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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”

A time of reconnecting, reminiscing and rejoicing!



By Dan Jenkins

You Cannot Ignore the Fact that Jesus Lived

John chapter seven is remarkable in so many ways, but one truth stands out. Read the entire chapter, and it becomes immediately apparent that the people of the first century were struggling to decide who Jesus was and where He was to fit in their lives. There was no way they could deny that Jesus lived among them. The same is true in our day.

Jesus should change His ways. It is hard to imagine what it would have been like to be the younger brothers of Jesus. The opening verses of John seven reveal that they did not believe He was the Messiah, but they were unable to ignore the impact of His teachings and miracles. They came to Him and told Him what He should do and how He should change what He was doing. They were so wrong. He knew precisely what should be done. He did not change.

Jesus is good—Jesus is a deceiver. When the Lord arrived in Jerusalem to observe the Feast of Tabernacles, His presence forced the people to make decisions about Him. Some said that He was a good man, while others said that He was a deceiver (John 7:12). Yet, those who thought that He was good remained silent and would not speak openly about Him, because they feared those around them. In the absence of truth being spoken, only evil will be heard and it will prevail.

There was no way to ignore Jesus when He lived. There is no way today!

Jesus should be ignored for He is not educated. When Jesus arrived in the holy city, He went into the temple and began teaching. At age 12, He had been in that same temple and His wisdom amazed those teachers who were there. In this chapter, He was again in the temple and all who heard Him were amazed. They evidently thought that only theologians could know truth for they asked, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied?” They were so wrong.

Jesus has a demon. There were some who immediately dismissed Him because of His message. Their explanation was to ignore Him and openly say to others that He was demon possessed. Their hasty conclusion was the reason Jesus said, “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgments” (John 7:24). He commands men to judge.

Jesus is wrong because leaders do not believe in Him. Some refused to do their own thinking and relied on others to tell them what was right (7:26). They evidently were waiting to let their religious leaders tell them what to do. Every man is personally responsible for his own decisions.

The response to His presence was twofold. Some sought to kill Him while many believed on Him (7:30-31). There was no way to ignore Him. The important truth is that there is no way to ignore Him today. The most important decision you will ever make is whether you will ignore Him!



By David Sproule

What Makes Palm Beach Lakes “A Special Place”

Hopefully every congregation of the Lord’s church believes that they are “a special congregation.” This should never be as a matter of pride, but because every congregation of the Lord’s church belongs to the Lord Himself, as “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people” (1 Pet. 2:9). That is what makes any congregation “special.” But, specifically, what makes Palm Beach Lakes “a special place”?

Palm Beach Lakes is special because of the people! Pure and simple. The church is the people! Palm Beach Lakes would not be special without the people! But, what is it about the people?

Palm Beach Lakes is special because the members, while tremendously diverse, are truly one! Having been “reconciled into one body” where we “are all one in Christ Jesus” are not just first-century concepts to PBL members; they are twenty-first century objectives! One visiting preacher—after observing not only the diversity of the membership but how everyone worked together as equals—commented, “This congregation is like a little United Nations.”

Palm Beach Lakes is special because the members truly care for one another! “Love one another” and “esteem others better than himself” are not just commands to be fol-

lowed at PBL; they are a way of living! Truly, “if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it” (1 Cor. 12:26). The members want the best for each other and seek opportunities to show the best for each other.

Palm Beach Lakes is special because the members truly have a strong devotion to truth! “Preach the word” and “abide in the doctrine of Christ” are not a thing of the ancient past at PBL; they are a demand of the heart of this church! For decades and decades, the preaching and teaching that has resonated within the assemblies and classes of this church have sought to “seek the old paths” and “speak as the oracles of God.” And, members of PBL have never settled for anything less.

Palm Beach Lakes is special because the members truly respect and follow the shepherds! “Shepherd the flock of God” and “obey those who rule over you” are not words that are spurned at PBL; they are words that are expected! A unique relationship exists at PBL between the shepherds and the members. It is not perfect, as none of the people involved are perfect. But, it has long been a relationship of mutual trust, respect and agape love.

PBL is special. The one person who makes it that way is Jesus. No other single person can be credited! But, what has made it uniquely special through the years are the people!

Members of Palm Beach Lakes have never settled for anything less.



By Josh Blackmer

Lessons From Galilee: “Lord, save me!”

Simon Peter was known as being quick to action. He gets a bad reputation among modern Christians because his actions were not always theologically sound. When asked by Jesus, “Who do men say that I am?” Peter nailed it with, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16). However, within moments of that declaration, he is strongly rebuked by Jesus, “Get thee behind me Satan” (Matt. 16:23)! He was one of the chosen to go up with Jesus on the mountain and see Him transformed. As Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, Peter begins to make a statement lowering Jesus to the prophet status. He is quickly rebuked by God before he was able to finish speaking (Matt. 17:1-6). Even though he makes some ecclesial blunders, he is also the one that gets to do some amazing things.

The disciples were crossing the Galilean sea again. Jesus had sent them across the lake while he went up on the mountain to pray. In the night, Jesus began walking across the water. The disciples were about three miles into their travel and fighting against the winds in the fourth watch of the night, between 3:00 and 6:00 in the morning. Mark tells us that Jesus would have passed them by, but they saw Him and thought Him to be a spirit (Mark 6:48-49). It is Matthew’s account that we have Peter calling out to Christ, “Lord, if it is you, command

me to come to you on the water” (Matt. 14:28). We get to see Peter rise to the occasion only to fall when he sees the wind about him. He cries out to Jesus as he sinks, and the Messiah reaches forth and holds him up saying, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matt. 14:31-32). Jesus gets into the boat, and the waves stop. It is at this moment that Mark reveals something to us. When the wind stopped, they were “utterly astonished, for they had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their hearts were hardened” (Mark 6:52). That was the moment that they begin worshipping Him saying, “Truly you are the Son of God” (Matt. 14:33). So, when Jesus calls Peter’s faith into question, it wasn’t only for his faith in that moment but all of the disciples were still hard hearted toward what Christ was teaching and doing with the miracles.

Now, in the middle of the Sea of Galilee they worshiped Him as the Son of God

This causes me to raise a question. How could men who were front row to the life and ministry of Christ, the Son of the living God, still not be completely onboard? Perhaps until now, everything Jesus had done they were able to explain away, or they saw Him as another prophet. Now, in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, they worshiped Him as the Son of God. It seems now that things are starting to come into focus for them. It would not be long after this event that Peter would make the good confession. It is our duty to hold onto that same confession, even if the wind and waves around us appear contrary.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“I Know What He’s Thinking”

Thoughts are a very private matter. They are in your own head—a place where no human can enter other than you. So how is it that someone can say, “I know what you’re thinking”?

The Bible speaks about this when it says, “For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?” (1 Cor. 2:11). Paul’s rhetorical question proves the point—no one can know “a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person” (ESV). He then proceeds to his main point—“Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.” The Spirit of God knows the thoughts of God, and Paul said that the apostles had “received...the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God” (2:12). The Spirit of God told the apostles what God thinks, and then Paul said, “These things we also speak...in words...which the Holy Spirit teaches” (2:13). They wrote down God’s thoughts!

How cool is that! When you read your Bible, you are reading the very thoughts of God! – DS



The blind and the lame came to Him

During His last week on earth, while Jesus was teaching in the temple (cf. Luke 19:47), Matthew records that “the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple” (Matt. 21:14). How many times have you read that statement? But, have you ever stopped to wonder, “How?” We read frequently of others who “came to Jesus” (ex: His disciples, multitudes, a centurion, etc.), and we don’t wonder “how” they came to Him. But, how did multiple blind people and multiple lame people come to Jesus? Under normal circumstances, they would not have come on their own.

That’s the whole point, isn’t it? Those who were physically blind and physically lame needed someone else to lead them to Jesus. Their physical “healing” (Matt. 21:14) was dependent on others helping them. What about those who are spiritually blind and spiritually lame? Are they any different? Do they not also need someone to lead them to Jesus? Is not their spiritual “healing” (cf. 1 Pet. 2:24) dependent on others (i.e., you and me) helping them to reach Jesus? Do you know anyone who needs help “coming to Jesus”? Let’s get busy helping them! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Harold Armstrong	chronic congestive heart failure
Dee Catanzaro	undergoing radiation treatments for breast cancer
Sharon Feeney	severe neck pain
Lester Galloway	recovering from neck surgery
Matthew Jones	recovering from prostate surgery
Connye Plouffe	recovering from severe head injury
Jo Ann Rogers	recovering at home from hospitalization
Cathy Seay	recovering at home, surgery postponed
Quinntavias Smith, Jr.	scheduled for eye surgery on July 6
Julie Trujillo	scheduled for surgery on July 28

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 These Relatives of PBL Members

Aisha Emmanuel	Jean Archer's niece, hospitalized with ulcerative colitis
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, diagnosed with kidney cancer
Leigh Hill	Shirley Hopkins' cousin, suffering with cancer
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, recovering from heart valve surgery
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, still in the hospital
Bill O'Brien	Marcia Kelley's cousin, open heart surgery on July 8
Vivian Rackstraw	Tasha Ellis' grandmother, breast cancer surgery on July 15
Pam Register	Donna Erickson's cousin, treatments for breast cancer
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
Mariam Wagenknecht	Dick Kelley's sister, under Hospice Care

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

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, July 3

- ◆ **Homecoming Sunday at Palm Beach Lakes.** PBL members, bring a potluck dish and drinks to share.
 - 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
 - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 - 11:45 a.m. Potluck Luncheon
 - 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Worship
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, July 4

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

Tuesday, July 5

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

Thursday, July 7

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh & Cara Blackmer.

Sunday, July 10

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Thursday, July 14

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.
- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier.

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.

Sunday, July 31

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

Sunday, August 7

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

Sunday, August 14

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

Sunday, September 4

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

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. Location TBD. See Rachel Fuller for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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.cfbciblecamp.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.

Sunday, August 28

- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship.
- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ



Different People · Different Buildings · Same Loving Family

New Bible Classes for Adults, Sr. High & Jr. High

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M. (July 10-Sept. 4)

Auditorium	1 & 2 Thessalonians	<i>David Sproule</i>
Adult 1	How to Teach Someone the Gospel	<i>Josh Blackmer</i>
Adult 2	World Religions	<i>Richard Watson</i>
Adult 3	Young Adults: The Sermon on the Mount	<i>Phil Porter</i>
Sr. High	Marriage & the Home	<i>Dan Fuller</i>
Jr. High	Israel's Captivity & Return	<i>Shea Brown</i>

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M. (July 6-Sept. 7)

Auditorium	Judges	<i>Dan Jenkins</i>
Adult 1	A Christian Is...	<i>L. Richardson, G. Seames & S. Beliech</i>
Adult 2	Ladies: Illuminating Shadows	<i>Lisa Metzkes</i>
Adult 3	Last Things	<i>Douglas Alvarenga</i>
Sr. High	1, 2, 3 John & Jude	<i>Josh Blackmer</i>
Jr. High	The Church of Christ	<i>Johnny Davis</i>

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



Directory Changes

Karen Bibbee placed membership June 19.

Errol & Jessie Gower-Winter also placed membership June 19.

Christina Kato has moved away.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for all your prayers for me and my mom. It's nice to have a church who cares as much as all of you do. I can't thank you enough. I'm so blessed to have great friends.

Robyn Landon

David Thorpe thanks everyone who sent him a card and for their kind words during his illness.



Sunday,
June 26

LOCAL VISITORS: Kirk & Mendy Crews; Miss Carmen Dussard; Ms. Alisha Fernandez; Tom Garrison; Jason Halas; Norman & Katelyn Horn; Gary Lober; Mrs. Paul Riveros Rodriguez; Camele Sinclair; Terrance & LaQuanda Smith; Wendell Wilson; Tony Wilson, Jr.; and Mrs. Kathy Wood.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Justin Collier, Durham, NC; Joe Dolan, New York, NY; Ms. Pat Harrington, Boynton Beach; Nathan & Lisa Lewis, Humboldt, TN; Sabrina Lolo; Katlyn Mayne, Cut Off, LA; Mrs. Kristin Reames, Franklin, TN; Mr. Webert Saintus, Delray Beach; Ms. Eileen Torricelli, Delray Beach, FL; and Ron Wilkins, Pollock, LA.

News & Notes

There are thank you notes from **Don & Carol Dodd** and **Pearl El** on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (July 3rd)
Cornelius Henderson

Monday (July 4th)
Andrea Henderson
Charles Norton

Tuesday (July 5th)
Rachel Byerly
Enrique Chow
Debora Lynch
Jim Rogers

Wednesday (July 6th)
David & Carol Hardman (Ann.)
Derrick & Stahia Banks (Ann.)
Jeff Goodale

Thursday (July 7th)
Jon & Jenny Jordan (Ann.)
Ted & Laura Schuemann (Ann.)

Friday (July 8th)
Paul & Lisa Metzkes (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, July 3

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Joe Maloney
Scripture Reading Bill Ingram, Jr
Presiding at Table Richard Lerro
Serve at Table:
 Josiah Blackmer Brad Shelt
 Pete Brown Mike Trujillo
 Marvin Dozier Nahum Villard
 Namdidie Ikon Kevin Weeks
Alternates:
 Jerry Hopkins Justin Maloney
Closing Prayer Tom Martens

Sunday Evening, July 3

Lead Singing Ken Tipton
Opening Prayer Kane Campbell
Scripture Reading Micah Trujillo
Presiding at Table Chris Thompson
 Gorman Ericksen
 Nick Pietro
 Rick Price
Closing Prayer Darin Summerlot
Wednesday Evening, July 6
Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Invitation Nate Nelson
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	June 26	May Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	262	252
Sun. A.M. Worship	342	375
Sun. P.M. Worship	204	177
Wed. Bible Study	250	187
Contribution	\$13,639	\$15,227
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +22,415		

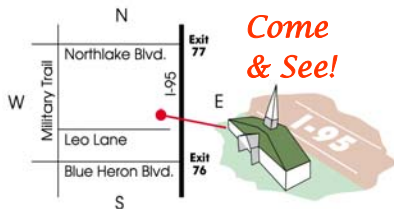
Ushers for week of **July 3** Head Usher: Freddie Gadson; David Brown & L.H. Richardson



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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: **Jerry & Lorena Pittman**

Companion of All Those Who Fear You

By Grant Fuller (Summer Intern)

In the longest chapter of the entire Bible, the psalmist tells God a statement that every Christian on this earth ought to live by. He says, "I am a companion of all those who fear you, of those who keep your precepts" (Psa. 119:63). And what a thing to be characterized as. To be a companion of everyone who follows after God is to be a companion of God Himself, is it not?

Jesus Himself said that when He judges the world, He will say to some that they may enter into Heaven because when they saw that He was hungry, or thirsty, or wandering around, or in need of dress, or sick, they gave Him food, and water, and a place to stay, and clothes to put on, and came and visited Him. And they will say, "When did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or any of those things?" And Jesus will answer them, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:34-40).

We ought to be companions for our fellow followers of Christ. We ought to help each other when we are in a tight spot and comfort each other when we are in sorrow. We ought to rejoice with each other when one of us is successful in an endeavor and help each other get back on our feet after every defeat. We are each other's companions, and we ought to be able to rely on each other and help each other bear our burdens as we go through this life, leaving no one on their own.

First-Century Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

 *Speaking where the Bible speaks*

 *Silent where the Bible is silent*

 *Calling Bible things by Bible names*

 *Doing Bible things in Bible ways*

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