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- Victor Colage..... 798-6275
- Lance Collier..... 793-2718
- Jim Davis ..... 747-2984
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- Jeff Goodale ..... 261-1188
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# On The Horizon

## Upcoming Events

*Mark Your Calendars*

<i>May 15</i>	<b>PBL Family Photos Updated</b>
<i>May 29</i>	<b>Fifth Sunday Singing</b>
<i>June 5</i>	<b>High School Grads' Luncheon</b>
<i>June 8-12</i>	<b>LTC for Young Men &amp; Young Women</b>
<i>June 19-22</i>	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>
<i>July 2</i>	<b>Area-Wide &amp; Homecoming Singing</b>
<i>July 3</i>	<b>Homecoming Sunday</b>



By Dan Jenkins

## Finding Something “Better” Than God Planned

For more than two hundred years, every person who entered the temple saw everything the way Solomon had established it. Entering through the east gate, one first saw the magnificent bronze altar designed by David and built and dedicated by Solomon. That was exactly the way it should be. One should not approach God’s holy presence without a reminder of man’s need for redemption from sin.

However, in the reign of Ahaz it all changed. As men entered through the east gate, the altar was not there. It had been removed toward the north side of the temple area (2 Kings 16:14). There was another altar, even greater in appearance, that now stood where the one dedicated by Solomon once stood. Men had forgotten that when Solomon finished his prayer of dedication of the temple, God sent fire from heaven to burn the sacrifices placed on the altar (2 Chron. 7:1). Yet, somehow that very altar had been replaced by a new one!

How had all this come about? King Ahaz (the father of righteous King Hezekiah) was in dire circumstances because the Syrians had come and besieged Jerusalem. Instead of turning to God for help, he asked the Assyrians to come help him and send treasures of gold and silver from the temple as gifts to the king of Assyria. The Syrians were defeated, and Jerusa-

lem was saved. To show his gratitude for the help given to him, King Ahaz traveled to Assyria and while there saw the beautiful altar used in pagan worship. He made drawings of that altar and an exact copy of it was soon brought into the holy temple in Jerusalem. God’s plan for the bronze altar was rejected, and now a pagan altar stood in its place.

Evidently, King Ahaz saw the new altar and the pagan gods worshiped at that altar as being more desirable than the true God and the altar He had dedicated. Ahaz did not use the altar to worship pagan gods, he just preferred that altar above what God had designed.

Isn’t this precisely what has happened to the holy church designed and sanctified by the blood of Jesus? It is not that difficult to read the New Testament and see what He planned. That church had no clergy/laity concept with a religious hierarchy ruling over His people. There were no reverends, vicars, or elevated priests. Morality was not defined and changed by church conferences or conventions where mortals decided the acceptability of the LGBT lifestyles of our day. It was so different then—baptism was always by immersion; the Lord’s Supper was observed every Sunday; worship was designed to appeal to God rather than to entertain men.

Ahaz thought human wisdom was superior to God’s wisdom, and America is making the same mistake today!

**Fire from heaven sanctified the first altar—Ahaz found something “better”**



By David Sproule

## Elders, It Is Time!

The toughest job in the church is being an elder. Well, let’s say it this way—when done properly, the toughest job in the church is being an elder. It is tough because of the responsibility that it entails. It is tough because of the accountability it requires. It is tough because of the misunderstandings associated with it. Many members of the church do not know what elders do, and so their work is often misrepresented. Listen to prayers for elders, which often sound something like, “Be with the elders in the decisions that they make.” Elders are viewed as the “decision-makers,” as seen also in the complaints members make about “the decision that the elders made.” While elders certainly make decisions (and often very important ones), their responsibility is so much greater and eternally significant than that!

Elders, it is time to step out from the “decision-makers” status and be what God intended for you to be! God’s elders are like Moses, who was willing to give himself and his own soul for the people of God! God’s elders are like Jethro, who understood the need to delegate tasks to trusted individuals! God’s elders are like David, who never lost sight of the importance of being among the sheep as a shepherd! God’s elders are like Eli, who guided a young man in becoming a servant of God! God’s elders are like Gideon, who went to

battle with his men, rather than sending them out on their own! God’s elders are like Elisha, who made special efforts on behalf of a widow! God’s elders are like Ezra, who helped God’s people to know and understand His Word! God’s elders are like Nehemiah, who helped God’s people to trust in the Lord and to see His hand at work in their success! God’s elders are like the Tekoite nobles, who personally put their shoulders to the work! God’s elders are like Jeremiah, who was never swayed by the cultural or political trends but faithfully demanded adherence to the old paths! God’s elders are like Daniel, who spent much time in private prayer! God’s elders are like Paul, who focused significant energy on strengthening the souls of the disciples! God’s elders are like Barnabas, who sought opportunities to encourage! God’s elders are like the Ephesian elders, who openly loved gospel preachers and gospel preaching! God’s elders are like Philemon, who opened his home to the church! God’s elders are like the author of Hebrews, who integrated himself with his readers by saying, “Let us!” God’s elders are like Peter, who encouraged his fellow elders in their service! God’s elders are like Jesus, who knows His sheep by name and they know Him!

It is too easy to fall into the mold of what others think an elder should be or to mimic the style of other elders. What are needed today are men who will go back and be the elders that God designed for them to be! It is time!

**Time to step out from the “decision-maker” status & be what God intended.**



By Josh Blackmer

## Great Expectations

There are a lot of things we can like about the Bible. We can talk about its holy status or the harmony with which it was written. I like the humanity of it. The writers of its pages did not spare the details of man’s humanity. Characters were described with imperfections and all, and we learn from these literary warts.

One event that has been on my mind is that of Naaman from 2 Kings chapter 5. Here is a man that was powerful. He was one of the captains of the army of the King of Aram. Another detail we are given is that he is a leper. He was falling apart, and there was no one that could help him. Then, enter the captive servant girl. She was an Israelite that had been taken captive by the Arameans in a raid. She may have been young, but she did know enough to recommend that her master go and see Elisha, the prophet of God. She told this to the wife of Naaman. Then, Naaman finds out about it and asks permission of his King to go and speak with Elisha. They had been doing raids into Israel before, but now there seems to be some kind of diplomatic agreement because the King of Aram is sending a letter to the King of Israel so that Naaman may go into the country.

What unfolds at the house of Elisha is rather comical.

So, Naaman with his entourage and all the stuff that he was going to pay Elisha with finally arrives. With all of this at his front door, Elisha doesn't even go outside. He sends out a servant to tell Naaman to go dip in the Jordan River seven times. In my mind, this all takes place at a shanty adobe house. There are horses and chariots and a bandaged Dr. Moreau looking character fanning himself in front of the shanty. They have announced their presence and are waiting for the holy man to come out. But, he doesn't come. The door opens with a creak, and the servant nervously tells Naaman the instructions. Here is how Naaman responds, “But Naaman was furious and went away and said, 'Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.' 'Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?'” So he turned and went away in a rage” (2 Kings 5:11-12). His servants reasoned with him, and he eventually went to the Jordan River and was cured.

What I find interesting is that he would have gone off and rotted to pieces all because it was not done the way he thought it should be done. Sometimes we allow our thinking and “judgement” to cloud the simplicity of what is at hand. Fortunately, he had people around him to speak with some sense and encouragement. We need to do the same!

**Sometimes we allow our thinking to cloud the simplicity of what is at hand.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### What is trumping this political season?

You are passionate about your political candidate. That’s ok. You are so passionate that you share and post all sorts of stuff on social media. You are so passionate that you wear a t-shirt with the candidate’s name, you have multiple bumper stickers, you have a sign in your front yard and you have even made financial contributions to the campaign. That is your choice.

But, let me ask you something. How is your passion affecting your fellow Christians? Is there any chance that your passion has placed a stumbling block in your brother’s path? Scripture states, “It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak” (Rom. 14:21). How is your passion affecting non-Christians? Scripture states that unbelievers should see our “love for one another” (John 13:35) and our “honorable conduct” (1 Pet. 2:12), in order that they might glorify God themselves.

In this political season, there is something that must come first—Christ living through us! – DS



### “The soul who sins shall die”

John Calvin’s doctrine of Total Hereditary Depravity has become so ingrained in the minds of various religious groups that it is hard for them to see anything in Scripture other than Calvin’s idea that individuals are born into this world condemned in the eyes of God, having inherited sin from previous generations. But, the doctrine of Christ must prevail over any manmade doctrine.

God lays out His principles regarding sin very clearly. No passage is clearer than Ezekiel 18:20. “The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.” Mark this verse in your Bible. Next to it, you might write 1 John 3:4, which states, “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.” Deuteronomy 24:16 affirms, “A person shall be put to death for his own sin.”

From the very first sin, we learn that sin is a choice (1 Tim. 2:14), not an inheritance. – DS



# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	hip procedure postponed
Sarah Collier	recovering at home from surgery
Jennifer Goodale	dealing with severe leg and back pain
Shelton Howell	recovering from colon cancer surgery
Ruth Milton	dealing with hip and leg pain
Harriet Morris	Manor Care on Village Blvd. (room 109B)
June Pack	recovering from broken foot
Joyce Parker	chronic bronchitis
Connye Plouffe	recovering from severe head injury
Angie Seames	pneumonia, slowly improving
David Thorpe	recovering at home from hospitalization

## 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
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

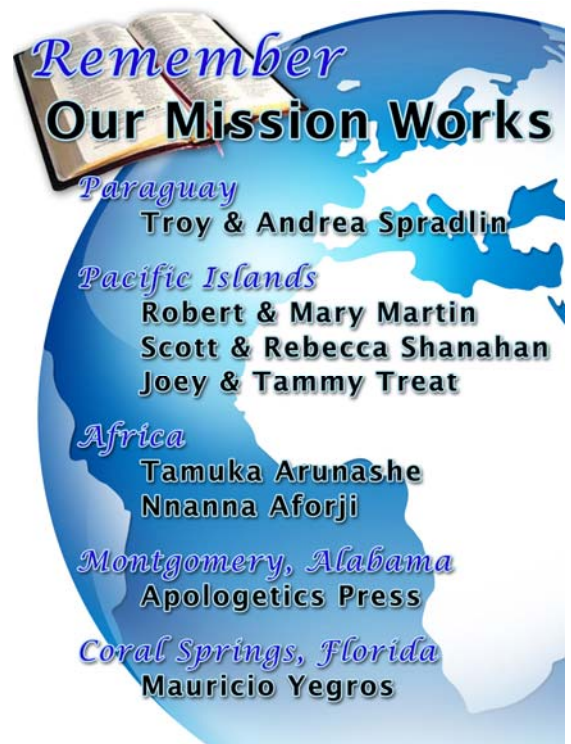
Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Helen Gardner	Deidra Miley
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Loretta Holaday	Leigh Puckett
Shelton Howell	Ricky Smedley



**Bonnie Quigley** upon the passing of her husband, **Joe**, on Thursday afternoon.

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Luke Bulyca	Julie Trujillo's brother, ongoing struggles
Jimmy Logan	Betty Davis' cousin, liver cancer
Jim Frisbee	Lisa Metzkes' uncle, severe heart attack and stent surgery
Craig Fry	Tim Fry's brother, heart surgery to insert stents
Sharon Landen	Robyn Landen's mother, brain aneurysm & medical tests
Joel McLeod	Dan & Luann McLeod's son, recovering from head surgery
Jermaine Martin	Shantal Martin's husband, recovering from knee surgery
Diana Noel	Bonnie Arthur's daughter, diagnosed with breast cancer
Chantel Peters	Maria Hackshaw's cousin, critical condition, leukemia
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo for cancer
James Terry	Chuck Reeves' son-in-law, gallbladder surgery
Mariam Wagenknecht	Dick Kelley's sister, under Hospice Care





# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, May 15

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.

## Monday, May 16

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

## Tuesday, May 17

- ◆ **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 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 prepare decorations. The Media Center will also be available for teachers to work on their lessons.

## Sunday, May 29

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Singing** during evening assembly.

## Saturday, June 4

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

## Sunday, June 5

- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

## 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.

## Saturday, June 4

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.
- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller.

## Monday, June 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD.



*Palm Beach Lakes*  
**Youth**

## Friday, May 20

- ◆ **Sr. High Spring Formal** at 6:30 p.m. at the Palm Beach Zoo. Formal attire is required. Cost is \$35 per person. RSVP to Josh Blackmer by May 15.

## Sunday, May 22

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship Bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

## Sunday, June 5

- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

## Wednesday, June 8-11

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** See Dan Jenkins, David Sproule or Josh Blackmer 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,  
May 8

Dear Palm Beach Lakes family,

We want to thank you for the many prayers and kind words of encouragement for our son, **Joel**, as he went through a scary experience recently. His head is healing and there seems to be no residual damage from the skull fracture, and we are so thankful to God for His mercy and goodness.

In Christian love,  
Dan & Luann McLeod

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To Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ,

Thank you for all the cards and words of sympathy.

Sharon Morrison

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Mrs. Letha Anderson; Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Vivian Arrowsmith; Jeremy & Jordan Beasley, III; Greg & Brianna Bland; Mr. Jean Charles; Ron W. Cullom; Justin DeMond; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Flowers; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gerber; Mr. & Mrs. Errol Gower-Winter; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Kathy Kelley; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mann; Ms. Jenetta Meister; Ms. Carroll Moses; Mrs. Sharon Reitz; and Miss Camele Sinclair.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Sherri Cheshier, Duncanville, TX; Miss Squadeina Davis, Pembroke Pines, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Patricia Hall, Maury City, TN; Mr. Todd Hunt, Orlando, FL; William Daniel Jenkins, Abilene, TX; Charles & Patricia Kato, Chattanooga, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Chris Kearney, Belton, MO; and Mr. & Mrs. Dustin & Katie Wear, Port St. Lucie, FL.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (May 15<sup>th</sup>)

Paul Batitsky  
Pete Brown

Thursday (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

Linda Wolfe

Wednesday (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

Josh & Cara Blackmer (Ann.)  
Rick & Peggy Hall (Ann.)  
Jerry & Lorena Pittman (Ann.)  
Joan Holloway  
Rick Price

Friday (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

Jimmy & Helen Burney (Ann.)  
Lovetta Harmon  
Austin Reeves  
Alex Romigh

Saturday (May 21<sup>st</sup>)

Jenisa Kenty

### 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 15**

Lead Singing .....Jerry Hopkins  
Opening Prayer ..... Chuck Clark  
Scripture Reading..... Gary Jenkins  
Presiding at Table .....Joe Maloney  
Serve at Table:  
Pete Brown       Deltom Lequernaqué  
Lance Collier     Morris McDaniel  
Bobby Ingraham   Chuck Reeves, Sr.  
Scott Lewis       Austin Williams  
Alternates:  
Kenneth Long     Dirk Summerlot  
Closing Prayer ..... Novel Brown

**Sunday Evening, May 15**

Lead Singing .....Dan McLeod  
Opening Prayer ..... Jim Davis  
Scripture Reading.....Dick Kelley  
Presiding at Table..... Jeff Leslie  
Serve at Table:  
Gorman Ericksen  
Adam Seal  
Leonard Williams  
Closing Prayer ..... Tom Martens

**Wednesday Evening, May 18**

Lead Singing ..... Ivan Villard, Jr.  
Invitation..... Johnny Davis  
Family Prayer .....Taylor Reeves

### Our Record

Attendance	May 8	Apr. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	225	230
Sun. A.M. Worship	371	366
Sun. P.M. Worship	155	180
Wed. Bible Study	186	197
Contribution	\$15,248	\$16,451
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +20,232		

Ushers for week of **May 15**: Head Usher: Kane Campbell; Henry Bass & Tim Fry

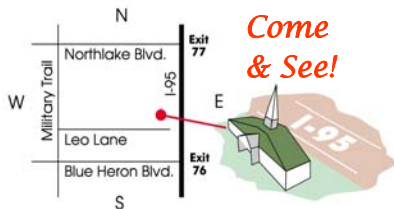




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### Service Schedule

#### 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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