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## Welcome New Members



DeLaney, Peggy

Group 3

*Identified August 16*



Jaress, David & Jennifer  
(Taylor & Kaitlyn)

Group 1

*Identified August 16*



Martin, Shantal  
(\*Cason & \*Ethan)

Group 1

*Identified August 16*

## PBL Family Photos Updated Sunday, August 30

*After morning worship  
 or before evening worship*



By Dan Jenkins

## Staying Focused During Preaching

This month we have been emphasizing the five acts of worship, focusing each Sunday on one of them. Last week we discussed preaching and your words were so encouraging. This church has a heart to ensure we let God change us. Let me share two ideas given to me last Sunday.

In that sermon about preaching and God's plan for it to be the avenue for building our faith and changing our lives, we talked about how our behavior impacts those around us. We talked about Christians who might be sitting near us and we can never tell how they are hurting. We also talked about how distracting our behavior can be to visitors at our services. One member at Palm Beach Lakes mentioned how when shopping last week she was parking her car and another lady saw the "Back to the Bible" bumper sticker on her car. She said to our sister, "I went to that church once." Obviously a very thrilling moment for any Christian and then she said words I shall never forget. "I could not worship at all, for all during the services the people behind me were talking to each other." How tragic! What a vivid reminder of how our behavior impacts others. This might be an isolated incident—those talkers may have also been visitors, but let's learn a great truth from what happened.

**We can never tell  
how those  
around us are  
hurting as we  
worship Him**

Another involved a kind, heartfelt note from a mother. She was hesitant, even apologetic, about giving this to me. "Parents of young school age children can teach their kids to listen to the preaching. Parents should not allow kids to entertain themselves while preaching is going on by allowing eating, puzzles, drawing, coloring and talking. It is not school, it is worship! Parents need to encourage their kids to sit correctly and be attentive to the words being said. Attention must be placed on the reverence of worship—not on the kid trying to get attention during this special time.

"As parents, we must help our kids to know how to behave during worship. Parents must explain the expectation while worship is happening and explain the reasons *why* to the child. Too often parents are prolonging incorrect behavior during worship because they are giving into what the child wants to do. Children can learn a different expectation—to be quiet during worship—not to eat, play with cars, etc. Correct behavior must be communicated and exercised.

"Worship is not a time to keep kids entertained! They should not be using a phone, playing a game on the floor, drinking or eating, making noise, talking, etc. Parents must encourage correct behavior and self control. They must expect and teach mature behavior."



By David Sproule

## When a "Baptism" Isn't Baptism

Baptism is a Bible subject. As a Biblical matter, it deserves our careful and thorough examination. Scripture clearly explains that a candidate for baptism must "believe" (Mark 16:16) and "repent" (Acts 2:38) prior to being buried in water (Col. 2:12), and the purpose of baptism is "for the

remission of sins" (Acts 2:38; 22:16), in order that one might "be saved" (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21) and enter "into Christ" (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27). If one experiences a "baptism," but not as a proper candidate or in the proper manner or for the proper reason, then such a "baptism" is not actually a Bible baptism.

**God's candidates for His baptism are penitent believers (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).** If one is "baptized" before having faith in Jesus Christ or before repenting of personal sins, then that individual has not actually been baptized with the baptism of the Bible. The Lord gave a proper sequence to follow, and it is not possible to retroactively say, "Well, I did all of the steps, but just in a different order." If you were baptized before believing and repenting, then you did not experience the baptism designed by Christ.

**God's mode for His baptism is immersion (Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:3-4).** If one is "baptized" by means of sprinkling or pouring water over the head, then that individual has not actu-

ally been baptized with the baptism of the Bible. The Lord defined baptism as immersion, both in word and in pattern, and it is not possible for us to do it in a different way but then still claim that we've done it in God's way. If you were "baptized" without being immersed, then you did not experience the baptism designed by God.

**God's purpose for baptism is to obtain the forgiveness of sins, which forgiveness one did not have prior to being baptized (Acts 2:38; 22:16).** If one is "baptized" as "an outward sign of an inward grace," or as "a public acknowledgement that I'm saved," or as an "entry requirement for a new church I'm attending," then that individual has not actually been baptized with the baptism of the Bible, for none of those are purposes designed by God. Likewise, if one is "baptized" because "my parents wanted me to do it," or "the Sunday school teacher pressured me," or "my best friend was just baptized," or even "it was the right thing to do," none of these fulfill the purpose that God assigned to Bible baptism. After learning the truth, one cannot retroactively assign "for the remission of sins" as the purpose for his baptism, if that was not the actual reason that he was "baptized."

Have you been immersed into water as a penitent believer in order that you might obtain salvation from your sins? If not, "why do you wait?" (Acts 22:16). Let's talk.



By Josh Blackmer

## Could God Find a Job Today?

God had a Job once. He spoke to Satan about this Job, "The LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil'" (Job 1:8). God has had several "Jobs" throughout the history of man. Those individuals that would fit the description God gave to Satan, "blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil." At the time, Job was unique in his devotion to God, "for there is no one like him on the earth."

There had been others. Enoch for example. Jude tells us that he lived in the seventh generation after Adam (Jude 1:14). He was also the father of Methuselah (Gen 5:22). The most intriguing thing about him is mentioned in Hebrews, "By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God" (11:5). In the same chapter in Hebrews the writer mentions others, "of whom the world was not worthy" (11:38). It is possible to live in such a way that we honor God with our actions and by the very way in which we live. "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service" (Rom 12:1).

**The answer is yes.**

The question still remains. Could God find a Job today? Could He find a person that is blameless and upright? "Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:14-15). Could He find someone who fears Him? "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor. 7:1). Could He find someone that turns away from evil? "Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart" (2 Tim. 2:22). The answer is yes.

If we are a people that would put these things into practice we could be named among the many "Jobs" that God has had throughout human history. As Peter said, "For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful..." (2 Pet. 1:8). As always the key is to do these things every day: choosing in the moment to be one that would glorify God with our actions, while it may seem a daunting task in view of an entirety of a lifetime. However, breaking a life down to a series of small choices, actions and decisions makes that task at hand easier to grasp. In the moment, in this moment, chose to be one that God would be proud of, "Behold my servant..."

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Am I going to the right church?

On a weekly basis, there will be a church-goer somewhere who wonders, "Am I going to the right church?" This is a crucial question, for the answer is of eternal consequence. How does one determine the right answer to this question? How about asking some other questions?

Why am I going to this church? Did I make the decision to go here or did I just follow along with someone else? Should I be using the Bible to determine the right church? Does my church go only by the Bible or are there some human traditions or doctrines that it upholds and follows? If someone asked me why I go to this church, would I use the Bible to explain my answer or would I base my response upon my personal preferences and feelings?

Jesus died for His church. Jesus established His church. Jesus gave inspired instructions for His church. Jesus loves His church. Jesus will return and take His church home to heaven. Are you certain that you are in His church? – DS



### Some more questions to ask about your church

"Am I going to the right church?" That is a critically important question. But, how does one determine if he is going to the right church? Here is a question to ask, "Does the church I attend resemble the church that Jesus established in the New Testament?"

Does my church worship on the first day of the week, like the church in the New Testament did (Acts 20:7)? Does my church teach the essentiality of immersion into Christ for salvation (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)? Does my church observe the Lord's Supper every Sunday (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20)? Does my church have elders and deacons (1 Tim. 3:1-13; Acts 14:23; Phil. 1:1)? Does my church stand for moral purity and righteous living (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-23; Col. 3:1-17)?

The New Testament teaches that there is only "one church" (Eph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 1:10), and then it provides the distinct pattern for the doctrine and practice of that one church. The church belongs to Christ! Are you certain that you are in His one church? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Henry Bass</b>      | recovering from knee surgery                       |
| <b>Grace Hackshaw</b>  | recovering from surgery                            |
| <b>Mary A. Jackson</b> | home from the hospital, still in a lot of pain     |
| <b>Lynne Jorgensen</b> | Heartland Healthcare, recovering from knee surgery |



**John Kemp** upon the passing of his brother, **Robert Kemp**, last week.

**Annie Faison** upon the passing of her 15-year-old great-grandson, **Cory Davis**.

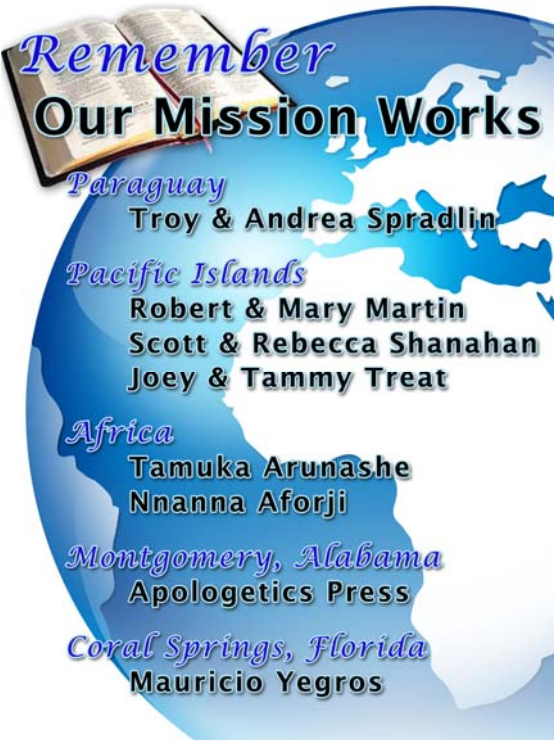
### Long-Term Health Issues

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <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>Norm Smedley</b>      | breathing problems       |
| <b>Patricia Ventress</b> | dialysis treatments      |

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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Lorraine Allen</b>  | Lisa Metzkes' sister, Wellington Regional, has an infection |
| <b>Jefferey Byrd</b>   | Cheryl Floyd's brother, Renaissance Rehab, surgery          |
| <b>Barbara Ferland</b> | June Pack's niece, recovering from pituitary gland surgery  |
| <b>Hilary Findley</b>  | Maria Hackshaw's sister, recovering from major surgery      |
| <b>Richard Flowers</b> | June Pack's nephew, stage 4 lung cancer                     |
| <b>Richard Hill</b>    | Shirley Hopkins' brother, recovering from carotid surgery   |
| <b>Lillie Jones</b>    | Sallie Moses' daughter, hospitalized with an infection      |
| <b>Brenda Lendsey</b>  | Debora Lynch's sister, under Hospice Care                   |
| <b>Flossie Lowry</b>   | Susan Reynold's grandmother, battling health issues         |
| <b>Thomas Moore</b>    | Linda Coe's uncle, begins chemo for lung cancer soon        |
| <b>Donald Smith</b>    | Traci Sproule's father, recovering from colon surgery       |
| <b>Cody Yates</b>      | Brittany Thompson's brother, possible knee surgery          |





# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Monday, August 24

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

## Tuesday, August 25

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

## Sunday, August 30

- ♦ **New 10-Week Bible Class Session begins** for all Adult, Jr. High & Sr. High classes on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **5th Sunday Singing** during evening assembly.

## Sunday, September 6

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

## Thursday, September 10

- ♦ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Rick & Melinda Price.

## Friday-Sunday, September 11-13

- ♦ **Marriage Seminar with Neal Pollard.** The theme is "A Balanced Marriage."

Friday 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Saturday, September 12

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens** from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Theme is "Beauty Is Only Skin Deep." Please RSVP by August 15. See the bulletin board.

## Sunday, September 13

- ♦ **Baby Shower for Ted & Laura Schuemann** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Buy Buy Baby. It's a girl!
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Tuesday, September 15

- ♦ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joan Holloway.
- ♦ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Young Adults

## 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.

## Saturday, September 5

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

## 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.

## Monday, September 14

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller.

## Sunday, September 20

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



## Palm Beach Lakes

# Youth

## Sunday, August 23

- ♦ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ♦ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Scott & Linda Studer. Bring drinks and/or desserts.

## Saturday, August 29

- ♦ **Young Families' Back-to-School BBQ** at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Rick & Melinda Price. The main dish will be provided. Please bring sides, chips, desserts and drinks. All families with children in 5th grade and under are invited.

## 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.** Sign up on the bulletin board. See Josh Blackmer for details.

# September 2015



| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|   |   | 1   | 2<br>a Trevor & Tiffany Cheshier<br>a David & Jennifer Jaress<br>b Johnny Davis<br>b Owen Miley | 3<br>a Rick & Sherrie Tibbetts   | 4<br>a Gary & Doris Friedly<br>b Nate Nelson<br>b Marty Williams            | 5<br>☆ <b>Young Adult Devo</b><br>a Chuck & Trish Clark   |
| 6<br>☆ <b>Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit</b><br>b Derrick Banks<br>b Amanda Fetting       | 7<br>☆ <b>Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night</b><br>b Ariana Aristy<br>b Bill Ingram, Jr.<br>b Scott Lewis<br>b Daniel Wagner | 8<br>b Verdell March<br>b Katie Sproule   | 9<br>b Jennifer Carver  | 10<br>☆ <b>Family Group 1 Meeting</b><br>b Debi Watson                                   | 11<br>a Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss  | 12<br>☆ <b>Ladies' Day hosted by Miami Gardens</b><br>b Darin Summerlot                                   |
|   |   |   |   |  | Marriage Seminar with Neal Pollard  |   |
| 13<br>☆ <b>Baby Shower for Ted &amp; Laura Schuemann</b><br>☆ <b>Youth &amp; Family Singing</b> | 14<br>b Josh Blackmer   | 15<br>☆ <b>Family Group 2 Meeting</b><br>☆ <b>Family Group 3 Meeting</b><br>b Ruth Milton | 16<br>a Justilien & Adelene Honore<br>b Peggy Hall  | 17<br>☆ <b>Family Group 4 Meeting</b><br>b Mike Ellis<br>b Robert Lupo<br>b Lisa Metzkes | 18<br>b Marcia Kelley   | 19<br>☆ <b>Jr. High Movie Night</b><br>b Justilien Honore<br>b Sherrick Thomas                            |
|   |   |   |   |  | RUSH Weekend at FHU (18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> )                   |   |
| 20<br>☆ <b>EDP Meeting</b><br>☆ <b>Young Adult Meeting</b>                                      | 21  | 22<br>b Luann McLeod  | 23  | 24<br>a Johnny & Betty Davis<br>b Cornelius Brown  | 25<br>a David & Marie Thorpe<br>a Jean & Bernadette Duperat<br>b Dan Fuller | 26<br>☆ <b>Men's Breakfast</b><br>b Betty Davis<br>b Gary Jenkins<br>b Ophelia Holmes<br>b Vincent Rogers |
|   |   |   |   |  | Live Saved at CFBC (25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> )                    |   |
| 27<br>☆ <b>Jr. High Family Devo</b>   | 28  | 29<br>b Paul Hensel   | 30  |  |   |   |

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



Sunday,  
August 16

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa Charles; Mrs. Berthe Faria; Eddie Gooden; Milton Jones; Robin Landen; Mr. & Mrs. Stanley MacPherson; Miss Sue Maisano; James Proby; Kayla Robinson; Christopher and Yolanda Stewart; and Mrs. Gracie Zambrano.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mrs. Letha Anderson, UAE; Kirk, Mendy, Casey, & Claire Crews, McLean, VA; Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Jordan Harris, LLLA; Mr. & Mrs. Dave Hogan, Mount Dora, FL; Greg Morris, Cordova, TN; and Mrs. Linda Wolfe & Ava Johnson, Fayetteville, NC.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (August 23rd)  
Orlando & Lilly Lolo (Ann.)  
Chuck & Mary Reeves (Ann.)  
Skye Brown  
Inell Ingram

Thursday (August 27th)  
Paul & Kim Hensel (Ann)  
  
Friday (August 28th)  
Doris Friedly

Monday (August 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Turkessa Fernander

Saturday (August 29th)  
Jordan Beasley



**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDARS**

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16-18

**THEME:**  
**"WITHOUT FAITH..."**

### 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 23

Lead Singing ..... Jerry Hopkins  
Opening Prayer ..... Richard Lerro  
Scripture Reading ..... Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Preside at Table ..... Kevin Weeks  
Henry Bass            Kenneth Long  
Doug Carrick        Carmen Ruckman  
Tim Fry               Scott Studer  
Orlando Lolo        Richard Watson  
Alternates:  
Jeff Goodale        Nate Nelson  
Closing Prayer ..... Brent Leslie

#### Sunday Evening, August 23

Lead Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Cam Crotts  
Scripture Reading ..... Adam Seal  
Presiding at Table ..... Joe Maloney  
Serve at Table:  
John Kemp  
Chuck Reeves, Sr.  
Daniel Swayne  
Closing Prayer ..... Bill Ingram, Sr.  
**Wednesday Evening, August 26**  
Lead Singing ..... Harrison Carter  
Invitation ..... Chuck Clark  
Family Prayer ..... Tim Fry

### Our Record

| Attendance                           | <u>Aug. 16</u> | <u>July Avg.</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sun. Bible study                     | 208            | 190              |
| Sun. A.M. Worship                    | 329            | 337              |
| Sun. P.M. Worship                    | 191            | 185              |
| Wed. Bible study                     | 190            | 214              |
| Contribution                         | \$18,437       | \$13,079         |
| 2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500         |                |                  |
| Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -5,547 |                |                  |

Ushers for the week of **August 23**: Head Usher: Dick Kelley; Morris McDaniel & Jim Rogers

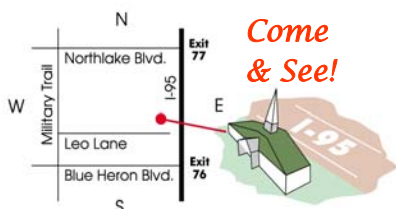


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*Speaking  
where  
the  
Bible*

*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: Josiah Blackmer, Micah Trujillo & Devon Eutsey

## 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).

ARISE  
SHINE  
FOR YOUR  
LIGHT  
HAS COME

ISAIAH 60:1