuse of marital partners and the countless loss of lives in automobile accidents?

How would they explain the worldwide attacks, often resulting in deaths, which are happening every week on innocent individuals simply because they believe in Jesus? How would they explain the terrorists entering schools, synagogues and churches, selecting those who believe in Jesus and taking young girls to become sexual toys for ungodly men while leaving behind the mangled bodies of Christians? How would they explain the public mocking and ridicule of believers in Jesus in America—a land which was founded upon the principles of the right for every citizen to have freedom of religion? How would they explain such animosity toward those people who only want to humbly serve the man of Galilee?

The truth is that there are those beyond our galaxy who see all of this. Not some weird, grotesque looking aliens who are perplexed by this but by Deity who created all of universe and then became flesh, living in a body identical to ours. It is this One who sees the insanity of all that is happening who will return someday. Before Him all nations will be gathered to be judged. Before Him all who have ever lived will be resurrected to answer for their actions. He understands the answer to all of the evil around us. The answer is sin! God help our nations to understand what is happening. God help us!

Are there those beyond our galaxy who listen to all that is happening here?



By David Sproule

10 Things You Can Do to “Grow Closer to Each Other”

The theme for April at Palm Beach Lakes is especially meaningful and practical. With our overall theme this year of “With God We Can,” we want to emphasize this month that “With God We Can...Grow Closer to Each Other.” There are hundreds of real ways that we can do that. Try these ten.

1. Invite brethren into your home. There are few things more personal than having folks inside your home. Do it once, and you'll want to do it again.

2. Go to lunch with brethren on Sunday. Some folks will grab a bite after worship on Sunday mornings. Ask some folks if they want to go together (each paying for their own meal). You pick the place, so that you can control the cost.

3. Don't rush in; don't rush out. Be at every church service—get there early, stay late. Sit down and visit with your brethren. Stand around and talk. Be friendly.

4. Say an encouraging word. The world is beating us down. Church members can grow closer simply by offering a kind word, intended to build up and not tear down.

5. Send a handwritten note. Technology has its advantages, but tech messages can sometimes have an impersonal element to them. When you take time to hand-write a

note, it has a personal touch and a special significance. The Appreciagrams this month are a great way to start.

6. Pick up the phone. The actual sound of someone's voice expressing genuine concern and interest can mean so much. You don't need a reason to call. Just call to see how they're doing or let them know you're thinking about them.

7. Go by and visit. Some people think that visiting is a “lost art,” but there are so many people who can be visited—shut-ins; widows; new moms; those recovering from surgery, grieving a recent death, in the hospital or rehab or nursing home, etc., etc.

8. Do a random act of kindness. Too often we wait or think we need a reason to do something nice. Don't wait. You don't need a special reason. You already have one—you're family!

9. Study the Bible together. There is probably nothing that will draw you closer to your brethren than sitting at a table with an open Bible. It doesn't have to be in-depth or even a long study. A few minutes reading some verses in Psalms or Proverbs would be a great start.

10. Don't make excuses. Don't blame others for not speaking to you or inviting you or reaching out to you. Take the initiative. Step out. You be the one to make a difference!

With God We Can...grow closer to each other!

Too often we wait or think we need a reason to do something nice.



By Josh Blackmer

Jehovah-jireh

They had been traveling three days when Abraham saw on the horizon the place the Lord had told him to make the sacrifice (Gen. 22:1-18). The young servants were asked to stay with the donkey. They did not need to interfere with what was about to happen. While they walked, Abraham was perhaps wondering how Isaac would react to the events that would soon unfold. Isaac asked a question, "We have the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" From a heart of tempered faith and tested conviction, Abraham responded, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." We know the rest of the story. We know that Abraham bound Isaac and prepared to sacrifice his own son, "God will provide...my son." We know that an angel of the Lord halted the sacrifice, and God did provide for Himself a ram. God reaffirmed His promises to Abraham. One of which would bless all the nations of the earth. The name of that place was called Jehovah-jireh, the Lord will provide.

My question to you is this, is the Lord God still Jehovah-jireh today? Does He still provide? As you think about that and ponder the possibilities, I want to be clear that I am not asking if God works miraculously. That is another study. What I am asking is if you can look back on your life and think of a

moment when God provided?

Consider Matthew 6:25-34 and 7:7-11. They are part of the famous Sermon on the Mount—the earliest recorded lesson of Christ. Both of which teach about the provision of God. Matthew 6 has us look towards nature. Nature does not worry, and it is provided for by God. "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith" (Matt. 6:30)! The passage in Matthew seven highlights the relationship of father and child. "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him" (Matt. 7:11)! God provides for nature. He most assuredly will provide for us. He, being our heavenly Father, knows how to provide for His children. James 1:17 tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from God.

We can trust that God has provided for His children in every way. When the sins of the world cried out for a sacrifice God said, "I will provide, My Son." "But, God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him (Rom. 5:8-9).

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Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"Access Granted"

Have you ever seen this message: "Access Denied"? Sometimes it appears on a door, to limit (or deny) access to individuals who do not meet certain requirements. Very often it appears on computer or web applications when a person's credentials (i.e., username and/or password) have not been entered correctly. Bold, red letters will appear: "**Access Denied!**"

How wonderful is the thought that when a child of God seeks to approach and enter the presence of the Almighty God, instead of being greeted with an "Access Denied" message, he or she is told, "**Access Granted!**" Through Christ we "have access...to the Father" (Eph. 2:18). But, it's not some kind of nominal access! "We have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him" (Eph. 3:12).

So, the next time you pray, don't think that your prayer might just barely squeeze through a crack in heaven's door! Realize that, as a child of God, you've been **granted access!** – DS



Can a Christian really be silent?

There are growing efforts in this nation to silence Christians, eradicate Christian values and expunge Christianity from all public venues and discourse. The "easy" thing for Christians to do is to comply and remain silent—"go along to get along." However, that is not the path that the Lord has chosen for us!

Christians are called to be lights to the world (Matt. 5:14-16). A light that doesn't give light is not actually a light! Christians are called to be the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13)! Salt that doesn't season like salt isn't actually salt! Christians are called to be preachers of the gospel (Mark 16:15). Preachers who don't actually preach are not preachers!

Children of God must take a stand! We must stand on Divine, Biblical, Eternal truth! That doesn't mean to be rude, but it does mean to unashamedly and uncompromisingly "speak the truth" (Eph. 4:15). Read each word, "We also believe and therefore speak" (2 Cor. 4:13). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Sandy Colage	undergoing cancer treatments
Terry Denton	recovering at home from hospitalization
Dianne Frye	suffering with back problems
Margaret Griffio	under on-going Hospice Care
Richard Haines	ICU at Gardens Medical Center
Margie Hardin	upcoming gallbladder surgery
Joe Holland	suffering with severe pain in back and legs
Shirley Hopkins	recovering at home from broken rib
Mary A. Jackson	suffering with back pain
Ruth Milton	suffering with severe back pain
Harriet Morris	recovering at home from hospitalization
Mary Reeves	suffering with neck & back pain
Julie Williams	scheduled for surgery on April 10

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

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Jean McMasters
Kay Fish	Don & Betty Matter
Helen Gardner	Deidra Miley
Margaret Griffio	Rosa Nash
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Shelton Howell	Margaret Wade



The family of Jean McMasters, who passed away on Saturday, March 28. A Memorial Service will be held at our building on Sunday, April 5 at 5:00 p.m.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Jefferey Byrd	Cheryl Floyd's brother, recovering from bypass surgery
Lyle Fjelsted	Micky Affron's uncle, diagnosed with bone cancer
Maebelle Hancock	Turkessa Fernander's aunt, recovering from a stroke
Joung Hutson	Daniel Swayne's sister-in-law, stage 4 stomach cancer
Bobby Jackson	Jonetta Green & Mary Jackson's brother, now at home
Clet Kapua	Connye Plouffe's brother-in-law, under Hospice Care
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Vivi Reeves	Chuck & Mary Reeves' granddaughter, hospital last week

Pray for Our Missionaries

Troy & Andrea Spradlin	Paraguay
Robert & Mary Martin	Pacific Islands
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan	Pacific Islands
Joey & Tammy Treat	Pacific Islands
Tamuka Arunashe	Zimbabwe
Nnanna Aforji	Nigeria
Apologetics Press	Montgomery, AL
Mauricio Yegros	Coral Springs, FL



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 5

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

Monday, April 6

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins. Bring drinks or chips.

Sunday, April 12

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

Monday, April 13

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 14 (cont.)

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Bring drinks or chips.

Thursday, April 16

- ◆ **Ladies' Day at Palm Beach Lakes.** Celine Sparks of Huntsville, AL will be speaking on *"Throwback Thursday: Old Time Religion."*

5:45 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m.	Opening Comments
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Served by PBL Men
7:30 p.m.	Lesson: <i>"Old Time Religion"</i>

Friday, April 17

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

Sunday, April 19

- ◆ **Troy Spradlin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.

Monday, April 20

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.



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Young Adults

Monday, April 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Traci will provide the main dish. Bring sides, salad, bread or a dessert to share.

Saturday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 19

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.

Saturday, April 25

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Bible Bowl.** Use the Romans "Studying Through the Bible" questions in the Lobby to prepare. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, May 2

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

Monday, May 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.



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Youth

Friday-Sunday, April 9-13

- ◆ **Sr. High Trip to Makin' Music.** See Skye Brown for more details.

Sunday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 25

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Bible Bowl.** Use the Romans "Studying Through the Bible" questions in the Lobby to prepare. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, April 26

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. See David or Traci Sproule for details.

Friday-Saturday, May 1-2

- ◆ **Evangelism Training for Youth with Lonnie Jones.** See Josh Blackmer for details.

APRIL:

GOD

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

WE CAN

Grow Closer to Each Other

"Love one another" (John 13:34-35)

"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love" (Rom. 12:10)

"Edify one another" (1 Thess. 5:11; Rom. 14:19)

"Receive one another" (Rom. 15:7)

"Greet one another" (Rom. 16:16)

"Through love serve one another" (Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:10)

"Bear one another's burdens" (Gal. 6:2)

"Be kind to one another" (Eph. 4:32)

"Forgive one another" (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13)

"Speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19)

"Comfort one another" (1 Thess. 4:18)

"Consider one another in order to stir up love and good works" (Heb. 10:24)

"Pray for one another" (Jas. 5:16)

"Love one another fervently with a pure heart" (1 Pet. 1:22)

"Have compassion for one another" (1 Pet. 3:8)

"Be hospitable to one another without grumbling" (1 Pet. 4:9)

"Have fellowship with one another" (1 John 1:7)

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



Sunday,
March 29

Thank you so much for the beautiful arrangement and for all of your thoughts and prayers during our time of sorrow.

The Dwayne Spradlin family

To my Church family,

First of all, I give God all the glory and praises for you. I do thank God for my church family and the way you all took care of me when I could do nothing for myself. With a happy heart, I appreciate all of you for the gifts, flowers, cards, calls, food and most of all, the prayers. Thank you for praying for me.

Love always in Christ,
Sallie Moses



"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." (Philippians 1:3)

LOCAL VISITORS: David, Yurose, Josh & Yves Baudin; Mrs. La-Dorne Brannon; Mrs. Michelle Carroll; Ms. Lillian Cunningham; Lauren & Brenda Grimaldi; Mrs. Gayle Harper; Mrs. Hazel P. Kinsey; Mike Heitman; Mrs. Jessie C. Jenkins; Morris McDaniel; Mrs. Angela J. Marshall; Ms. Christine Passavanti; Wayne Ricketts; Mrs. Kimberly Ricketts & Lavinia; Angel Santiago; Kevin Schenk; and Ms. Natasha Twiggs.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Lorraine Allen, Vero Beach, FL; Gerry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Squadeina Davis & Aaron Ross, Pembroke Pines, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mr. Rene Foret, Quebec, Canada; Mrs. Shirley Franklin, Giddings, TX; Lyle & Lydia Gamble, Pompano Beach, FL; Gerry & Joyce Giffin, Madison, AL; Christine Higgins, Bronx, NY; Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Jones, Jackson, TN; Ms. Monique Leblanc, Canada; Mr. Deltom Lequernaque, Stuart, FL; Laddie & Joan Owens, Dyersburg, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Guy Wood, Prattville, AL.



Sunday (April 5th)

Joycelyn Harriett
Elizabeth Summerlot

Tuesday (April 7th)

Kristin Fuller
Lauren Fuller

Wednesday (April 8th)

Micky Affron
Jean Archer
Zula Garrett

Wednesday (April 8th) cont.

Nadia King

Thursday (April 9th)

Regina Mayne

Friday (April 10th)

Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.)
Anthioda Charles
Jennifer Higbee
Rose Martens
Stephanie Weeks

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, April 5

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer David Brown
Scripture Reading..... Lawrence Williams
Presiding at Table Bob Higbee
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Tommy Pauldo
Shea Brown Chris Thomas
Gorman Ericksen Clayton Trujillo
Orlando Lolo Austin Williams
Alternates
Chuck Clark Scott Studer
Closing Prayer Tim Fry

Sunday Evening, April 5

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Dan McLeod
Scripture Reading..... David Thorpe
Presiding at Table..... Taylor Reeves
Serve at Table
Michael Fox
Gary Seames
Brad Shelt
Prayer..... Nate Nelson

Wednesday Evening, April 8

Lead Singing Shea Brown
Invitation..... Kane Campbell
Family Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Mar. 29</u>	<u>Feb. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	201	215
Sun. A.M. Worship	348	360
Sun. P.M. Worship	213	186
Wed. Bible study	226	212
Contribution	\$15,162	\$14,572
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -2,672		

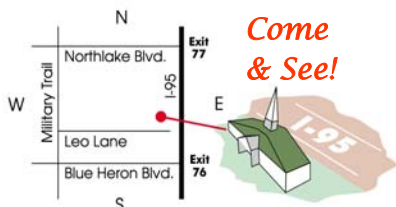
Ushers for the week of **Apr 5**: Head Usher: Lance Collier; Charles Hayes & Paul Hensel



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, silent where the Bible is silent.



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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: Jr. High & Sr. High Carnival Game Day

I will praise you **L**ord with all my heart.

Psalm 138:1

Upcoming Events

April 16

Ladies' Day with Celine Sparks

April 19

Troy Spradlin Mission Report

May 1-2

Evangelism Training for Youth with Lonnie Jones

May 17

Bring-a-Friend Day

June 7

Promotion Sunday

June 21-24

Vacation Bible School

July 19-25

Jenkins' Week at Central Florida Bible Camp