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PROMOTION



Sunday

BUILDING FOR GOD



Vacation Bible School

hosted by Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ



JUNE 21-24

Noah: Building the Ark
Solomon: Building the Temple
Nehemiah: Building the Wall
Jesus: Building the Church

Congratulations, Graduates!



Bethany Bertram

High School: Santaluces
Activities in School: International Thespians Honor Society, NHS, Band, Early Childhood Academy
Awards: Top Musical Theater Student, Superior Rating in Theater Competition
Hobbies: reading, watching Netflix
Youth Group Memories: mission trips, bonfire devos, hanging out with Christian friends, praising God
Future plans: Attend Freed-Hardeman University, majoring in Elementary Education



Amanda Fetting

High School: West Boca
Activities in School: Choir President, School Newspaper Editor-in-Chief
Awards: Presidential Academic Award, Pathfinder Communication Nominee, Tri-M Music Honor Society
Hobbies: playing with puppies, hanging out with Austin, watching hockey with parents
Youth Group Memories: being welcomed with open arms by the youth group and the whole church
Future plans: Attend Freed-Hardeman University, majoring in Marketing, and one day work for the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team



Cassie Lavender

High School: Palm Beach Central
Activities in School: Anime Club
Hobbies: longboarding, painting, watching TV, Pinterest and phone games, random gravity checks, annoying her sister
Youth Group Memories: being around funny people
Future plans: get a job and jump straight into adult life



Austin Metzkes

High School: West Boca
Activities in School: chorus
Hobbies: hanging out with Amanda, watching hockey, eating
Youth Group Memories: all the fun lock-ins and mission trips, Upward Bound
Future plans: Attend Freed-Hardeman University, majoring in Computer Science

Recent College Graduates: *(if known)*

Patricia Hackshaw (Palm Beach Atlantic University, Dec. 2015)
Sabrina Lolo (Eckerd College)
Daniel Wagner (Freed-Hardeman University)
Amy West (Palm Beach State College)
Cherylann Wineinger (Barry University)



Brianna Solis

High School: Seminole Ridge
Activities in School: varsity basketball
Hobbies: hanging with friends at the beach
Youth Group Memories: trips to Freed-Hardeman University
Future plans: Attend Freed-Hardeman University, majoring in Speech Pathology

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	recovering from hernia surgery
Annie Faison	scheduled for cataract surgery (6/12)
Richard Haines	continues to recover from knee surgery
Margie Hardin	recovering from gallbladder surgery
Dave Holaday	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Joe Holland	Heartland Healthcare, no visitors please
Adelene Honore	undergoing medical testing
Inell Ingram	undergoing eye injections
Lynne Jorgensen	scheduled for knee surgery (6/16)
Charlene Knowles	suffering with shingles
June Pack	recovering from surgery on her finger
Godfrey Pratt	recovering at home from a fall

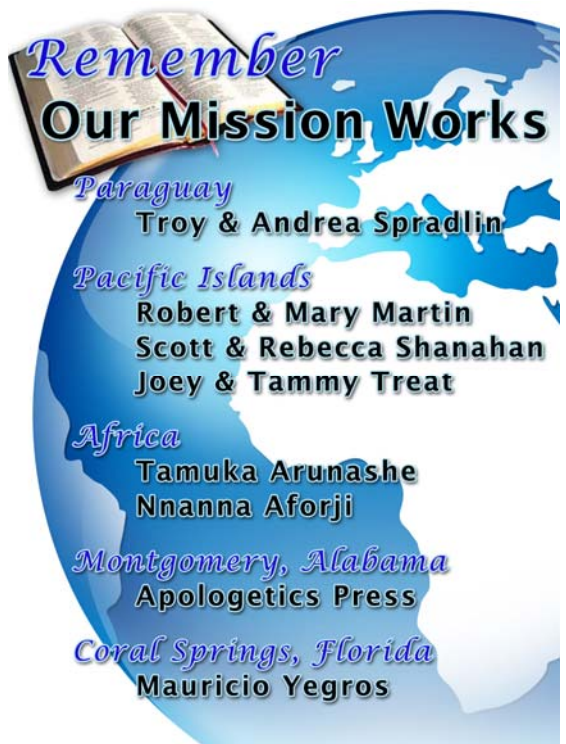
Long-Term Health Issues

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

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Deb Cobb	Robin Stone's sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Peggy Faison	Annie Faison's daughter, PBG Medical Center, blood clots
Sally Isom	Chuck Reeves, Sr.'s sister, moving to a rehab center
Jim Jorgensen	Lynne Jorgensen's father, hospitalized, not doing well
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, upcoming open heart surgery
Shelby Slone	Betty Sanders' sis-in-law, recovering from fall in rehab





By Dan Jenkins

Understanding Figurative Language in the Bible

The poetical language of the Old Testament prophets seems so difficult to those who read it, expecting some literal fulfillment. Unlike those parts of the Bible which are historical and literal, God sometimes speaks figuratively to the imagination and the soul of the reader. The prophet of God saw sin and “rivers of water” ran down from His eyes. Not literal rivers, but the Spirit of God uses this language to touch our souls in such beautiful, poetic language, so different from literal language.

About 600 B.C., Ezekiel, in a vision, saw a valley of dried, lifeless bones, then “the head bone connected to the neck bone, and the neck bone connected to the back bone, and the back bone connected to the thigh bone.” (Did you ever sing this song?) These bones were soon covered with skin, and life entered into the bodies. Taken literally, this seems strange, but knowing the nature of poetic language, we immediately sense that this has far deeper meaning. Ezekiel 37 explains that the bones represent the nation of Israel in Babylonian captivity with little hope in that land. Poetically, God revealed their return from Babylon and the new life they would have. Historical writing speaks to the intellect; poetical writing speaks to the soul!

Jesus Himself used this kind of language to speak to

the souls of those who heard Him. He describes Himself as bread (John 6:35), light (John 9:5), a door (John 10:7), the good shepherd (John 10:11), the way, truth and life (John 14:6), a vine (John 15:1), and as the alpha and the omega (Rev. 1:8). In Matthew chapter thirteen, He described the church as a man sowing seeds, as mustard seed, leaven, hidden treasures, a man seeking priceless pearls and as a fishing net. Taken literally, these things might first seem so difficult (and this is why some who do this talk about how hard it is to understand the Bible), but when properly understood, the imagery so graphically enhances spiritual truth.

So how does one decide whether the language of the Bible is to be taken literally or figuratively? The simple answer is that you use the same common sense that is used in any conversation. We always take language literally, unless the context in which it is used demands otherwise. A child is told to go to the store and come back understands what this means. That same child when told he is loved to the moon and back easily understands. The same principle applies when we read the Bible. Historical narrative is factual and literal—Jesus was born of a virgin in Bethlehem. Yet, common sense helps us to see when He speaks of doors, shepherds, sowers and pearls. There is more to be said about this, and next week’s article will address additional matters. This article only gives a *bird’s eye view* of His life and teaching. Wonder if that bird and his eye is literal?

You must use the same common sense that you use in any other conversation



By David Sproule

“Congratulations! It’s a Girl!”

We live in a confused world. The sharp line of distinction between right and wrong, good and bad, truth and error has been blurred in many cases (almost to elimination, in some instances). The root cause of the ever-shifting values in our society is no mystery. Man has “exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator” (Rom. 1:25). The creatures specially designed by the Creator in His own image are teaching (and living) that we are the product of mere chance and the evolutionary descendants of animals. What we are seeing and experiencing in the moral standards around us today is the natural consequence of removing God as the Creator of all things.

Man has become enamored with science and scientists rather than with God. If a scientist says something, then it doesn’t matter what God says. If “science teaches” something, because a group of scientists have “decided” something, then it doesn’t matter what God says. This is evident in the whole emphasis on evolution. There is no real science substantiating the theory of evolution, but people follow it anyway and dismiss God from the scene. Man has used science to try to “prove” many things about morality, including the search for a homosexual gene. And, too many today will just take what scientists say and reject what God says.

Babies are “formed in the womb” by God, including “what sex they are.”

In recent years, a question about gender identity has risen to the top of the scientists’ list. Could it be that a male was actually “supposed to be a female,” or a female supposed to be a male? People want to know what scientists say about that, and are not interested in what God says about it. Or if they listen to both (as Christians will often do), some are more inclined to take the scientist’s word over God’s.

In the beginning, God created them “male and female” (Gen. 1:27). Don’t dismiss this verse. Male and female distinctions have their origin in God. Whatever distinguished males and females in the beginning is what distinguishes them now. God told Jeremiah, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you” (Jer. 1:5). Babies are “formed in the womb” by God, including “what sex they are.” David wrote, “You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb” (Psa. 139:13). God formed the inward and the outward parts. We are not our own but have been “bought at a price,” therefore, “glorify God in your body,” which belongs to Him (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Who made your body? God! Who “knitted together” your male parts or females parts? God! Who am I to change what God made?

There is certainly going to be some “scientific find” that overrules all of this. Question is, am I going to listen to a scientist or God? Do I trust a scientist or do I trust God?



You and Bruce

By Josh Blackmer

A certain celebrity came out in *Vanity Fair* saying this about his 10 hour facial-feminization surgery, "What did I just do? What did I just do to myself?" The article goes on to say, "A counselor from the Los Angeles Gender Center came to the house so Jenner could talk to a professional and assured her [him] that such reactions were often induced by pain medication and that second-guessing was human and temporary" (Bissinger). Wow, that is quite a revelation. It is possible to be so far down the wrong path that you finally have a moment of clarity to look up and say, "What am I doing?" It appears that a moment like that came for Bruce. When it did, where did he turn? He turned to the Los Angeles Gender Center. When they were done with him, Bruce put his head back into the darkness and kept shuffling down that broad and crowded road.

So the question is, what do you do with your moments of clarity? What do you do with those moments when you know what you are doing is wrong? You know that in that moment you could change for the better or continue down the path you started on. Will you be alert enough to capitalize on those moments?

Paul wrote to several groups of people about waking up and not sleeping. The issue was that they had gone back to

sin and had fallen asleep in it. They were shuffling down that broad road without thought or concern of the consequences. "For this reason it says, 'Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you.' Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise" (Eph. 5:14-15). Our response in those moments of clarity should be to wake up! Repent! Run to the light as fast as possible! We should not seek counsel from the darkness and have any expectation to be closer to God. We must seek wise counsel.

You may be in need of waking up, or you may have the responsibility of providing wise counsel. God said we should speak to Bruce and anyone in sin this way. "The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will" (2 Tim. 2:24-26).

It is evident that Bruce has been snared by the devil. When he had the opportunity for change, he did not take it. Maybe he will someday. Are you doing the same as Mr. Jenner? Do you need to make changes and turn back to God? As a bond-servant we must remember that sin never looks good, but we always have a responsibility to help the sinner change.

**Are you going to
be like Bruce
when the time for
change comes?**

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The biggest thief in the Bible!

Can you think of examples in the Bible of people who actually stole something? You might think of Rachel, who stole her father's "household idols" (Gen. 31:19). You might think of Achan, who stole some of the "spoils" from Ai (Josh. 7:11, 21). But, the biggest thief in the Bible is not even as well-known as these two—we don't know his name, we don't know who he robbed, we don't even know what he stole. We just know him simply as, "the thief on the cross."

This man died almost 2,000 years ago, but guess what? He is still robbing people today. But it's not money or cars or jewelry that he's stealing. He is stealing salvation! He is robbing souls of heaven, because they have put more faith in the thief on the cross than they have in the Savior on the cross! They say, "I don't have to be baptized, because the thief on the cross wasn't baptized!" All the while, the Savior on the cross said, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

Who has your trust? Don't let a dead thief rob you of eternal life! – DS



"They dared not question Him anymore"

After the Pharisees and Sadducees had spent the last couple years of Jesus' life challenging His every word and trying to back Him into a corner, finally, during the last week of His life, we read this statement, "But after that they dared not question Him anymore" (Luke 20:40). Can you imagine the audacity of these guys to ever question Jesus? Now, they finally stopped.

It would sure be nice today if folks would stop questioning Jesus. He said, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16), but myriads of folks question the necessity of baptism. Jesus taught, "The hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth" (John 5:28-29), but millions question concurrent resurrections. Jesus said that the unrighteous "will go away into eternal punishment" (Matt. 25:46), but many question the eternal nature of hell. Oh, the audacity of folks who question Jesus!

One day they will "dare not question Him anymore"! But, let us trust Jesus' every word! – DS



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 7

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ♦ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 9

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod.

Saturday, June 13

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for more details.

Sunday, June 14

- ♦ **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.

Monday, June 15

- ♦ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume on June 29.

Tuesday, June 16

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

Wednesday-Friday, June 17-19

- ♦ **VBS Decorating** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Wednesday, June 10

- ♦ **Young Adult Huddle** outside under the pavilion during Bible class. All young adults are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, June 13

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.

Monday, June 15

- ♦ **Monday Night Meat for YA Men** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of David Sproule. BYOM.

Wednesday-Friday, June 17-19

- ♦ **VBS Decorating** beginning immediately after Bible study on Wednesday evening and will continue Thursday & Friday at 6:30 p.m. See Nate or Cindy Nelson for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 21-24

- ♦ **"Building for God" Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, June 7

- ♦ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ♦ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ♦ **Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. All incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday-Saturday, June 10-13

- ♦ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** See Dan Jenkins, David Sproule or Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, June 14

- ♦ **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.

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



Sunday,
May 31

Samantha Eutsey & Lynne Jorgensen both requested prayers from the church on Sunday, May 31.

News&Notes

The **High School Graduates' Luncheon** will be Sunday, June 7 after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to stay and honor these special individuals. Please bring a potluck dish to share.

LOCAL VISITORS: Nikita Cameron; Mr. Jean Charles; Mrs. Rosa Charles; Justin DeMond; David Dykes; Ronald & Angela Ellis; Mrs. Swati Flood; David Jackson; Cedric Johnson; Milton Jones; Miss Charlotte L. Robinson; Mr. Elias Salha; Kevin Schenk; Travis Sherman; Bryce Smith; Terry West; and Ralph Williams, Sr.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: James Davis, Rock Hill, SC; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Stuart, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber, Westwood, NJ; Robert & Leslie Higbee, Concord, NC; Deltom Lequernaque, Stuart, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Melvin, New Concord, KY; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Montgomery, New Albany, IN; Ben, Tresa, Allee, Cameron & Alesha Shirrell, Palm City, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Wade Trent, Amy, Kora, Kason, & Korbyn, Okeechobee, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (June 7th)

David & Daisy Lord (Ann.)
Ted Friesner
Maria Hackshaw

Wednesday (June 10th) cont.

Helen Bashaw
Phyiona Patterson
Amberdenise Puckett
Josh Seames

Tuesday (June 9th)

Stephen & Carolina Beliech (Ann.)
Scott & Linda Studer (Ann.)
Namdidie Ikon

Thursday (June 11th)

Betsy Donahue
Richard Watson

Wednesday (June 10th)

Rob & Lenelle Crowell (Ann.)
Bill & Gai Ingram (Ann.)

Saturday (June 13th)

Tim & Susie Cox (Ann.)
Judie Jenkins

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 7

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Jeff Goodale
Scripture Reading Glen Dawson
Presiding at Table Novel Brown
Serve at Table:
Tim Cox Rick Price
Grant Fuller Carmen Ruckman
Bobby Ingraham Adam Seal
Nate Nelson Lawrence Williams
Alternates
Joe Maloney Daniel Swayne
Closing Prayer Dan Fuller

Sunday Evening, June 7

Lead Singing Jerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Harrison Carter
Scripture Reading Dick Kelley
Presiding at Table Dan McLeod
Serve at Table
Paul Batitsky
Vincent Rogers
Clayton Trujillo
Closing Prayer Brad Shelt

Wednesday Evening, June 10

Lead Singing Shea Brown
Invitation Gary Seames
Family Prayer Cam Crotts

Our Record

Attendance	<u>May 31</u>	<u>Apr. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	203	216
Sun. A.M. Worship	372	370
Sun. P.M. Worship	186	178
Wed. Bible study	203	212
Contribution	\$14,744	\$14,362
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -2,431		

Ushers for the week of **June 7**: Head Usher: Chris Thompson; Victor Colage & Orlando Lolo



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Service Schedule

Sunday:
Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

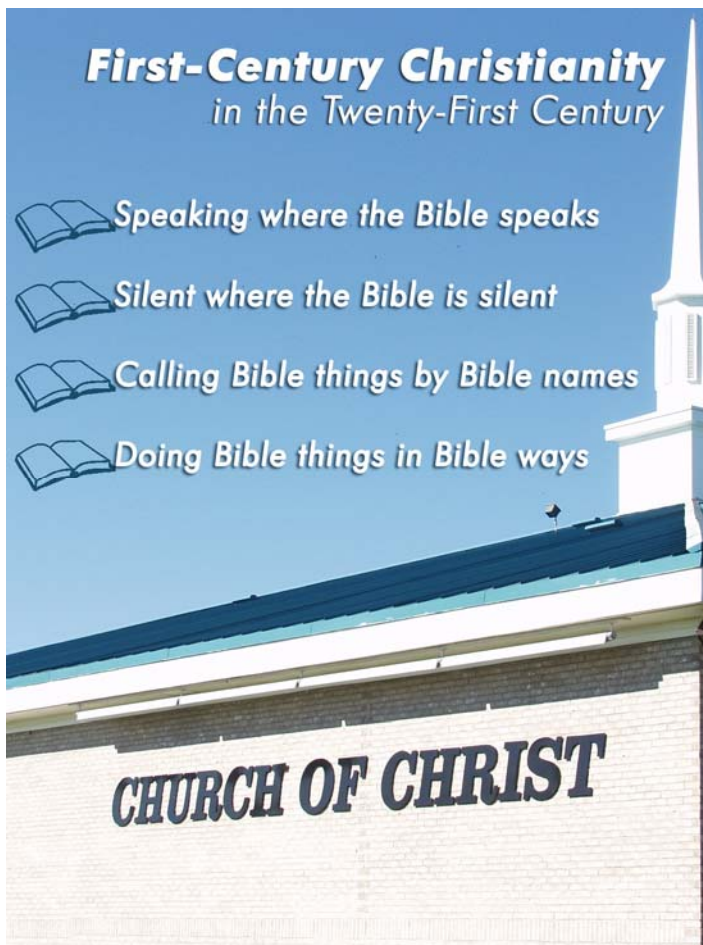
Wednesday:
Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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First-Century Christianity
in the Twenty-First Century



Speaking where the Bible speaks
Silent where the Bible is silent
Calling Bible things by Bible names
Doing Bible things in Bible ways



CHURCH OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

June 21-24
Vacation Bible School

July 19-25
Jenkins' Week at Central Florida Bible Camp

September 11-13
Marriage Enrichment Seminar with Neal Pollard

September 26
Men's Breakfast

October 11
Robert Martin Mission Report

October 16-18
Spiritual Enrichment Weekend

November 5-8
20th Annual South Florida Lectureship
Theme: "Ready At His Coming"