

Pastors

- Johnny Davis 744-1636
- Dan Fuller..... 478-3755
- Joe Holland 626-2809
- *Jerry Hopkins 434-4188
- Phil Porter 575-4782
- *Chairman for the Month of July*

Evangelists

- Dan Jenkins 744-4559
- David Sproule..... 301-2230
- Josh Blackmer 319-1418

Deacons

- Mike Archer 422-2995
- David Brown..... 972-7608
- Novel Brown 848-6988
- Chuck Clark 627-4132
- Victor Colage..... 798-6275
- Lance Collier..... 793-2718
- Jim Davis 747-2984
- Mike Erickson..... 310-9916
- Tim Fry 373-9121
- Jeff Goodale 261-1188
- Rick Hall 622-5131
- Bob Higbee..... 303-386-6405
- Gary Jenkins 889-3585
- Dick Kelley..... 968-1799
- Jeff Leslie..... 744-3444
- Paul Metzkes..... 736-9086
- Buzz Nelson..... 627-4890
- Jerry Pittman..... 793-2725
- Kevin Weeks..... 386-4108

Church Office

- Phone..... 561-848-1111
- Fax..... 561-848-1198
- Website..... www.pblcoc.org
- E-mail office@pblcoc.org



Vol. LIV

July 12, 2015

No. 28

Adult Mission Team

Asunción, Paraguay • July 6-14



Josh, Cara, Josiah & Vivian Blackmer; Chad Brown; Rachel Fuller; Lauren Grimaldi; Maria Hackshaw; Lisa Holaday; Paul & Lisa Metzkes; Cindy Nelson; Phil Porter; Adam Seal; Michael & Julie Trujillo.



**Jenkins Week:
July 19-25**



By Dan Jenkins

Do Not Flee as a Bird to the Mountain

In Bible times, birds were hunted and served as delicacies for food. There were skilled archers whose arrows took the lives of those birds that fled. Their only hope was to run from the places of safety and flee to the mountains where they might escape. The psalmist, in the eleventh psalm, saw all of this and then used this illustration to affirm that God’s children do not need to flee. He said that it was folly for the enemy to chide the righteous and tell them to flee.

David’s answer to those who told him to flee was that his trust was in God (verse 1). Let the ungodly bring any “arrow” against him, but God’s children do not need to flee. We already have the surest foundation. David then speaks of four foundations which cannot be assailed. How timely these truths are in our day when the foundation of faith is being assailed.

We will prevail because God is in His holy temple. The ruling of the courts of our land redefining marriage has changed nothing. The real Supreme Court is not found in Washington. Nothing has changed about sexual orientation. It is God who is supreme and He alone has all authority—truth is determined from that throne where He sits in His holy temple (verse 4). We do not need to flee as a helpless bird. The foundation of truth is established by the Lord who abides forever.

We will prevail, for godly people see “arrows” as tests from God. David did not need to flee as a helpless bird from those things hurled at him from the ungodly. They were simply tests from God (verse 5). He saw adversity, not as a curse, but as that by which he would be strengthened. The truth is that the trying of our faith is one of the ways God helps us to mature in Christ and become perfect and lacking in nothing (see James 1:2-4).

**Stand fast.
We do not need to flee as a helpless bird, for God is our Helper!**

We will prevail, for God will bring judgment on those who assail us. “Upon the wicked He will rain coals; fire and brimstone...” (verse 6). This is the big picture. When foundational truth we hold so dear is attacked, we must remember that God sits on His throne and His holiness will prevail. Fire and brimstone await those who oppose righteousness.

We will prevail, for God loves righteousness. David urged men to stand fast and not flee to helpless mountains when they were assaulted. Because of God’s nature, His violence awaits the ungodly, but “He loves righteousness, and His countenance beholds the upright” (verse 7). Every fiery dart of the Devil has been quenched by the shield of faith we have. He knows us; He knows our enemies; He sees us and His ears are open to us.

So when faith is attacked. Do not flee! Take time to fortify your faith!



By David Sproule

What God Says About Homosexuality (Part 2 of 5)

God spoke very clearly about homosexuality and same-sex marriage on the sixth day of this world’s existence, which happened to be the first day of man’s existence. On the very day that God created humanity, He laid out His clear guidelines for human sexuality and marriage.

In the first chapter of the Bible, God created and sanctioned the male-female relationship. “God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Gen. 1:27). To the male and female, He commanded, “Be fruitful and multiply” (1:28), something that only a male and female can do together.

On that sixth day of creation, after God had created the male, He said, “It is not good that man should be alone” (2:18), so God determined to “make him a helper suitable for him” (2:18b, NASB). The word “suitable” literally means “corresponding to.” When the God of heaven made a helper who would correspond (by design) to the male, He “created...woman for the man” (1 Cor. 11:9). God did not create a cheetah for the man, or a duck for the man, or a tree for the man, or another man for the man. “The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man” (2:22).

**In the Bible,
God created and sanctioned the male-female relationship.**

The foundational law for acceptable sexual and marital relations is found in Genesis 2:24. “Therefore a man (male) shall leave his father (male) and mother (female) and be joined to his wife (female), and they (male and female, husband and wife) shall become one flesh.” Only a male and a female “correspond to” one another and can become one flesh as God intended. The pattern of God’s original creation for human sexuality was and is heterosexual relationships.

It is sometimes asserted that when Jesus lived on this earth that He didn’t say anything about (for or against) homosexuality. Such a statement is absolutely false. First of all, Jesus pointed man right back to this foundational law established by God at the very beginning—“Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’” (Matt. 19:4-5). Second, Jesus condemned fornication in Matthew 5:32, 15:19 and 19:9. Fornication (from the Greek word, *porneia*) is “all illicit, unauthorized sexual intercourse in general.” This word is the broad term that includes adultery, premarital sex, homosexuality, bestiality, pedophilia, etc. By reaffirming the divine plan from the beginning and by condemning fornication, Jesus spoke very clearly in denouncing homosexuality. May God help us to honor and submit to the foundational law taught by Jesus.



By Josh Blackmer

The Responsibility of the Family to the Church (Part 2)

Your family and you as an individual have decided that God will be the center of the home and your life. You have set Him as priority number one over all other things that would distract us from our end goal and obedience to Him. Now, what do you do?

There is a passage that is set in the context of worry and angst over the material needs of life. Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." The centering and calming force in our lives should be the understanding that God is taking care of us. We need to do our part, but His providential care is always there. With this strong assurance, we seek diligently after His kingdom and His righteousness.

His kingdom is the church, the called out, the family of God and the bride of Christ. If we as a family are seeking after the kingdom, then we are doing all we can. We are assembling with the saints (Heb. 10:25). We should have a solidarity of heart and prefer serving the church and one another over anything (Acts 2:46, Rom. 12:10). Families need to be plugged into and serving the church. If we were seeking first the kingdom, then we are also promoting the kingdom. Evangelism and Bible

The family must be ruled by the righteousness and commandments of God if it is to fulfill its responsibility to the church.

study with friends and family need to be a part of your family practice (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 4:2). In doing these things, we need to seek after His righteousness.

Righteousness is the condition in which you are acceptable to God. So, if we are seeking His righteousness, then we are seeking to be acceptable before Him in His way. There are always those who, even with good intentions, set up their own system of righteousness. "For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:2-3). We need to seek God's righteousness for our families. When you apply God's laws to govern the home, you are establishing God's righteousness. Mom and Dad have authority in the home, but it means more when a child hears, "Because God said so." Self-righteousness is, "Because I said so." Parents have every right to say that (Eph. 6:1-3), but the child must know it comes from a heart that is seeking God. The family must be ruled by the righteousness and commandments of God if it is to fulfill its responsibility to the church. I realize this is not easy. You will be battling your own children and friends to put this into practice, but it will make an eternal difference for you and them.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Jesus was made "to be sin"

We know that Jesus came to "save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). We know that Jesus "gave Himself for our sins" and "died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3). We know that Jesus "bore our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Pet. 2:24). Perhaps we've heard that so much that we've allowed the force of it to fade in our hearts.

Paul reminded the Christians in Corinth, "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21). It is not simply that He died for our sins. He was a man who never sinned against God one time and did not know what that experience was like. Then, all at once (Heb. 9:28), He was made "to be sin" for all of us! Every sin that was ever committed or ever would be committed was laid upon Him (Isa. 53:6). He became our sin offering (Ex. 29:14; Heb. 9:28).

May God help me to remember my sin offering when I'm tempted to yield to sin! – DS



Focus on your tent or your building?

So, which is stronger—a tent or a building? Which will last longer—a tent or a building? Which would you rather shelter you during a storm—a tent or a building? Those are not hard questions to answer. The thought behind those questions is based upon 2 Corinthians 5:1. "For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

In this verse, our earthly house (our body, which is likened to a tent) is contrasted with our heavenly abode (which is likened to a building). One of these is earthly and the other is heavenly. One of these is temporary and the other is permanent.

Now, which of these two receives more of your attention? The earthly one or the heavenly one? The temporary one or the permanent one? Consider this heavenly urging: "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Kay Fish | now in Heartland Healthcare |
| Dave Holaday | recovering from hip replacement surgery |
| Lisa Holaday | hospitalized while on mission trip in Paraguay |
| Inell Ingram | undergoing eye injections |
| Godfrey Pratt | recovering at home from a fall |
| Trevin Roman | recovering from surgery, doing well |

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 |
| Norm Smedley | breathing problems |
| Patricia Ventress | dialysis treatments |



Lance Collier and family upon the passing of **Lance's stepmother, Louise Collier**, last week.

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Maggie Anderson | Novel Brown's sister, not doing well |
| Bessie Butler | Bessie Walker's sister, on life support in Miami |
| Victor Colage | Victor Colage's father, recovering from surgery |
| Jackie Hensel | Paul & Kim Hensel's daughter, recovering from accident |
| Brenda Lendsey | Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma |
| John Lewis | Jaqua' Lewis' father, recovering from eye surgery |
| Peggy McKeal | Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again |
| Rocky Meess | Micky Affron's father, open heart surgery (7/13) |

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, July 12

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

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dave Holaday.

Thursday, July 16

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. Bring toppings for ice cream.
- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Goodale.

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Register online at www.pblcoc.org. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

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

Friday, July 24

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the Quantum Foundation Building (2701 N. Australian Avenue, WPB 33407). See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Sunday, August 2

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

Wednesday-Sunday, August 5-9

- ◆ **Haverhill Road Lectures** each night (Wednesday-Saturday) at 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "*Following the Followers of Jesus.*" Speakers will be Ralph Walker (Tampa) and Mark Boyles (Kansas City). See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, August 30

- ◆ **5th Sunday Singing** during evening assembly.



Palm Beach Lakes

Young Adults

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for details.

Saturday, August 1

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

Monday, August 3

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

Sunday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 22

- ◆ **Young Adult Service Project.** See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, September 5

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



Palm Beach Lakes

Youth

Sunday, July 12

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

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Register online at www.pblcoc.org. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 25-29

- ◆ **Upward Bound at CFBC.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, July 26

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.

Saturday, August 1

- ◆ **Jr. High Back-to-School Shopping & Lunch.**

219 Reasons from Psalm 119

to Read the Bible Every Day

#1

1. To be a companion of all who fear Him and keep His precepts (63)
2. To be delivered according to His word (170)
3. To be delivered from affliction (153)
4. To be held up and safe (117)
5. To receive light and understanding (130)
6. To be redeemed from the oppression of man (134)
7. To be revived (25)
8. To be revived according to His judgments (156)
9. To be revived according to His justice (149)
10. To be revived according to His lovingkindness (88, 159)
11. To be revived according to His word (154)
12. To be revived in affliction (107)
13. To be revived in His righteousness (40)
14. To be revived in His way (37)
15. To be saved (94)
16. To be strengthened (28)
17. To be taught by God (102)
18. To be taught good judgment and knowledge (66)
19. To be taught His statutes (26, 64, 68)
20. To be taught the way of His statutes (33)
21. To be upheld and live (116)
22. To be wiser than my enemies (98)
23. To choose the way of truth (30)
24. To cleanse my way (9)
25. To cling to His testimonies (31)
26. To consider all His precepts to be right (128)
27. To contemplate His ways (15)
28. To declare all His judgments (13)
29. To delight in His statutes (16)
30. To depart from evildoers (115)
31. To direct my steps (133)
32. To do His commandments (166)
33. To do no iniquity (3)
34. To enjoy sweeter-than-honey words to my taste (103)
35. To enlarge my heart (32)
36. To entreat His favor with my whole heart (58)
37. To evade perishing in affliction (92)
38. To fear God and His judgments (120)
39. To find comfort (82)
40. To find counsel in His testimonies (24)
41. To find delight in His commandments (35, 47, 143)
42. To find delight in His judgments (39)
43. To find delight in His law (70)
44. To find delight in His law and His salvation (174)
45. To find delight in His testimonies (24)
46. To find ease in persecution (84)
47. To find help in His faithful commandments (86)
48. To find His salvation and hope in His word (81)
49. To find His testimonies to be wonderful (129)
50. To find hope in His word (74)
51. To find mercy (58, 64)
52. To find my delight (77)
53. To find my hiding place and my shield (114)
54. To gain understanding (104)
55. To gain understanding and to live (144)

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



Sunday,
July 5

To my loving church family: Without your prayers, your love, cards and calls, I would never be able to go through the loss of my dad. You are all so precious to me. Thank you.

Your sister in Christ,
Lynne Jorgensen

The **Bobby Ingraham** family would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers during the loss of their son, **Bobby, Jr.** last week.

LOCAL VISITORS: Lori Braun; Nikita Cameron; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa D. Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Antone Faria; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Angel Santiago; Kevin Schenk; John C. Steen; Terry West; Ms. Gina Williams; Ralph Williams, Sr.; and Mrs. Graciela Zambrano.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Vickie Armstrong, Tampa, FL; Mrs. Daisy Blunt, N Charleston, SC; Melissa Brown, Collierville, TN; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Davison, MI; Imani Irby, Cincinnati, OH; Don Jamison; David & Jennifer Jaress, Taylor, & Kaitlyn, Port St. Lucie; Miss Dessire Knowlton, Forest Park, IL; Kaylyn Mayne, Cut Off, LA; Gale Nelson & family, Miami Gardens; Michael, Beth, & Mia Rosenblum, Huntsville, AL; Willie Sanon, Boynton Beach; Shaun, Emily, Simon, & Sully Tyson, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Edward Sims, Memphis TN; Ms. Linda Wolfe & Ava Johnson, Fayetteville, NC; and George Williams & Sylvia, Memphis, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (July 13th)

Novel Brown
Sam Simpkins

Tuesday (July 14th)

Kassandra Jones
Christopher Thompson

Thursday (July 16th)

Bonnie Arthur
Astrid Beliech

Thursday (July 16th) cont.

Hattie Daniels
Jim Davis

Friday (July 17th)

Michael & Julie Trujillo (Ann.)

Saturday (July 18th)

Chuck & Marisa Reeves (Ann.)
Carolina Beliech
Marian Holland

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, July 12

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading..... Jimmie Banks
Preside at Table Gary Jenkins
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Justin Maloney
Lance Collier Vincent Rogers
Glen Dawson Darin Summerlot
Namdidie Ikon Marty Williams
Alternates:
Ivan Villard, Jr. Richard Watson
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Sunday Evening, July 12

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Chad Brown
Scripture Reading..... Chuck Clark
Presiding at Table..... Jeff Goodale
Serve at Table:
Paul Batitsky
Gorman Ericksen
Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Charles Hayes

Wednesday Evening, July 15

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Invitation..... Clayton Trujillo
Family Prayer Nate Nelson

Our Record

| Attendance | July 5 | Jun. Avg. |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Sun. Bible study | 196 | 210 |
| Sun. A.M. Worship | 331 | 343 |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 204 | 195 |
| Wed. Bible study | 213 | 212 |
| Contribution | \$12,683 | \$13,854 |
| 2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500 | | |
| Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -6,833 | | |

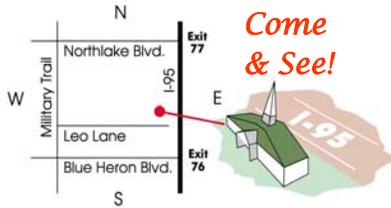
Ushers for the week of **July 12**: Head Usher: Tim Cox; Brent Leslie & Jerry Pittman



PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
www.pblcoc.org

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



Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ Bulletin (USPS 097-200)

Published weekly, except the weeks of December 25 and January 1, by the Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ at 4067 Leo Lane, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

Postmaster: Send address changes to:
Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ
4067 Leo Lane
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-6401

PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID
at West Palm Beach, FL

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: Lorena Pittman & Sandy Colage

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

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

October 25

Scott Shanahan Mission Report

November 5-8

20th Annual South Florida Lectureship
Theme: "Ready At His Coming"