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Welcome New Members



McDaniel, Bailey

Group 3

Baptized February 7



Medina, Carolina

Group 2

Identified April 3

34TH ANNUAL LADIES' DAY
HOSTED BY PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Thursday, April 21

Daughters
of the
KING

Speaker: Traci Sproule



By Dan Jenkins

Do You Know the Lord . . . ?

There is a phrase, most often used in a question form, to describe one's relationship to the Lord and one's salvation. It is not uncommon for individuals to ask others, "Do you know the Lord as your personal Savior?" There is nothing wrong with this phrase, but it can so easily be used in a way vastly different from the way the Bible uses it.

The correct answer to this question is not to be found by looking internally and then telling others about the emotional ties we have to Jesus. Such an approach is clothed in subjectivity. Take the most radical aspect of "Christianity" in our land and ask a devotee to that religion if he feels a closeness to Jesus. Ask him if he "knows the Lord as a personal Savior." Because of the teaching he has found in what might be called radical "Christendom" his affirmative answer would be quickly rejected by many.

So, how do you decide if you know the Lord? The apostle John answers this in one brief sentence. "He who says I know Him and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). The question, "Do you know the Lord," is not answered by looking inwardly and then verbalizing a subjective feeling which comes from one's personal religious background. It comes by looking at the Bible

and then at how devoted one is to obeying the Lord. *The God-given answer is not found on one's lips, but in one's life.*

What is amazing is how much "political incorrectness" God then uses in this verse. The Holy Spirit of God makes it so clear. That individual who minimizes obedience to God while at the same time claiming that he knows the Lord as his personal Savior is a liar. *God said that man is a liar!*

How does all of this confusion come about in our day? Consider the preaching of Peter on Pentecost. He told the Jews, "...God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). There are *two* aspects of deity in this verse. Jesus is both Lord and Christ.

Many today readily "accept Jesus as a personal Savior" but very few "accept Jesus as a personal Lord." The acceptance of Jesus as Lord results in obedience to all that He asks of us. Those who asked what they should do because they had crucified the Son of God were told to repent and be baptized in the name of the Jesus Christ. The expression "in the name of Jesus" means by His authority. It is not enough to want Jesus to be our Savior, we must also make Him our Savior.

Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior? Do not answer this just with words. The real answer is not found in your lips, but in your life! Let Him be *Lord* of all of your *life!*

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By David Sproule

Husbands and Wives, It Is Time!

Modern culture has created a mold for today's husbands and wives, and too many are allowing themselves to be poured right into it. Husbands are depicted (because this is what is wanted and expected of them) to be weak, helpless, lazy, childlike, cowering, bumbling oafs. And, if one of them attempts to step out of that mold and take on a stronger role, he is depicted as an arrogant, demeaning, dictatorial, heartless brute. Wives are depicted (because this is what is wanted and expected of them) to be the only one in the relationship who has any sense, any intelligence, any initiative, and she is the one who runs the show. And, if one of them attempts to take a more submissive role, she is depicted as a pitiful, sad, clueless simpleton.

Husbands, it is time to be husbands, as God intended! God's husbands are like Noah, who provided for his family. God's husbands are like Abraham, who led his family in faithful service to God. God's husbands are like Jacob, who was a diligent, dependable, hardworking man. God's husbands are like Boaz, who found generous ways to make his wife feel special. God's husbands are like Hosea, who remained faithful to his unfaithful wife. God's husbands are like Joseph, who took responsibility for the task that God had given to him and his wife. What we see in these husbands is what God intended for hus-

bands to be. "The husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church" (Eph. 5:23). A husband is to unconditionally and unselfishly love his wife, and to nourish and cherish her, as Jesus does the church (Eph. 5:25-28). A husband is to give honor to his wife, "as to the weaker vessel" (1 Pet. 3:7). Husbands, it is time!

Modern culture has completely warped God's design...It is time to go back to it!

Wives, it is time to be wives, as God intended! God's wives are like Sarah, who followed her husband, as he followed the Lord. God's wives are like Ruth, who humbled herself before her husband and allowed him to be her protector. God's wives are like Priscilla, who worked alongside her husband in tent-making and disciple-making. God's wives are like Mary, who submitted to her husband, as she submitted to God. What we see in these wives is what God intended for wives to be. "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord...Let the wife see that she respects her husband" (Eph. 5:22, 33). Wives are to "love their husbands" and be "subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored" (Tit. 2:4-5). Wives, it is time!

Modern culture has completely warped God's design. Whether it is popular or not, whether it fits the mold or not, we must go back to God's design and be the men and the husbands that God designed us to be, and to be the women and the wives that God designed us to be! It is time!



By Josh Blackmer

“It’s all McDonald’s, McDonald’s for the soul!”

A well-known philosopher of our day has this to say about our McDonald’s society. “I’m tired of people acting like they are better than McDonald’s. Okay, you may never set foot in McDonald’s, but you have your own McDonald’s. Maybe instead of ordering a Big Mac you read Us Weekly. That’s still McDonald’s, it’s just served up a little different. Maybe your McDonald’s is telling yourself that a Starbucks Frappuccino is not a milkshake, or maybe you watch Glee. It’s all McDonald’s—McDonald’s of the soul. Momentary pleasure followed by enormous guilt eventually leading to cancer.”

This satire is a new way of looking at an old question, “What are you putting into your soul/mind?” It is evident that “McDonald’s” style information is everywhere and very easily accessible via cell phone, television or internet. It soaks through our society the way a Double Quarter Pounder with cheese soaks through the bag. While these tidbits of information, images, videos, movies and television programming may seem great at the time, they really leave you with nothing. With the advent of Netflix and other streaming media services, you are allowed to watch hours of your favorite TV shows in a single sitting. “Binge watching” is what this practice is called. It was examined in a recent study that suggests that there is a link between binge watching and

depression.

We may not be depressed, but we are consumers of a lot of fast food media. In contrast, what are we doing to fill ourselves up with the “pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow” (1 Peter 2:2). The Bible is full of God’s plea to learn more, grow in His understanding and walk closer to Him. We must keep renewing the mind (Romans 12:1-2) and not allow ourselves to fill and dull on a diet of junk. It is so easy to get pulled into a habit of mind-numbing media and forget about the time passing around you. If you were honest with yourself, how much time would you say that you spend on entertainment? How much time do we spend plugged in and tuned out to the world around us? Have bad habits set in and pulled you away from the good ones you used to have? According to the American Time Use survey, the average American watches 9 years of television in his/her lifetime. The average American youth is in school 900 hours a year and watches 1,200 hours a day.

There are a lot of ways and methods that we can use to keep our senses exercised. Setting aside time for reading or memorizing one verse a week will lead to having more of a focus. Involve a friend in this process. Get together and study, read, or meditate on the word of God. These are just ideas, but in the end, they require action on your part. Keep your eyes focused on the prize. Everything else is just McDonald’s.

Keep your eyes focused on the prize.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Gonna lay down my heavy load!

There were not many “devo songs” when I was a teenager, so we usually sang the same ones at every devotional. One we always sang was, “Who’s that walkin’ down the road, carryin’ such a heavy load?” When you’re a kid, you sometimes don’t focus enough on the words (especially when you sing the same song repeatedly), but what a wonderful message this song has!

There are burdens that we are carryin’ that we don’t need to carry! Why is that? How is that? Because as a Christian, I’m “walkin’ on heaven’s road,” where I’m “gonna lay down my heavy load.” The best part is that “Jesus said He’d walk along with me. Praise God! Glory, Hallelujah!” No doubt, “I’m singing’ all the way,” because I’ve “got sunshine in ev’ry day!”

Here is His promise: “Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you” (Psa. 55:22)! Have you done that? Are you walkin’ on heaven’s road? Then, lay your burden on Him! He will not allow you to be shaken! He shall sustain you! Now that’s pure sunshine! – DS



When this political campaign is over...

It seems impossible to escape the political race for President that is happening, whether it be online, television, supermarket lines or just random conversations. With so much attention devoted to it, one would think that the second coming of Christ is dependent on this election.

Let’s take a moment and consider what truly matters. After this election is over, after a new President is inaugurated, after lots of people feel victorious and lots of other people feel defeated...God will still be the awesome, almighty God! His grace will still be amazing! Jesus will still be the Son of God and the greatest friend you’ll ever find! The Bible will still be God’s inspired revelation and the lamp of life immortal! Salvation will still be man’s greatest need and God’s greatest gift! Heaven will still be a prepared place for a prepared people! Faithfully loving, honoring and serving Jesus will still be the only way to live this life!

When this political campaign is over, God will still be in charge and you will still need Him! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Charles Fifield	VA Hospital, recovering from surgery
Charles Hayes	dealing with back issues
Ruth Milton	dealing with severe pain in hip and leg
Connye Plouffe	recovering at home from severe head injury
Jo Ann Rogers	JFK Hospital (room 3008), recovering from heart surgery

Our Shut-Ins:

Millie Ames	Loretta Holaday	Deidra Miley
Cora Lee Dennis	Shelton Howell	Leigh Puckett
Helen Gardner	Daniel Johnson	Joe Quigley
Margie Hardin	Don & Betty Matter	Ricky Smedley

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Annie Faison	suffering with chronic pain
Janet Hickerson	chronic health problems
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Godfrey Pratt	suffering with back issues
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

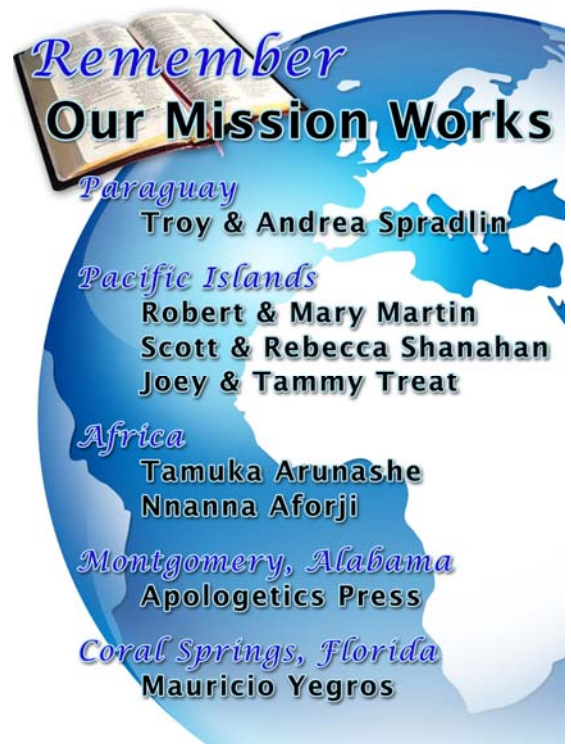


Margie Hardin upon the passing of her husband, **Oliver "Whitey" Hardin**, last Friday.

Natasha Campbell upon the passing of her father, **Oswald Campbell**, on Tuesday morning.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, slowly recovering from surgery
Richard Flowers	June Pack's nephew, massive stroke, on life support
Diana Noel	Bonnie Arthur's daughter, diagnosed with breast cancer
Freda Overton	Cam Crotts' grandmother, fell & broke arm and ribs
Adrianna Price	Guadalupe Tipton's granddaughter, hospital, car accident
Ava Reeves	Chuck & Mary Reeves' granddaughter, immune issues
Twyla Wright	Trina Wright's mother, Gardens Medical Center





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 10

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

Monday, April 11

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

Tuesday, April 12

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

Friday, April 15

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Judy Lerro.

Sunday, April 17

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **Mount Dora Children's Home Supply Deadline.** A supply list can be found on the Welcome Desk. Please place supplies in the Lobby.

Tuesday, April 19

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Regina Mayne.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

Thursday, April 21

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Palm Beach Lakes.** Traci Sproule will be speaking on *"Daughters of the King."*

5:45 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m.	Opening Comments
6:30 p.m.	Dinner Served by PBL Men
7:30 p.m.	Lesson: <i>"Daughters of the King"</i>

Thursday, April 28

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

Saturday, April 30

- ◆ **EDP & Wives Cookout.** See David Sproule for details.

Sunday, May 1

- ◆ **Troy Spradlin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Sunday, April 17

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

Monday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 7

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brett & Hayden Lau.

Sunday, May 15

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

Saturday, May 21

- ◆ **Young Adult Picnic.** Location TBD.

Saturday, May 28

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. The Media Center will also be available for teachers to work on their lessons.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Sunday, April 10

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

Friday-Saturday, April 15-16

- ◆ **Youth Rally hosted by West Broward.** Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up on the bulletin. See Josh Blackmer for details

Saturday, April 16

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Picnic Transition Event** at 10:30 a.m. at Royal Palm Beach Commons Park for all kids currently in **Grades 5-8** and their families. Bring food and drinks to share, and bring games and activities to play.

Sunday, April 17

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller. All incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend.

APRIL:



To Wash Feet

*“Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, **He loved them** to the end. And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, **took a towel** and girded Himself. After that, **He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.***

*“...So **when He had washed their feet**, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you also ought to wash one another’s feet.** For I have given you an example, that **you should do as I have done to you.** Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, **blessed are you if you do them**” (John 13:1-5, 12-17).*

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



Sunday,
April 3

To my church family,

I thank you for being here for me in my time of sorrow. You felt my pain and you were there to cry with me. You did so much to ease my pain, with open arms, you helped me. Words cannot express my gratitude. You have shown true Christian love. I am grateful to be a part of the PBL family.

Guadalupe Tipton

I thank my family at Palm Beach lakes church of Christ for your compassion, love, prayers, calls, cards, and flowers regarding the passing of my brother. Thank you so much!

In Christian love,

Cheryl Floyd

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Letha Anderson; Ms. Vivian Arrowsmith; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Greg & Brianna Bland; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews; Ms. Susan Crosswhite; Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Dozier; Mr. Paul Flowers; Mr. Lowell Flowers; Mr. Richard Francois;; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber; Mrs. Jessie Gower-Winter; Miss Caitlyn Groditski; Ms. Rebecca Huffman; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mann; Mr. Randy McKinley; Ms. Pat Patterson; Miss Aliah Pendley; Aaron Ross; and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Williams.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Greg Christy, Cumberland Furnace, TN; Mr. Kirk Crews, McLean, VA; Miss Hillary Hunt, Savannah, TN; Mrs. Tracy Jamison, Warren, MI; Ms. Monique LeBlanc, Quebec, Canada; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons, Ashville, AL; Miss Laurie Suzanne Thomas, Savannah, TN; and Ms. Ann Marie Williams, Show Low, AZ.



Josiah Blackmer was baptized on Sunday, April 3 after evening worship. He is in the directory with his family.



Sunday (April 10th)

Ed & Jeannie Buonadonna (Ann.)
Anthioda Charles
Jennifer Higbee
Rose Martens
Stephanie Weeks

Tuesday (April 12th)

Bill & Inell Ingram (Ann.)
Kaylani Carmona

Wednesday (April 13th)

Marcia Clough-Moss

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, April 10

Lead Singing David Sproule
Opening Prayer Jim Rogers
Scripture Reading..... Les McQuinn
Presiding at Table L.H. Richardson
Serve at Table:
 Jimmie Banks Brett Lau
 Tim Cox Richard Lerro
 Eddie Gooden Lynn Parker
 Namdidie Ikon Dirk Summerlot
Alternates:
 Chuck Clark Richard Watson
Closing Prayer Joe Holland

Sunday Evening, April 10

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading..... Gary Friedly
Presiding at Table..... Mike Ellis
Serve at Table:
 John Kemp
 Scott Lewis
 Micah Trujillo
Closing Prayer Deltom Lequernaqué
Wednesday Evening, April 13
Lead Singing Josh Blackmer
Invitation..... Darin Summerlot
Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Apr. 3</u>	<u>Mar. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible Study	235	245
Sun. A.M. Worship	364	430
Sun. P.M. Worship	187	194
Wed. Bible Study	189	219
Contribution	\$17,509	\$15,930
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +13,438		

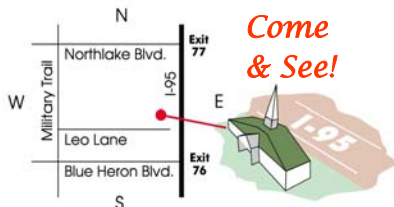
Ushers for week of **Apr. 10**: Head Usher: Chris Thompson; Bobby Ingraham & Clayton Trujillo



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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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