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*Welcome New Members*



**Tipton, Cecilia**  
(\*Courtney, \*Cayden & \*Chelse)

Group 2

*Restored March 7*



**Blackmer, Josiah**

Group 1

*Baptized April 3*



**Romigh, Alex**

Group 1

*Identified April 17*



**Dozier, Marvin & Maggie**  
(Kinney)

Group 4

*Identified April 24*



By Dan Jenkins

## In the “Foyer” of Heaven While in the Assembly

Last week, we studied the words of Solomon who described himself as “...on the verge of total ruin, in the midst of the assembly and congregation” (Prov. 5:14). What caused this? Because he hated instruction, despised correction, chose disobedience and refused to listen. Every Christian needs to be aware of how this could happen to them in the assembly.

On the other hand, in that same assembly of Christians, there are those who understand that in so many respects the assembly of the saints is like entering the foyer of heaven. A foyer is a space near the entrance of a building, hotel or theater. We are not yet in heaven but are in the adjoining foyer!

**Worship is a “foyer” because of the praise and adoration of God.** Almost every picture of heaven shows it is filled with praise and adoration. Hundreds of years before Jesus came, Isaiah saw heavenly beings above the throne praising God and saying, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts” (Isa. 6:3), and in the last book of the Bible those words are still being said (Rev. 4:8).

The same book then looks at all the creation, and John hears the voices of myriads of angels praising God. He then says, “And every creature which is in heaven and in the earth and under the earth, and such as are in the sea...” were

all praising our Lord (Rev. 5:12-13). The same happens in our assemblies! Being in worship is like being in heaven’s “foyer.”

**Worship is a “foyer” because of the association with the saints.** Since the beginning there have been godly people, sanctified by the blood of Jesus, who will be in heaven. Imagine being around all those who have loved God with all their being and loved their neighbors as they loved themselves. That is who is in that heavenly assembly, and that is the nature of many who worship with us every week. We associate with the godliest people on earth, with whom we will worship eternally with all the godly people who have ever lived. Worship is truly a “foyer” of heaven.

**Worship is a “foyer” because of the association with our Lord.** Someday, we will be with the Lord forever and ever, but that association with Him begins on this earth. In the assembly, we pray in His name, give our gifts to Him, listen to Him speak, eat around His table and sing with Him (John 16:24; 2 Cor. 9:7; 1 Thess. 2:13; Matt. 26:29; Heb. 2:12). The association does not begin after the resurrection. It is here now—in the “foyer” of heaven!

Our attitude of heart in the assembly determines whether we, like Solomon, are on the verge of ruin in the assembly or are sitting in the “foyer” of heaven while we are experiencing that which we sing about, “Blessed assurance... Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!” It’s up to us.

**The assembly of the saints is often like entering the foyer of heaven**



By David Sproule

## Seasoned Christians, It Is Time!

Modern culture has created a mold for today’s seasoned Christians, and too many are allowing themselves to be poured right into it. Seasoned Christians are not wanted in our society today, so they are mocked, marginalized and maligned, in an effort to silence them and minimize their influence. They are depicted as backwards, small-minded, bigoted, bitter, out-of-touch, judgmental fools. And, of course, when a group of people are so negatively portrayed, who would ever have any respect for them or want to listen to them at all? That’s the whole point of society’s attack against seasoned Christians!

Too many seasoned Christians have fallen right in line with these detractors and have crawled into their quiet corner, so that they do not draw any attention or offend their attackers. And, if one of them happens to raise his head and speak up for Christian values and Biblical principles, he makes himself a human whack-a-mole target.

Seasoned Christians, it is time to be what God intended for you to be! God’s seasoned Christians are like Lot, whose righteous soul was vexed from day to day by seeing and hearing of the lawless deeds around him! God’s seasoned Christians are like Peter and John, who were more interested in

obeying God than men! God’s seasoned Christians are like Daniel, who held to and exercised his God-given responsibilities, regardless of what the law of the land did or did not permit! God’s seasoned Christians are like Paul, who knew and exercised his civic rights to further the spreading of the gospel! God’s seasoned Christians are like Silas, who was beaten and imprisoned for proclaiming Christ but was not deterred from his faith or his work! God’s seasoned Christians are like Aquila and Priscilla, who took a stand for absolute truth, knowing that “close-enough truth” wasn’t acceptable to God! God’s seasoned Christians are like Barnabas, who took it upon himself to be an encourager of brethren in the midst of a world full of discouragement! God’s seasoned Christians are like the apostle John, who found unparalleled joy in brethren who faithfully walked in truth! God’s seasoned Christians are like Onesiphorus, who often refreshed ones who were suffering various trials of life! God’s seasoned Christians are like Gaius, who loved the brethren so much that he went out of his way to serve them! Seasoned Christians, it is time!

Modern culture would love to never hear another peep out of Christians! Whether it is popular or not, whether it fits the mold or not, we need seasoned Christians who will be what God designed for them to be! The church needs you today more than ever! If seasoned Christians will not take a stand for Christ and His truth, who will? It is time!

**If seasoned Christians will not take a stand for Christ and His truth, who will?**



By Josh Black-

## Jonah Didn't Have Coca-Cola

Harrison Odjegba Okene is not a name you would know. On May 26, 2015, he was serving as a cook on a tugboat, the Jackson-4, off the coast of Nigeria. At 4:30 a.m. that morning, the tugboat overturned and sank 98 feet to the ocean floor. Harrison found himself trapped in an air pocket near the bow of the ship. His 11 other ship mates perished. Surviving on one bottle of Coke in the dark abyss, Harrison began reciting what Bible he had remembered from reading the night before. At the encouragement of his wife, he had read from Psalms, "Oh God, by your name, save me...The Lord sustains my life." After 72 hours in the deep, he was rescued by divers who had come to recover the bodies. In a later interview, he stated that his salvation from that situation had come from the Lord.

There are a lot of differences between Jonah's ordeal and what happened to Harrison Okene. Jonah didn't have Coca-Cola, Harrison was not in a creature prepared by God and the list could go on. What was interesting is that when they were in the deep they both turned to God. Listen to what Jonah had to say about his experience. "So I said, 'I have been expelled from Your sight. Nevertheless I will look again toward Your holy temple.' Water encompassed me to the point of death. The great deep engulfed me, Weeds were wrapped

around my head. I descended to the roots of the mountains. The earth with its bars was around me forever, But You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. While I was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, And my prayer came to You, Into Your holy temple. Those who regard vain idols Forsake their faithfulness, But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay. Salvation is from the LORD" (Jon. 2:2-9).

### In their time of deep distress they turned to God.

In their time of deep distress they turned to God. They both knew that their salvation from the most horrible situation they had ever faced would come from God. For Harrison, it was an accident that he ended up trapped at the bottom of the ocean. For Jonah, he had tried to run from God. His watery time out was God's way of getting his attention. When the creature vomited him out onto the beach, God gave him the same command. The Bible tells us, "So Jonah arose and went" (Jon. 2:3).

Maybe you find yourself in a dark place right now due to unforeseen events. You may feel alone, but God is there. Cast all your cares on Him and there will be peace (1 Pet. 5:7; Phil. 4:6-7). You may be at the very bottom due to the consequences of sin, but God would have you to come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9). Before his ordeal, Harrison read, "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You" (Psa. 56:3) and believed it.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### "Oh, I want to see Him!"

Sight. It is one of the greatest blessings of life. To see a bride walk down the aisle. To see a child born into this world. To see a sunrise over the ocean. Those who "have it" often take it for granted. Those who do not "have it" wish that they did. In your experience, what has been the most wonderful thing you've ever seen? What sight do you wish you could see above all else?

As the apostle John illustrated the beauty of heaven in the last chapter of the Bible, he spoke of "a pure river of water of life...the tree of life...the throne of God." He revealed that "there shall be no more curse...no night...no lamp nor light of the sun." Tucked in the midst of this grand picture is this breathtaking thought—"They shall see His face" (Rev. 22:4).

Oh, what a thought! What a sight! Nothing could be more beautiful or more spectacular to behold than the face of my Lord! Rufus Henry Cornelius captured it, "Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face, There to sing forever of His saving grace." To. See. His. Face. Wow! – DS



### Brotherly love for Jesus

It could be argued (rather successfully) that "love" is the grandest theme of the Bible! Jesus loved us SO much that He gave "Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God" (Eph. 5:2). That is love (1 John 3:16). In return, the Lord expects us to love Him! Do you love Jesus?

The Greek language had multiple words for "love." The highest form of love is "agape" love, which is an unconditional, unselfish love, which elevates the needs of another above our own. God had this love for us (John 3:16). We are to have this love for God (Matt. 22:37). The Greeks had another word for love, which was a "brotherly love." "Phileo" love is a tender, affectionate love, which is tied directly to the emotions. Now, which are we to have for Jesus?

The answer is both. Perhaps we think most often of having "agape" love for Jesus, but Paul said, "If anyone does not love (phileo) the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed" (1 Cor. 16:22). Do you have a tender, affectionate love toward Jesus, as your Brother? – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Charles Fifield</b>	recovering at home from infection
<b>Dick Haines</b>	fell and is in a lot of pain
<b>Shelton Howell</b>	recovering from colon cancer surgery
<b>Lynne Jorgensen</b>	continuing to recover from knee surgery
<b>Les McQuinn</b>	recovering at home from hospitalization
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	recovering at home from hip procedure, therapy soon
<b>June Pack</b>	recovering from broken foot
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	recovering from severe head injury, slowly improving
<b>Jo Ann Rogers</b>	recovering from heart surgery
<b>David Thorpe</b>	bronchitis and breathing issues

## 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



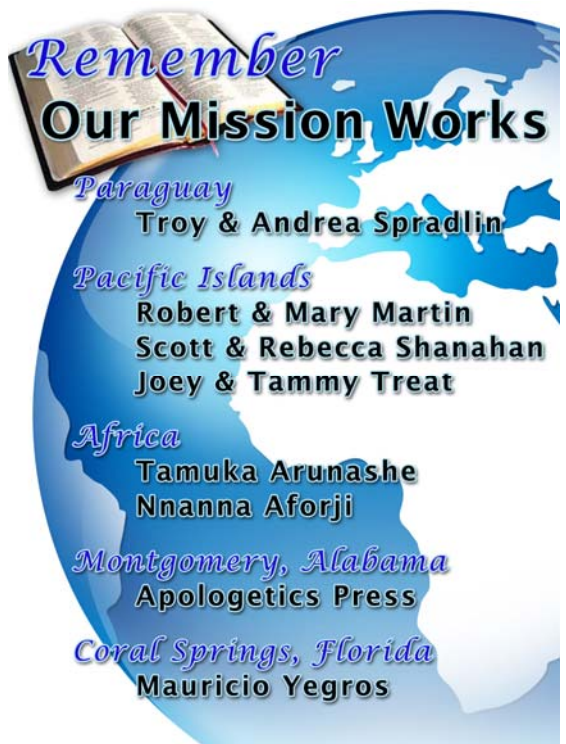
**Sharon Morrison** upon the passing of her mother, **Marlene Hines**, last week.

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Francisco Alvarenga</b>	Douglas Alvarenga's father, recovering from heart surgery
<b>Debbie McKendrick</b>	Johnny & Betty Davis' niece, awaiting test results
<b>Joel McLeod</b>	Dan & Luann McLeod's son, recovering from head surgery
<b>Diana Noel</b>	Bonnie Arthur's daughter, diagnosed with breast cancer
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, awaiting biopsy results





# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, May 1

- ◆ **Troy Spradlin Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

## Monday, May 2

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

## Tuesday, May 3

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

## Friday, May 6

- ◆ **Evangelism Training for Youth Volunteers Needed.** Volunteers are need to provide housing for boys & girls and to bring cookies & drinks. Sign up on the bulletin.

## Sunday, May 8

- ◆ **Eric Lyons Will Be Speaking Sunday Morning.** Jr. High, Sr. High & all adult classes will meet in the Auditorium.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

## Tuesday, May 17

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dan & Loni Fuller.

## Thursday, May 19

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

## Friday, May 20

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Paul & Lisa Metzkes.

## Saturday, May 21

- ◆ **Fish Fry at CFBC** from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (age 5 & under). See the bulletin board for more details.

## Thursday, May 26

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

## Saturday, May 28

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help with decorations.

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

## Monday, May 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cara Blackmer. Bring your own meat to grill and a dessert or drink to share. Salad and a side will be provided.

## Tuesday, May 10

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

## Friday, May 13

- ◆ **YA & Sr. High Guys' Hangout** from 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. at the home of Josh Blackmer. If you plan to stay the night, come prepared. Bring drinks & XBOX One games. Food will be provided.

## Saturday, May 14

- ◆ **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.



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

## Friday-Saturday, May 6-7

- ◆ **Evangelism Training for Youth with Eric Lyons.** Begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Volunteers are need to provide housing for boys & girls and to bring cookies & drinks. Sign up on the bulletin.

## Sunday, May 8

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

## Friday, May 13

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout** from 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. at the home of Josh Blackmer. If you plan to stay the night, come prepared. Bring drinks & XBOX One games. Food will be provided.

## Saturday, May 14

- ◆ **Jr. High Bike Riding.** See Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

# Answering Bible Questions

## Sunday Morning Bible Classes

for May 15 - June 5

Date	Auditorium	Adult 1	Adult 2	Young Adults	Sr. High	Jr. High
May 15	<i>What does the Holy Spirit do in the life of a Christian?</i>	<i>How can I deal with the forgiveness of my old sin and overcome my guilt?</i>	<i>How can we know that the Bible is reliable and that our English translations are accurate?</i>	<i>How do you explain to a non-believer why God told the Israelites to kill people?</i>	<i>Does it really matter what we believe?</i>	<i>Why do we not obey Old Testament laws?</i>
	David Sproule	Jerry Hopkins	Phil Porter	Josh Blackmer	Dan Fuller	Bobbo Lupo
May 22	<i>Is it wrong for a Christian woman to teach a man who is not a Christian?</i>	<i>Does it really matter what we believe and what we teach if "we're all serving the same God"?</i>	<i>What can I say to an antagonistic atheist who continually attacks God?</i>	<i>How do we prove the O.T. prophecies concerning Jesus were actually fulfilled and not just falsely recorded by N.T. writers?</i>	<i>Does it really matter where we go to church?</i>	<i>How do you share the gospel with friends who aren't believers?</i>
	David Sproule	Gary Seames	Dan McLeod	Josh Blackmer	Dan Fuller	Shea Brown
May 29	<i>How do you teach the Bible as prime authority in a quick sit down?</i>	<i>How do I answer the question regarding the Sabbath and why we do not keep it today?</i>	<i>What are some Biblical and practical principles for managing debt?</i>	<i>If you have been baptized into the Lord's church, is eternal life 100% guaranteed?</i>	<i>Does it really matter if we abide by God's moral code?</i>	<i>How did people know about God before the Bible?</i>
	David Sproule	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Mike Ellis	Josh Blackmer	Dan Fuller	Grant Fuller
June 5	<i>What about having praise teams or making instrumental sounds during singing?</i>	<i>How can a Christian live an abundant life on this earth?</i>	<i>How can I best answer the doctrine of "Once Saved, Always Saved"?</i>	<i>If God hardened Pharaoh's heart, didn't that remove his free will and force him to sin against God?</i>	<i>Does it really matter how I dress?</i>	<i>What will heaven be like?</i>
	Dan Jenkins	Lawrence Richardson	Grant Fuller	Josh Blackmer	Dan Fuller	Darin Summerlot

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



Sunday,  
April 24

To the church,

I thank you for the banquet of lovely cards and well wishes. I'm thankful for your prayers which have sustained me. May God be glorified. Many of you sent cards, visited, and called to cheer me in this ordeal. May God bless you for your kindness.

Love,  
Jo Ann Rogers

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson; Ms. Vivian Arrowsmith; Ms. Karen Bibbee; Ms. Rosa Charles; Mrs. Yvonne Clark; Mr. Lowell Flowers; Paul Flowers; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber; Mr. & Mrs. Errol Gower-Winter; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ron Jenkins; Gregory & Machel Kinsey; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McKelton; Ms. Jenetta Meister; Ms. Pat Patterson; Miss Aliah Pendley; Miss Camele Sinclair; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Williams; Ms. Machel Williams; Morris Williams; and Miss Ryan Young.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Caroline Boulianne, Quebec, Canada; Ms. Ashley Brooks, Phoenix, AZ; Mrs. Brittany Davenport, St. Petersburg FL; Mr. Ryan Forest, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Davison, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Griffin, Northport, AL; Holt Hamilton, Port St. Lucie; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hopkins, Vallejo, CA; Mrs. Jan Manuel, Odessa, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Philip Minor, Punta Gorda, FL; Mrs. Marie Neugent, Mesa, AZ; Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Porter, Crestview, FL; and Ms. Mary Sue Young, Flint, MI.



<u>Sunday (May 1<sup>st</sup>)</u> Charles & Rhona Hayes (Ann.)	<u>Thursday (May 5<sup>th</sup>)</u> Taylor & Natalie Reeves (Ann.) Willie Wilkins Trina Wright
<u>Tuesday (May 3<sup>rd</sup>)</u> Julio Aristy Bill Ingram, Sr.	<u>Friday (May 6<sup>th</sup>)</u> Rachel Fuller Johnnie Green Nick Pietro Marie Thorpe
<u>Wednesday (May 4<sup>th</sup>)</u> Dan Johnson	

**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, May 1**

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
 Opening Prayer ..... L.H. Richardson  
 Scripture Reading.....Richard Watson  
 Presiding at Table ..... Glen Dawson  
 Serve at Table:  
 Jordan Beasley     Dan McLeod  
 Doug Carrick     Rick Price  
 Eddie Gooden     Jim Rogers  
 Brett Lau     Eugene Williams  
 Alternates:  
 Jeff Goodale     Darin Summerlot  
 Closing Prayer ..... David Holaday

**Sunday Evening, May 1**

Lead Singing .....Jerry Pittman  
 Opening Prayer ..... Harrison Carter  
 Scripture Reading..... David Brown  
 Presiding at Table.....Victor Colage  
 Serve at Table:  
 Paul Metzkes  
 Scott Studer  
 Ivan Villard, Jr.  
 Closing Prayer ..... Johnny Davis  
**Wednesday Evening, May 4**  
 Lead Singing .....Bobbo Lupo  
 Invitation..... Nate Nelson  
 Family Prayer .....Lawrence Richardson

**Our Record**

	<u>Apr. 24</u>	<u>Mar. Avg.</u>
Attendance		
Sun. Bible Study	230	245
Sun. A.M. Worship	350	430
Sun. P.M. Worship	175	194
Wed. Bible Study	198	219
Contribution	\$17,360	\$15,930
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +17,874		

Ushers for week of **May 1**: Head Usher: Kane Campbell; Mike Damron & Daniel Swayne

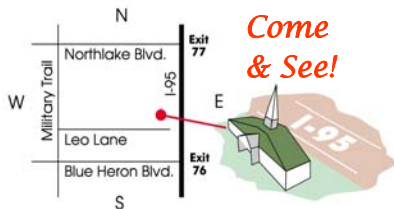




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### Service Schedule

#### 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: Jerry & Shirley Hopkins (and Betty Sanders in the background)

