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- \*Chairman for the Month of June*

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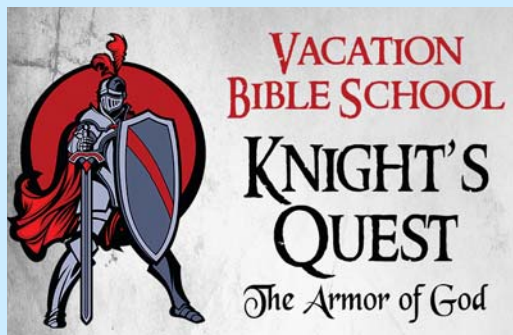


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By Dan Jenkins

## God Treats the Wicked Fairly

The city of Tyre is mentioned nearly sixty times in seventeen books of the Bible. This ancient Phoenician city occupies an important place in both Bible and world history. Many great truths are understood as we look at those verses which tell us about this important nation, which developed our alphabet and spread it around the western world.

### Nebuchadnezzar and Tyre

While many Bible students are aware that Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the city of Jerusalem and carried the Jews into Babylon for seventy years, very few are aware that he then attacked the city of Tyre. His plan involved a siege around this city on the Mediterranean Sea. The prophet Ezekiel foretold this event in great detail—the description of the Babylonian army, the death of many, the battering rams to open the gates, the ramp to reach the tops of the walls and the destruction of the towers around the city (Ezek. 26:7-13). This siege lasted thirteen years, but whenever the Babylonians entered the city, there were no treasures. The people had fled from the city, escaping in their ships taking all the treasures with them.

### God, Nebuchadnezzar and Tyre

It would have been easy for the Babylonians to view those thirteen years as wasted effort, but the big picture is far

different. God used ancient nations to accomplish His will, even those who did not believe in Him. He used the king of Assyria to punish and scatter the northern kingdom of Israel and called them His “rod of anger” and His “staff of indignation” (Isa. 10:5-7). He also used Nebuchadnezzar to destroy Jerusalem and called him His servant (Jer. 25:9; 27:6; 43:10). He used these evil people even though they were infidels!

**If God rewarded evil Babylon for their service, He will reward us for what we do!**

In Ezekiel chapter twenty-nine, we discover another aspect of the nature of God. After Nebuchadnezzar had been used by God to punish both Tyre and Jerusalem because of their ungodliness, the king of Babylon marched against Egypt. Read the words of God’s prophet about why Nebuchadnezzar would be able to succeed. “Nebuchadnezzar...caused His army to labor strenuously against Tyre...yet neither he nor his army received wages from Tyre ...Therefore... I will give the land of Egypt for the labor they expended on it.”

Our God is a just God. They had unknowingly done His will but they received none of the treasures of Tyre. Yet God remembered what they had done and His justice demanded that they should be rewarded. He gave them the greater treasures of Egypt.

Now think about His justice and how He will reward you. If He treats the ungodly and rewards them, how much more will He see your service. Our God is a truly just God!



By David Sproule

## No Partiality

Since we did not live in the days of the first-century Jews, it is difficult for us to fully comprehend the strong aversion that the Jews had for the Gentiles. Their hatred for the Gentiles went to extreme measures, as they looked at the entire race as being unclean and had made it unlawful for Jews to have interactions with Gentiles (Acts 10:28). The Gentiles were their enemies and (in their minds) did not deserve to have any knowledge of God and heavenly things, let alone to have a relationship with Him. Even if a Gentile became a Jewish proselyte, he was still held at a distance and not admitted to full fellowship. Jews and Gentiles hated one another and wanted nothing to do with each other.

**“If you show partiality, you commit sin” (Jas. 2:9).**

Then, Jesus “came and preached peace” (Eph. 2:17). The Old Testament had prophesied about the coming kingdom of God and that “**all nations** shall flow to it” (Isa. 2:2). Faithful Jews should have expected this, for the promise to Abraham was that through his seed “**all the nations** of the earth shall be blessed” (Gen. 22:18). Before His death, Jesus had foretold that, within the lifetime of His disciples, the “gospel of the kingdom will be preached in **all the world** as a witness to **all the nations**” (Matt. 24:14). The gospel is for all! Then, just before His ascension into heaven, Jesus instructed His followers “that repentance and remission of sins should be

preached in His name **to all nations**” (Luke 24:47).

Jesus took the Jews and Gentiles—two groups of people who could not have hated each other more than they did—and He broke “down the middle wall of separation,” made “peace,” reconciled “them both to God in one body through the cross,” and thereby put “to death the enmity” (Eph. 2:14-16). In the eyes of God, “there is neither Jew nor Greek” (Gal. 3:28). This was a lesson that took some Jews a very long time to learn, including even the apostle Peter. He finally realized, “God shows **no partiality**. But in **every** nation **whoever** fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him” (Acts 10:34-35). This was a message that was echoed throughout the New Testament—“There is **no partiality** with God” (Rom. 2:11; Eph. 6:9; 1 Pet. 1:17).

So what does God expect of us? He expects us to have the mind of Christ and to esteem others (no matter who they are) “better than” ourselves (Phil. 2:3-5). He expects us to do “nothing with partiality” (1 Tim. 5:21; Jas. 2:1). He expects us to know very simply, “If you show partiality, you commit sin” (Jas. 2:9). He expects us to see everyone as standing on level ground before the dying Savior!

Without partiality, Jesus died for all men (Heb. 2:9), because without partiality, He wants “all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). Do you?



By Josh Blackmer

## Lessons From Galilee: “What kind of man is this?”

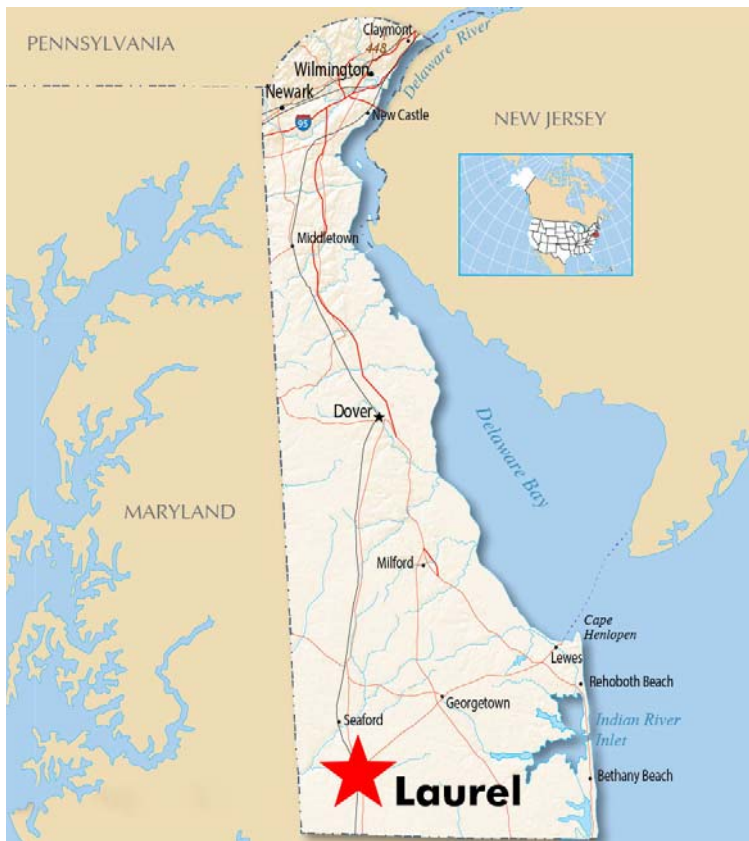
The accounts of Jesus calming the storm on Galilee offer an interesting perspective on faith and perspective (Matt. 8:18-27; Mark 4:35-42; Luke 8:22-25). What was it about these circumstances that allowed one person to sleep and others to feel mortal danger?

Jesus had just finished teaching many parables to the people. As He saw the crowds growing, He commanded that they depart to the other side of the lake by boat—it was evening. As they went, a storm came up on the lake. This was not a storm that men who knew the lake could shrug off. Mark and Luke both record that they were taking on water as wave after wave crashed over the boat. Luke explicitly states that they were in jeopardy (Luke 8:23). We know from studies of the area that storms can come up suddenly on the lake if there is a large temperature drop. The lake itself is 700 feet below sea level. It is surrounded on all sides by hills and mountains, some reaching 2,000 feet above sea level. With that elevation change connected with a storm dropping the temperature, the wind really picks up and the gales begin creating large waves. Add the rain and darkness of night, and it becomes quite disorienting and scary. So, men, who had depended on the lake for their livelihood and knew its secrets, go to Jesus in fear. They wake Jesus, who was sleeping in the

**Perspective played a huge role in the outcome of these events.**

stern on a cushion, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing” (Mark 4:38)? They were very afraid. Jesus wakes from the cushion He was sleeping on and rebukes the storm, “Hush, be still” (Mark 4:39). I can almost get the feel that Jesus could have been frustrated. He was finally getting some good sleep and the disciples wake him. This is very reminiscent of a “You’re killin’ me Smalls!” moment. Jesus responds to His disciples, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?” (Mark 4:40). They had seen Him perform many miracles by now and had heard Him teach. They should already know that Jesus was different, yet they still ask the question, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him” (Mark 4:41)? Demons and sickness may be one thing, but for fishermen, nature is powerful. Jesus just demonstrated His power even over nature. Their scope of understanding who Jesus really is just got bigger.

Perspective played a huge role in the outcome of these events. What does a carpenter’s son know about fishing? Usually nothing. But the only Son of the Father that had an active role in creation? He might know something. Jesus knew He was not going to die there. He knew the storm was coming when He asked them to go into the water, but He was with them. He knows storms are coming when He said, “Go into all the world...” (Mark 16:15). He provided these words, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:20).



# Senior High Mission Team

**Laurel, Delaware**

**June 24-July 1**

Josh Blackmer

Cara Blackmer

Grant Fuller

Katie Sproule

Kelly Sproule

Micah Trujillo

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Ally Alberga</b>	undergoing medical testing
<b>Harold Armstrong</b>	recovering at home from hospitalization
<b>Dee Catanzaro</b>	starting radiation treatments for breast cancer
<b>Lester Galloway</b>	recovering from neck surgery
<b>Matthew Jones</b>	recovering from prostate surgery
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	recovering from severe head injury
<b>Leigh Puckett</b>	blood clotting problems
<b>Cathy Seay</b>	recovering at home, surgery postponed
<b>Marie Watson</b>	recovering from hospitalization

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



Lynne Jorgensen upon the passing of her stepfather, Sam Michaelian, last week.

## 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

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Leigh Hill</b>	Shirley Hopkins' cousin, suffering with cancer
<b>Clara Medina</b>	Carolina Medina's sister, still in the hospital
<b>Bill O'Brien</b>	Marcia Kelley's cousin, open heart surgery on July 8
<b>Vivian Rackstraw</b>	Tasha Ellis' grandmother, breast cancer surgery on July 1
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
<b>Mariam Wagenknecht</b>	Dick Kelley's sister, under Hospice Care

**Remember Our Mission Works**

*Paraguay*  
Troy & Andrea Spradlin

*Pacific Islands*  
Robert & Mary Martin  
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan  
Joey & Tammy Treat

*Africa*  
Tamuka Arunashe  
Nnanna Aforji

*Montgomery, Alabama*  
Apologetics Press

*Coral Springs, Florida*  
Mauricio Yegros



# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, June 26

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake. See Joan Holloway for details.
- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Lisa Holaday & Nathan Lewis** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring gift cards.

## Monday, June 27

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, June 28

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.

## Tuesday, June 28

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Novel & Mary Brown.

## Saturday, July 2

- ◆ **Area-Wide & Homecoming Singing** at 7:00 p.m. PBL members, bring finger foods and drinks.

## Sunday, July 3

- ◆ **Homecoming Sunday at Palm Beach Lakes.** PBL members, bring a potluck dish and drinks to share.



## Saturday, July 2

**7:00 p.m. Area-Wide & Homecoming Singing**

## Sunday, July 3

**9:00 a.m. Morning Bible Study:**  
**"God's Work Through PBL"**

**10:00 a.m. Morning Worship:**  
**"We're Part of the Family"**

**11:45 a.m. Potluck Luncheon**

**1:00 p.m. Afternoon Worship:**  
**"When We All Get to Heaven"**

# Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

## Saturday, July 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Paul & Lisa Metzkes.

## Monday, July 11

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Hollie Crotts. See Rachel Fuller for more details.

## Tuesday, July 12

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

## Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ◆ **Jenkins' Week at CFBC.** Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

## Monday, August 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Julie Trujillo. See Rachel Fuller for more details.



# Palm Beach Lakes Youth

## Sunday, June 26

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

## Sunday, July 10

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

## Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

- ◆ **Jenkins' Week at CFBC.** Register online at [www.cfbiblecamp.org](http://www.cfbiblecamp.org). Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

## Saturday-Wednesday, July 23-27

- ◆ **Upward Bound at CFBC** for ages 14-18. Register online.

## Saturday, August 6

- ◆ **Jr. High Back-to-School Shopping and Lunch** from 11:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring \$20 (for lunch & school supplies). See Sarah, Ivan or Amber for more details.

# PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Men's Worship Service Assignments - July, 2016

July 3

July 10

July 17

July 24

July 31

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Joe Maloney	Richard Watson	Deltom Lequernaque	Eugene Williams	Tim Fry
Scripture Reading	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Jimmie Banks	Cam Crotts	Jacade Reynolds	Ivan Villard, Jr.
Presiding at Table	Richard Lerro	Charles Hayes	L.H Richardson	Ken Tipton	Rick Hall
Serving at Table:	Josiah Blackmer	Mike Damron	Shea Brown	Jordan Beasley	Chuck Clark
	Pete Brown	Glen Dawson	Josue Charles	Harrison Crotts	Jim Davis
	Marvin Dozier	Edward Gager	Victor Colage	Eddie Gooden	Bobby Ingraham
	Namdidie Ikon	Wallace Jones	Paul Hensel	Brett Lau	Jon Jordan, Jr.
	Brad Shelt	Scott Lewis	Ken Long	Nate Nelson	Tim Mahlbacher
	Mike Trujillo	Austin Metzkes	Morris McDaniel	Tommy Pauldo	Bailey McDaniel
	Nahum Villard	Daniel Swayne	Lynn Parker	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Paul Metzkes
	Kevin Weeks	Lawrence Williams	Dirk Summerlot	Austin Williams	Chris Thomas
Closing Prayer	Tom Martens	Henry Bass	Brent Leslie	Taylor Reeves	David Brown

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Ken Tipton	Stephen Beliech	Jerry Pittman	Dan McLeod	Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer	Kane Campbell	Jeff Goodale	Jeff Leslie	Stephen Beliech	Clayton Trujillo
Scripture Reading	Micah Trujillo	Tyrone Toson	Daniel Wagner	Bobbo Lupo	Jerry Pittman
Presiding at Table	Chris Thompson	Gary Seames	David Lord	Mike Erickson	Dan McLeod
Serving at Table:	Gorman Erickson	Bob Higbee	Lance Collier	Harrison Carter	Gary Jenkins
	Nick Pietro	Vincent Rogers	Grant Fuller	Mike Fox	Carmen Ruckmen
	Rick Price	Marty Williams	Jeremy Maloney	Leonard Williams	Mike Trujillo
Closing Prayer	Darin Summerlot	Phil Porter	Mike Ellis	Johnny Davis	David Thorpe

Alternates:					
	Jerry Hopkins	Chad Brown	Novel Brown	Tim Cox	Dan Fuller
	Justin Maloney	Chuck Clark	Brent Leslie	Scott Studer	Dirk Summerlot

Technical Assignments						
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Shea Brown	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Adam Seal	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt	TBD
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Adam Seal	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown	TBD
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot	TBD

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	July 3 & 6	July 10 & 13	July 17 & 20	July 24 & 27	July 31 & Aug. 3
Head Usher	Freddie Gadson →				
	David Brown	Doug Carrick	Jim Davis	Glen Dawson	Bob Higbee
	L.H. Richardson	Eugene Williams	Orlando Lolo	Jim Rogers	Wallace Jones

- Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.
- Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.
- Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.
- Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.
- Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

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



Sunday,  
June 19

**Sharon Reitz** placed membership June 5.  
**Michell Castonguay** placed membership June 12.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Greg Bland & Breanna; Mr. Jean Charles; Liz Erickson; Aisha Fernandez; Ms. Rashana Green; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Jason Halas; Matthew Otero; Kenneth Primmer; Mark Witt; and Mrs. Kathy Wood.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Ms. Helen Bashaw, Canal Winchester, OH; Ms. Sharon Bowman, Jonesborough, TN; Allan Fowell, New Plymouth, New Zealand; Scott, Jacob & Colton Kelley, West Broward, FL; Tim Lamb, Delray Beach, FL; Sabrina Lolo; Bob Oler, Sun City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Shafor, Dorr, MI; Ms. Eileen Torricelli, Delray Beach, FL; Ms. Wilma Thomas, Hollywood Hills, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Wear, Port St. Lucie, FL.

### Thank You Note

Thank you for the courtesies extended to me and my family after the loss of my mother. The cards, calls, flowers, visits and acts of kindness provided comfort and support through a difficult period. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Dorothy Savage



<u>Monday (June 27<sup>th</sup>)</u> Joe & Marian Holland (Ann.) Iva Ardoin Mary Thomas	<u>Wednesday (June 29<sup>th</sup>)</u> Steven Livergood Dorothy Savage
<u>Tuesday (June 28<sup>th</sup>)</u> Cam Crotts Cheryl Milton	<u>Thursday (June 30<sup>th</sup>)</u> Edward & Ellen Gager (Ann.) Adrienne Gadson
	<u>Saturday (July 2<sup>nd</sup>)</u> Richard & Debi Watson (Ann.)

### 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, June 26

Lead Singing .....Jerry Hopkins  
Opening Prayer ..... Dirk Summerlot  
Scripture Reading..... Victor Colage  
Presiding at Table ..... Jimmie Banks  
Serve at Table:  
    Josue Charles      Kenneth Long  
    Mike Damron      Taylor Reeves  
    Jeff Goodale      Carmen Ruckman  
    Charles Hayes      Scott Studer  
Alternates:  
    Lance Collier      Jerry Pittman  
Closing Prayer .....Orlando Lolo

#### Sunday Evening, June 26

Lead Singing .....Bobbo Lupo  
Opening Prayer .....Jim Rogers  
Scripture Reading..... Bailey McDaniel  
Presiding at Table.....Gary Jenkins  
    Bob Higbee  
    Nate Nelson  
    Chuck Reeves, Sr.  
Closing Prayer .....David Holaday

#### Wednesday Evening, June 29

Lead Singing .....Shea Brown  
Invitation..... Cam Crotts  
Family Prayer ..... Tim Fry

### Our Record

Attendance	June 19	May Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	217	252
Sun. A.M. Worship	369	375
Sun. P.M. Worship	176	177
Wed. Bible Study	255	187
Contribution	\$15,745	\$15,227

2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +23,436

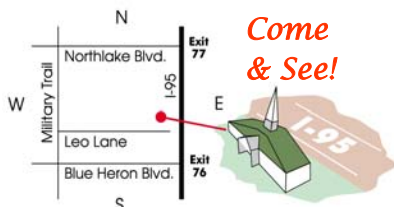
Ushers for week of **June 26** Head Usher: Novel Brown; Rick Hall & Brett Lau



# 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: **Nyla Hackshaw & Carter Crotts**



*By Grant Fuller  
(Summer Intern)*

## It's Up To You Now

There's an old story, not from the Bible, but it does well to prove a point. Jesus returns to Heaven after His ascension, and He's welcomed at the gates by one of the angels. The angel says to Him, "Without you there, how will the kingdom continue?" Jesus answers Him, "I have entrusted my teachings to my followers, and it is their job to carry on spreading it."

The angel is flabbergasted! He says, "But, Lord, don't you know men are imperfect beings? What if they don't spread your teachings? Will the kingdom die out? Surely you made another way!" Jesus says to the angel, "No. I have made no other way. It rests on them to preach now."

Now, as I said beforehand, this fictional story is not from the Bible, but it does well to prove a point. Jesus left only one way for the kingdom, the church, to spread. He told His disciples, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20). We call this the "Great Commission" and for good reason. As Christians, this is what we have been commissioned to do: make disciples of all nations, by baptizing them and teaching them all that the Word has taught us. This is our mission.

The fact of the matter is Jesus made no provisions for the spreading of the kingdom other than this. He has placed His Word into our hands like He did with the prophet Ezekiel (Ezek. 2:8-3:3). He has given us His Word, and it is our duty to take it in, learn it and preach it to others. For just as God gave Ezekiel His Word to take in, He gave him a charge. He said, "I have made you a watchman..." (Ezek. 3:17). He said, if you warn a wicked man, but he persists in his wickedness and dies in his wickedness, you will have delivered your soul. But, if you don't warn him at all, and he dies in his sins, I will require his blood from your hand (Ezek. 3:18-21).

**"No. I have made no other way. It is up to them to preach now."**

God has given us a mission, and it is one of the most important, if not the most important, missions to ever be given to mortal man. There is no going above or beyond this call of duty. There is simply performing it as best we can. The mission is to spread God's kingdom. To take in His word as food for our spirits and proclaim it to those around us. This is not a mission given by some man of high authority. It is a direct order from the very highest authority, and that is God! The song that we sing rings true, "Into our hands the Gospel is given. Into our hands is given the Light." God has given us His message and has commissioned us as His ambassadors. He has made no other way for the kingdom to spread. We are His disciples, and when He returned to Heaven, He said to us, "It's up to you now."