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Welcome New Members



Hall, Haley

Group 2

Baptized June 25



Palm Beach Lakes FAMILY GROUPS

Meetings for August

- FAMILY GROUP 1 THURSDAY, AUG. 13**
- FAMILY GROUP 2 THURSDAY, AUG. 13**
- FAMILY GROUP 3 TUESDAY, AUG. 11**
- FAMILY GROUP 4 THURSDAY, AUG. 6**



By Dan Jenkins

Understanding the Kingdom & the Lord's Supper

Our Lord promised those disciples in the first century that the kingdom would come in their lifetime. Read the following words carefully as though you were standing in the presence of Jesus. What would you have understood when He said, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here

who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power" (Mark 9:1)? Those who believe the kingdom is still future and will be established when Jesus returns to reign for a thousand years have no explanation of Jesus' word. They also have another problem and that is what Jesus said about the place of the Lord's Supper in the kingdom.

Jesus taught the Lord's Supper would be part of the kingdom. It was in the upper room that Jesus promised He would eat the Lord's Supper with His followers when the kingdom came. Jesus said, "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:29). He and eighty-three other Divinely sent messengers had proclaimed that the kingdom was about to be established. Now in the upper room, what Jesus said placed a time limit on the time it would come. He said, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I say to you I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled

in the kingdom of God . . . I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes" (Luke 22:15-18). His words clearly state that the cup with the fruit of the vine as part of that feast was ending and was about to be fulfilled when Jesus would assemble with the disciples at His table, His supper—the Lord's supper. The Passover, as a God-appointed feast, was within a year of coming to an end.

Those who see the kingdom as a future event cannot explain the Lord's supper

The Lord's Supper became part of the promised kingdom for He made it part of His kingdom, the church.

Within two months of His words in the upper room the church began. Peter proclaimed that Jesus ascended on high as an exalted king (Acts 2:20-33). His promised kingdom had come and notice what immediately happened. "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Jesus had become part of the communion at His table in His kingdom!

The Lord's Supper will end when Jesus returns. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He come" (1 Cor. 11:26). The words "till He comes" proclaim that at His coming the Lord's Supper will end. Those who see the establishment of the kingdom as a future event cannot reconcile these Divine words with their teaching.

The kingdom has come, as He promised, and He meets with us every week at His table "till He comes."



By David Sproule

What God Says About Homosexuality (Part 5 of 5)

When one studies through the Bible and investigates all that God has to say about the topic of homosexuality and same-sex marriage, the careful student will find that, without exception, every mention of homosexuality in Scripture is a prohibition or condemnation from God. That is not intended to be unkind in any way, but it is merely to state the reality of "what God says" about this subject. And, what God says is the only thing that matters.

The marvelous nature of God is that He is a God of love. We must not define "God of love" to mean that He overlooks or sanctions that which He has identified as sinful in His Word. That's not love. "God of love" means that God lovingly tells us what is sinful and then offers us hope to escape the sin.

God's gospel has the power to transform one's life and lifestyle completely. The key is to open one's heart and let the gospel enter and have free reign. "...The gospel of Christ... is the power of God to salvation..." (Rom. 1:16). It will transform one into the image of Christ, if given the chance (2 Cor. 3:18). The power of the gospel is not in the person who receives it but in the God who gave it.

God's mercy offers the opportunity to repent and change one's direction in life. In the New Testament, repent-

ance is not only a command (Acts 17:30), but it is presented as a gift from God (Acts 5:31; 11:18). Repentance is not easy, but with God's help, it can be done (cf. 2 Cor. 12:21).

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God's grace provides a way of escape from temptation. Temptation to sin, including homosexual activity, may never leave a person, but through the grace of God, a Christian can overcome every temptation (1 Cor. 10:13; 1 John 5:4). To successfully overcome temptation, we must pray for strength against it (Matt. 6:13; 26:41) and flee from those situations and stimuli that Satan throws in our path (1 Cor. 6:18; 1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 6:11-13).

God's power can change your identity from what you "were" to what you "are." Addressing some Christians who used to be homosexuals, Paul said, "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus," and now you are "the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you" (1 Cor. 6:11, 19).

God's love offers the blessing of the inheritance of His kingdom to everyone who loves Him and yields their lives to Him and His will (1 Cor. 6:9-11, 18-20; Rom. 6:1-23). He truly is a God of love! His love truly wants what is best for us!

May God help us to be a loving people, who love God, who love truth, who love people and who love helping others to walk in paths of righteousness!



By Josh Blackmer

Would you do what he did?

If you were told exactly what to do to inherit eternal life, would you do it? In the case of the rich young ruler, he did not (Mark 10:17-25). As Jesus was preparing for a journey, the young man runs up to Jesus, bows and asks what he should do to inherit eternal life. Jesus responded with, seemingly, the standard answer, most of which was straight from the Ten Commandments. The young man's response is intriguing. "And he said to Him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up'" (Mark 10:20). He is saying that he is already doing those things. It makes me wonder why he even asked. It appears that something inside him knew that he needed to do more. Mark's account tells us that Jesus, "looking at him, had love for him" (Mark 10:21). At this point, we do not know what Jesus was thinking. It could be the case that He was happy to be talking with someone who knew that there was more to serving God than just the outward show of righteousness.

The self-righteous acts of the religiously elite of the day drew a lot of negative attention from Jesus. "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithes of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others" (Luke 11:42). While righteousness does

require obedience, it also requires a heart that is involved in the process. Paul mentions the same concept in his letter to the Corinthian church. "And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing" (1 Cor. 13:3). We can do all these things, but if we do not have the proper motivation, it means nothing.

In the case of the rich young ruler, his hang-up was money. Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me" (Mark 10:21). He was told exactly what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. He walked away sad because he had great wealth. Jesus uses the moment to warn His disciples about the love of money (1 Tim. 6:9-10). I

find that really interesting considering Judas was in the crowd at that moment. He was pilfering the collection for the poor and would eventually betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

So, what we can take away from this event is that you can tell someone exactly what to do, and they will not do it. It comes down to what you love most. You cannot serve two masters (Matt. 6:24).

What is your one thing you need to let go of so you can serve God better?

What is your one thing you need to let go of so you can serve God better?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

How big are your barns?

Do you remember the story of the rich man who "yielded plentifully" and made plans to build bigger barns to store his goods (see Luke 12:15-21)? I wonder what kind of barns we have, and I wonder how big our barns are and if we have ever needed to build bigger ones.

Do you have a "barn" that houses your faith? How big is that barn? Have you ever needed to pull down your "faith barn," in order to build a bigger barn, or are you still using the same barn?

Do you have a "barn" that houses your love for God and love for your brethren? How big is that barn? Have you ever needed to pull down your "love barn," in order to build a bigger barn, or are you still using the same barn you've always had?

Do you have a "barn" that houses your thanksgiving? How big is it? Have you ever needed to pull down your "thanksgiving barn" to build a bigger one, or are you still using the same one?

Are you growing as a Christian? Or have you been "about the same size" for a while? – DS



When opportunity is not lacking

The Christians in the city of Philippi shared a special relationship with the apostle Paul, and they seemingly took every opportunity available to them to serve and care for him. For a period of time, Paul must have been beyond their reach, or perhaps they lost track of him while he was transported as a Roman prisoner. But, once he was imprisoned in Rome, he wrote, "But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity" (Phil. 4:10).

Their care for Paul was constant (as evidenced by the Greek imperfect tense), but for a time, the opportunity to show that care was being constantly hindered. Finally, their care could flourish again and be demonstrated through action.

Today, which seems to be lacking for us—the Christ-like care for brethren OR the opportunity to demonstrate it? Opportunities abound around us! Will our brethren know that we care? – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mary Brown	awaiting biopsy results
Kay Fish	recovering at home
Margaret Griffo	under Hospice Care, getting weaker
Dick Haines	now at home, recovering from diverticulitis
James Heitman	Mike & Melanie's newborn, in NICU, underweight
Loretta James	recovering from a procedure
Lynne Jorgensen	Heartland Healthcare, recovering from knee surgery
Chuck Milton	recovering from surgery, doing well
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
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

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, slowly improving
Jefferey Byrd	Cheryl Floyd's brother, in Select Specialty Hospital
Victor Colage	Victor Colage's father, recovering from surgery
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
Mason Lerro	Richard & Judy's great-grandson, recovering from surgery
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, recovering at home from heart surg
Traci Scott	Scott Lewis' sister, recovering from a procedure
Donald Smith	Traci Sproule's father, recovering from colon surgery

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, August 2

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

Monday, August 3

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume in September.

Tuesday, August 4

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

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.

Friday-Sunday, August 7-9

- ◆ **Gifford Congregation Anniversary Weekend** each night at 5:00 p.m. (Friday & Saturday). Ed Holmes will be speaking on *"Footsteps to Salvation."* See the bulletin board for more details.

Thursday, August 6

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

Sunday, August 9

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

Tuesday, August 11

- ◆ **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 Lana Smith.

Thursday, August 13

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin & Stephanie Weeks.
- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

Sunday, August 30

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



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Young Adults

Monday, August 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Goodale. The main dish will be provided. Bring sides, salad or dessert.

Sunday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 22

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

Monday, August 31

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



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Youth

Sunday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 23

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

Sunday, September 13

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

Friday-Sunday, September 18-20

- ◆ **RUSH Weekend at FHU.** See Josh Blackmer for details.

Saturday, September 19

- ◆ **Jr. High Movie Night** at the Collier's. See Amber Villard or Sarah Collier for details.

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WE CAN

Worship More Meaningfully

Communing

“The disciples came together to break bread “ (Acts 20:7).

Singing

“Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19).

Praying

“Prayer...was being made fervently by the church to God” (Acts 12:5).

Giving

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart” (2 Cor. 9:7).

Preaching

“Stand and speak...to the people all the words of this Life” (Acts 5:20).

“Those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth ” (John 4:24).

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



Sunday,
July 26

Cameron Shirrell was baptized on Sunday morning, July 26.

Thank You Note

To my wonderful family at PBL,

I sure love and miss you all so very much! Thank you from my very grateful heart! Your prayers, thoughts, and love were felt, and God is so good. My heart surgery, so far, has been a success. I am recovering and heading home and beginning God's new journey for me. Miss you all so very much!

Love you,
Martie Veverka

LOCAL VISITORS: Eddie Gooden; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Milton Jones; Sulfica Pierre; Shantel Martin; James Proby; Mrs. Carrie Rerko; Dan & Kayla Robinson; Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Mrs. Cecilia Tipton; Jon Wasserman; and Ralph Williams, Sr.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Andy Anderson, Dubai, UAE; Gail Archer Remo & Alexandra Andrezza, Boca Raton, FL; Squandaina Davis, Pembroke Pines, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mrs. Nan Feeser & Ms. Margaret Gay, Inverness, FL; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Davison, MI; David, Jennifer, Taylor & Kaitlyn Jares, Port St. Lucie, FL; Jeremy & Andrea Jernigan, Ft. Wayne, IN; Doug Ludolph, Montgomery, AL; Corinn Miller; Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Rigney & Andrea, Manchester, TN; Ben, Tresa, Allee, Cameron, & Alesha Shirrell, Palm City, FL; Ivan & Lenis Villard, Daytona Beach, FL; Jon Wasserman; and Ms. Linda Wolfe & Ava Johnson, Fayetteville, NC.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (August 3rd)

Rick & Betsy Donahue (Ann.)
Stephen Beliech
Allison Roman
Seth Watson

Friday (August 7th)

Jeff & Jennifer Goodale (Ann.)
Brad Shelt

Saturday (August 8th)

Silas & Debra Lynch (Ann.)
Mary Porter
Gary Seames

Wednesday (August 5th)

Roy & Charlene Knowles (Ann.)
Betty McQuinn
Julie Trujillo

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, August 2

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Jerry Hopkins
Scripture Reading Freddie Gadson
Preside at Table Jerry Pittman
Serve at Table:
Jordan Beasley Deltom Lequernaque
Chuck Clark Morris McDaniel
Gorman Ericksen Nate Nelson
Namdidie Ikon Mike Trujillo
Alternates:
Novel Brown Charles Hayes
Closing Prayer Paul Hensel

Sunday Evening, August 2

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Bob Higbee
Scripture Reading Harrison Carter
Presiding at Table Jim Rogers
Serve at Table:
Tommy Pauldo
Clayton Trujillo
Marty Williams
Closing Prayer Glen Dawson

Wednesday Evening, August 5

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Invitation Chris Thomas
Family Prayer Gary Jenkins

Our Record

Attendance	July 26	Jun. Avg.
Sun. Bible study	201	210
Sun. A.M. Worship	350	343
Sun. P.M. Worship	183	195
Wed. Bible study	229	212
Contribution	\$12,421	\$13,854
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -10,789		

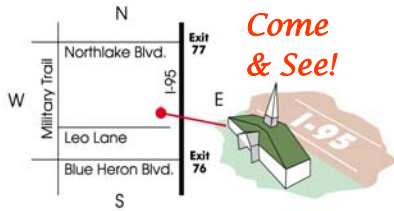
Ushers for the week of **August 2:** Head Usher: Dick Kelley; Doug Carrick & Gary Seames



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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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