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# MISSION Sunday

TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD



13-Year Total:

**\$1,564,583.95**

**TO GOD**  
*Be the Glory*



By Dan Jenkins

## Gideon and Palm Beach Lakes

Who would have ever thought that Gideon with his army of 300 would prevail against 120,000 Midianites, slain in the initial battle, plus 15,000 more who were destroyed shortly afterwards. At the end of the day, all that could be said was that God truly was working through Gideon to accomplish His purposes. Three hundred versus 135,000 seems like impossible odds until God becomes part of the picture.

The numbers are slightly different, but there is an amazing parallel between what happened about 3,000 years ago and what happened last week at this congregation. Our Sunday attendance is about 375, and we were urged by our elders to give over \$125,000 to finance the works proposed for us to do in mission work in 2016. With the economy being what it is (have you checked the rising prices of everything except gas), it seemed an insurmountable challenge.

Mission Sunday began twelve years ago when our shepherds decided to use the contributions from 51 weeks to finance the year's work which previously was financed by the funds from 52 weeks each year. The other week's contribution would be devoted to evangelizing the lost world. The Lord has blessed us and used us. In those twelve years, we have been able to give \$1,410,000. We spent the two weeks prior to Mis-

sion Sunday showing what God has been able to do with these funds and then looking at what was planned for 2016. Many, because of the nature of our economy, thought we would not be able to give this year as we had in past years.

At the end of our services, we awaited the announcement of the amount we had given earlier in the service. When the total given was revealed, there was an audible expression of amazement and thanksgiving. It was the largest Mission Sunday contribution ever. Who would have ever imagined that we would give over \$154,000!

Gideon accomplished what he did because he trusted God. He accomplished what he did because he was determined to follow God. He accomplished what he did because he loved God more than all that which was around him. The end result was not because of Gideon. It was because of God. Gideon's army of 300 won the victory over 135,000 Midianites.

Palm Beach Lakes accomplished what it did because we trusted God. We accomplished what we did because we were determined to follow God. We accomplished what we did because we loved God more than all that which is around us. The end result was not because of PBL. It was because of God. His "army" of 375 at PBL won the victory and surpassed the challenge of 154,000 before us! It was all because of Him!

**The end result was not because of Palm Beach Lakes—it was because of Him!**



By David Sproule

## Are You Worthy to Loose?

In order to emphasize the exceeding greatness of Jesus Christ and his own abject unworthiness in comparison, John the Baptist announced, "One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose" (Luke 3:16). Think about that for a moment. John did not consider himself deserving of even loosening the strap on Jesus' sandal. How low do you have to view yourself to think something like that? How deep was his respect for Jesus?

Should we not have that same amount of awe and respect today for Jesus? What about that same amount of awe and respect for His teachings? The amazing thing today is that there are a host of religious folks who have deemed themselves "worthy to loose" when it comes to certain matters of doctrine. How troublesome that they believe they are worthy to take such actions against the bindings of Jesus!

**Jesus bound marriage to be between one man and one woman**, but there are religious folks today, claiming to teach the Bible, who have loosed Jesus' strap. When Jesus was asked about marriage, He pointed the enquirers to God's original design. "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). How can someone today possibly deem himself worthy to loose what Jesus has bound and justify homosexuality?

**Jesus bound divorce for only one cause (i.e., fornication)**, but there are religious folks today, claiming to teach the Bible, who have loosed Jesus' strap. When Jesus was asked about divorce and pressed to allow it for "any reason" (Matt. 19:3), He plainly (and strictly) limited the right to divorce only to the one who "divorces his wife...for fornication" (19:9). How can someone today possibly deem himself worthy to loose what Jesus has bound and justify divorce for any other reason?

**Jesus bound baptism for the remission of sins**, but there are religious folks today, claiming to teach the Bible, who have loosed Jesus' strap. Jesus Himself taught that baptism is absolutely essential for one to "be saved" (Mark 16:16), to be made a disciple (Matt. 28:19) and to "enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:3-5). How can someone today possibly deem himself worthy to loose what Jesus has bound and justify the salvation of sins prior to and separate from a penitent believer's immersion?

Jesus said there was no greater man than John the Baptist (Matt. 11:11), a man who refused to loose what Jesus had bound. If we want to receive Jesus' approval, we must not loose what Jesus has bound (Matt. 24:35; Rev. 22:18-19)!

**Host of religious folks who have deemed themselves "worthy to loose"**



By Josh Blackmer

## As a Follower of Christ, We Will Make Mistakes

Our spiritual lives are marked with highs and lows. There are those mountain-top moments when you feel that there is nothing that could stand in your way. Then, there are those moments when you seem to fall to every temptation, and you are left wondering how God could love you.

Among the characters of the Bible, we can find people that experienced similar events in their lives. David stood seemingly alone against a giant but fell to the lust of the eyes. Moses, a great leader and deliverer of the Hebrew people, disobeyed God and was not allowed into the Promised Land. Perhaps the one that we can relate to most is Peter.

Peter, a fisherman by trade, was called by Jesus when he was by the Sea of Galilee with his brother Andrew (Matt. 4:18). John records another event where both Andrew and Peter were called to follow Jesus again in John 1:44-51. In this event, both brothers acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah and were told that they would see many other things in their time with Christ.

Peter was one that catches our attention because of the way that he is right on with his comments and actions, then, in the very next moment, he does something to undermine what he just affirmed. There are four major events like

this recorded in the gospel accounts.

The first is in Matthew 14. Jesus is walking on the Sea of Galilee toward the disciples who are struggling in a boat during a storm. Peter calls out to go to Him and walks to Jesus but then falls when he nears Jesus. The second was Peter's statement that Jesus was the Christ the Son of the living God in Matthew 16. It was then that Jesus mentions the keys of the Kingdom and His pending death. After which, Peter rebukes Jesus saying that he will not allow Jesus to die. Jesus then tells him, "Get thee behind Me Satan!" Third, the Mount of Transfiguration recorded in Matthew 17. Three disciples are led up on the mountain, and Jesus reveals His glory to them as well as seeing Him speak with Moses and Elijah. Peter then wants to raise tabernacles to honor all three, and God rebukes him from the cloud saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to Him!" Lastly, Peter's denial of Christ, recorded in all four gospels (Matt. 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 18). He was so adamant that this would never happen, and hours later he did the very thing he swore he would never do! Peter ran away ashamed and wept.

We have all been there at some point. How could we be loved again by our Lord? It was a short time later that Jesus came to Peter and said, "Peter, do you love me?" He came back to work mightily for the Lord. So can you!

**Do not let your mistakes and short comings define you.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### What brand of paper do you use?

Go back 2,000 years and imagine explaining to someone all of the different brands and styles of paper that are available today. If someone is looking for plain white, 20 Lb., 8.5" x 11" paper, there are over 20 different brands (at least from my brief search). What! It's just plain, white paper! Why are there so many different varieties? Why can't we just have one paper choice? Does it not seem ridiculous that there isn't just one choice for white printer/copier paper?

Now, imagine going back 2,000 years and explaining to someone all of the different brands and styles of churches that exist today. How do you think they'd respond? They would likely be as baffled as they would by the abundance of paper varieties. For 2,000 years ago, there was only one church (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23). To speak of that church having different brands, styles, names or doctrines would seem absolutely absurd to those who saw it in the first century.

The church. It's simple. Just like a piece of paper. No man-made brands needed! – DS



### "And" is such a big word!

Antidisestablishmentarianism is a big word. 28 letters. That's pretty big! Have you heard of pneumonoultramicroscopic silicovolcanokoniosis? It is supposedly a lung disease caused by inhaling silica dust. 45 letters. That's really big! But the 3-letter word "and" is even bigger!

"And" is a coordinating conjunction, which is a part of speech that grammatically joins parts of a sentence that are **equal** (in importance and structure). "Bill **and** Joe are brothers." "Buy milk **and** bread." "Look down the field **and** pass the ball." "And" joins two equal parts; one element is incomplete without the other. In Mark 16:15, Jesus instructed, "Go into all the world **and** preach the gospel." One part, without the other, is insufficient. What about the next verse?

In Mark 16:16, Jesus plainly declared, "He who believes **and** is baptized will be saved." "And" joins two items of **equal** grammatical importance. The result ("will be saved") is **impossible** without both believing **and** being baptized. To teach that baptism is not essential to one's salvation is grammatical (and Biblical) sabotage! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Gloria Boyd</b>	recovering at home from surgery
<b>Mary Brown</b>	recovering at home from outpatient procedure
<b>Joseph Charles</b>	JFK Hospital, kidney stone treatments
<b>Dick Haines</b>	continues to struggle with health issues
<b>Juanita Huser</b>	recovering from fall, broke her left upper arm
<b>Bill Ingram, Sr.</b>	recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
<b>Tracy Jamison</b>	recovering at home from surgery
<b>Joe Quigley</b>	recovering at home from kidney failure
<b>Harriet Morris</b>	lost sight in one of her eyes
<b>Janice Osborne</b>	awaiting medical test results
<b>Mary Reeves</b>	recovering from a fall, in a lot of pain
<b>Kay Richardson</b>	recovering from another vein surgery
<b>Cathy Seay</b>	PBG Medical Center (no visitors), heart catheterization

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Annie Faison</b>	suffering with chronic pain
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Godfrey Pratt</b>	suffering with back issues
<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>Bonnye Cox</b>	Connye Plouffe's sister, chemo for chronic leukemia
<b>Thelma Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering from surgery
<b>Sandra Perez</b>	Cherylann Wineinger's sister, gallbladder surgery
<b>Lee Wineinger</b>	Cherylann Wineinger's father, on life support

## 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, February 7

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

## Monday, February 8

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

## Tuesday, February 9

- ◆ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

## Thursday, February 11

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Johnny & Betty Davis.

## Saturday, February 13

- ◆ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL Members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Tickets are \$5 per person (pay at the door).

## Sunday, February 14

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

## Sunday-Wednesday, February 14-17

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Belle Glade.** Arlin Chapman will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday). *We have designated Tuesday night as PBL night. Let's try to support this effort of this good congregation.*

## Tuesday, February 16

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara King.

## Thursday, February 18

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

## Friday, February 19

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

## Saturday, February 20

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street in Pompano.** This year's theme is "*Maidservants for Christ.*" RSVP by February 12. See the bulletin board for more details.

*Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*  
**Young Adults**

## Friday, February 12

- ◆ **Young Adult Bonfire Devo** at 7:30 p.m. Meet in the Family Room. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring an item for the taco & burrito dinner.

## Saturday, February 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Dinner** at 5:30 p.m. at Tijuana Flats on Indiantown Road in Jupiter.

## Sunday, February 21

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

## Monday, February 22

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

## Friday-Sunday, February 26-28

- ◆ **Young Adult Camping Trip.** See Ivan, Shea or Adam for details.

## Saturday, March 12

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



**Palm Beach Lakes**  
**Youth**

## Friday, February 12

- ◆ **Sr. High Camping** on the church property. Tents will be set up at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner & a bonfire devo with the Young Adults. Parents should pick up teens on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring an item for the taco & burrito dinner. See Mike Trujillo or Ivan Villard for more information.

## Saturday, February 13

- ◆ **Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High Youth.** Jr. High Youth should arrive at 3:30 p.m. See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for more details.

## Sunday, February 14

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

## Friday-Sunday, February 26-28

- ◆ **YES Weekend for Grades 8-12** at the Forrest Park congregation in Valdosta, GA. Meet at the church building at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person (pay by Feb. 15).

FEBRUARY:



## *To Follow Jesus*

*Who will follow Jesus, Standing for the right,  
Holding up His banner In the thickest fight?  
List'ning for His orders, Ready to obey,  
Who will follow Jesus, Serving Him today?*

*Who will follow Jesus? Who will make reply,  
"I am on the Lord's side; Master, here am I"?  
Who will follow Jesus? Who will make reply,  
"I am on the Lord's side; Master, here am I"?*

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

## Thank You Note

I would like to express my appreciation to my church family for the cards, phone calls, flowers, visits and prayers that I received since my surgery. Thank God for technology. I have been able to watch services online. - Gloria Boyd



Sunday,  
January 31

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (February 7<sup>th</sup>)

Connie Plouffe

Monday (February 8<sup>th</sup>)

Sallie Moses

Tuesday (February 9<sup>th</sup>)

Joe & Janice Maloney (Ann.)  
Rudolph & Verdell March (Ann.)

Wednesday (February 10<sup>th</sup>)

Pete & Pat Brown (Ann.)

Wednesday (February 10<sup>th</sup>) cont.

Shea Brown  
Warren Porter  
Emily Tyson

Thursday (February 11<sup>th</sup>)

David Brown

Friday (February 12<sup>th</sup>)

David Holaday

Saturday (February 13<sup>th</sup>)

Eugene & Penny Williams

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Andy & Letha Anderson; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Mr. Greg Bland; Mr. Jean Charles; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Carol Gerber; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Jessie Gower-Winter; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Milton Jones; Mrs. Karen Lester; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Mr. & Mrs. Henry & Alecia Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Yolanda Stewart; Mrs. Cecilia Tipton; Mrs. Marion Vanderwende; and Ms. Mary Sue Young.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mark Audia, Mills River, NC; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gooding (Miami, FL); Richard Hamlen, Valdosta, GA; Don Jamison; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Ms. Linda McNeese, Woodbury, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann, Delray Beach; Mr. & Mrs. Gene & Betty Mies, Ypsilanti, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence & Pauline Montgomery, New Albany, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Pedigo, Woodbury, TN; Mrs. Kristen Reames, Franklin, TN; Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA; Ms. DeRita Summerlot, Orlando, FL; Bill & Lee Tellman, Pacific, MO; and Mr. & Mrs. Ron & Maryann Weisenstine, Vermilion, OH.

## 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, February 7

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Eugene Williams  
Scripture Reading ..... Jerry Pittman  
Presiding at Table ..... Daniel Swayne  
Serve at Table:  
Jordan Beasley      David Lord  
Doug Carrick      Vincent Rogers  
Eddie Gooden      Micah Trujillo  
Brett Lau      Nahum Villard  
Alternates:  
Charles Hayes      Phil Porter  
Closing Prayer ..... Brad Shelt

### Sunday Evening, February 7

Lead Singing ..... Stephen Beliech  
Opening Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes  
Scripture Reading ..... Kevin Weeks  
Presiding at Table ..... Scott Studer  
Serve at Table:  
Gorman Ericksen  
Bobbo Lupo  
Ken Tipton  
Closing Prayer ..... Harrison Carter  
**Wednesday Evening, February 10**  
Lead Singing ..... Bobbo Lupo  
Invitation ..... Cornelius Henderson  
Family Prayer ..... Tim Fry

## Our Record

Attendance	Jan. 31	Dec. Av.
Sun. Bible study	243	232
Sun. A.M. Worship	377	375
Sun. P.M. Worship	200	183
Wed. Bible study	235	187
Contribution	\$154,084.34	\$15,475

2016 Weekly Budget: TBA

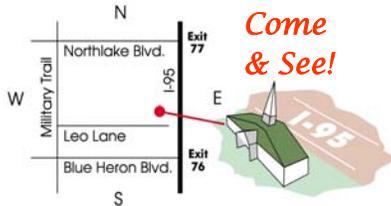
Ushers for the week of **Feb. 7**: Head Usher: Glen Dawson; Bob Higbee & Rick Price



# PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



*Come & See!*

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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: **ALL the Guys on Their Devices** (Trey Higbee, Josiah Blackmer, Harrison Crofts, Vivian Blackmer & Dan Fuller)

