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Welcome New Members






Williams, Henry & Bereather Group 4


Identified May 1






Reitz, Sharon Group 1
 (*Isabella, *Giuliana & *Dominic)


Identified June 5






Castonguay, Michell Group 4

Identified June 12





Bibbee, Karen Group 4

Identified June 26



By Dan Jenkins

How Can I Know His Will For Me?

There is no speech or language spoken anywhere on this earth where the heavens and earth do not declare there is a God (Psa. 19:1). By simply looking around, every man can know that God exists. However, though nature reveals His *existence*, it does not reveal His *will* for me. Yet, for me to serve God, I must know His will and what He wants me to do. Look at the following truths about knowing His will.

For me to know His will He must reveal it to me. Without a revelation from Him, I cannot even be sure of His nature. Do I judge Him by the ravaging storms with their attendant thunder, lightning and destruction or by the beauty of the sun rising or setting? Do I judge Him by the blessings of children or by the untimely death of a child? There must be more than nature. I can know God exists, but until He shows His will, there is nothing I can do to know how to serve Him.

God must reveal Himself to me in a way I can know His revelation is really from Him. It stands to reason that part of His revelation demands that I can know that the Creator truly has spoken to me. Common sense shows that this revelation cannot be surrounded by subjective ideas which come into my head. If He fails to show His will in a way that I can know the message is from Him, then it must be given to me in

uncertainty with “holy hunches” being His method. How could I ever be sure it is from Him and not from evil, anti-God forces in this world? There must be accompanying evidences of His power when He reveals Himself.

God must reveal His will to me in a way I can understand it. If God’s revelation is only to a few chosen ones, then there is no way for me to find it if I am not one of those few. If He reveals Himself only to those highly educated or those having great riches, then most of mankind will be left out. There are millions with greater education and greater wealth than me. For the common man to know His will, it must be understandable for him.

What if He has not revealed Himself? If God has not revealed His will in a way I can know it is from Him and can understand it, then I stand helpless before Him. I have no roadmap or compass for my life, and there is no need for me to seek to find one. He might exist, but I have no choice except to ignore Him.

What if He has revealed Himself? On the other hand, if God has revealed His will to me in a way I can know it is from Him and can understand it, then I must seek to please Him. Will you take time to think about the fact that a man named Jesus lived on this earth and claimed He was God’s avenue of revelation of Himself? Sober-minded men must examine the evidence. Are you sober-minded? Are you ignoring Him?

Wise men examine the evidence that Jesus is the way God has revealed Himself



By David Sproule

“I Was Wrong”

Why are those words so hard to say? “I was wrong.” Three little words. All single syllable. But, they are among the most difficult for the human tongue to utter.

Often times, the one who has done wrong will try to “explain it away.” Some make excuses. Some shift the blame. Some diminish the seriousness of the matter. Some argue semantics. Some try to split hairs. Some seek to change the subject. Some turn the tables and try to find something just as guilty in the offended party, which will somehow justify the offense. Anything. Anything to keep from admitting it and saying those three words.

When Achan was confronted with the evidence against him, the first words from his mouth were, “Indeed, I have sinned against the Lord God” (Josh. 7:20). When David realized that there was no where else for him to run and grasped the damage that he had done, he finally confessed, “I have sinned against the Lord” (2 Sam. 12:13). After shamefully treating his father with contempt, the prodigal son came to himself and declared, “I have sinned against heaven and before you” (Luke 15:18, 21). Although the Bible clearly (and repeatedly) teaches and demonstrates that “all have sinned” (Rom. 3:23), there are surprisingly few individuals recorded in Scripture, who actually acknowl-

edged with their lips, “I have sinned.”

Let’s ask again: Why are those words so hard to say? To say, “I was wrong,” takes courage. To say, “I was wrong,” takes humility. To say, “I was wrong,” takes a sense of shame. To say, “I was wrong,” requires accepting responsibility for one’s actions and/or words. To say, “I was wrong,” may make one vulnerable. To say, “I was wrong,” takes a willingness to accept any consequences that may follow. Wow! Well, when we see it from that viewpoint, no wonder there are so few who will utter those words.

But, brothers and sisters in Christ, just because something is hard does not mean it cannot, should not and must not be done! It is one thing to be able to confess to God, “I have sinned!” And, such an admission is absolutely essential to maintain our proper relationship with Him. But, it is another thing to be able to say to each other (i.e., husbands, wives, parents, children, friends, family, brethren, sistren, etc.), “I was wrong.” And such is absolutely essential for those relationships, too!

Our responsibility as Christians is not to confess the faults of others to one another but to confess our own sins to one another (Jas. 5:16), especially ones against each other (Matt. 5:23-24; 18:15). Then, it is equally our responsibility to forgive (Matt. 6:14-15; Col. 3:13). Our relationships in our homes and in the church are to emulate Jesus. Do they?

Just because something is hard does not mean it cannot be done!



By Josh Blackmer

Hungering and Thirsting

A young man sat in a second story balcony of the church in a poor African city. His life had been forever changed by what he had seen and experienced. As he contemplated these things, three young children, neighbors to the church building, strove to get his attention. When the young man looked, they would hide. It was a game to play with the white man. He noticed their poor condition and wondered how he could help. They were skinny and under clothed. The house they lived in was small and barely standing. Any resources given to them would not last and only make them dependent on handouts. What would spark real change and healthy growth? The young man thought for a moment and went down and spoke with the parents. He invited them to study the Bible and to worship the next day. He left praying for that family and those children. He knew that they would never be wealthy by America's standards, but they could have godly parents and a chance to know their heavenly Father.

We have all seen or heard of the starving orphan story. It sparks within us an urge to help and a drive to make a difference. There are so many humanitarian efforts in the world spending millions on a need that will never end. The world will always have poverty, drought, sickness and orphans (Matt. 26:11). What if we were to change the perspective of

this narrative? What if instead of the physically hungry, we focused on the spiritual? What would those around us look like if we could see their spiritual condition? Would we be concerned? Would we have the same drive to help?

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matt. 5:6). Again He said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.' Then they said to Him, 'Lord, always give us this bread.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out" (John 6:32-37). There are so many who are spiritually starving right in front of us. Some in our own homes go nourished from the word of God, yet we make sure they are physically cared for. Perspective is everything. If we truly understood the importance of nourishing ourselves on the Bread of life and making sure that our families, children and friends were doing the same, would we be doing anything differently? Would you change priorities in your home so that your children would not be spiritually malnourished?

Perspective is everything.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

It was a controlled anger

When Jesus drove the money-changers out of the temple during His last week (Mark 11:15), it is sometimes wondered if this was some uncontrolled, knee-jerk, flying-off-the-handle reaction that He had to the indiscretions of these money-hungry guys. Or, is it possible that His response was more calculated, thought out and measured than we might realize?

There is an interesting statement four verses earlier. In Mark 11:15, "Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out..." That was on Monday. But look what happened the evening before. Verse 11 states (regarding the closing events of Sunday), "And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things..." Do you suppose that Jesus saw something similar on Sunday that He saw on Monday? If so, why didn't He just deal with it on Sunday? Why did He wait until Monday? Did Jesus need to walk away from the scene, deal with His anger and then come back with His passions under control? Perhaps. It would do us well to walk away sometimes and first get ourselves under control (cf. Jas. 1:19). – DS



Four days later He died for them

The last Sunday that Jesus ever lived was a memorable day. As He rode into Jerusalem on the colt, multitudes cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" (Luke 11:1-9). But, the next day was not as "triumphal." Jesus entered the temple, similar to the occasion three years earlier (John 2:13-22), and drove out the merchants and money-changers who were making His "house of prayer" into "a den of thieves" (Mark 11:15-17). Jesus was filled with a righteous anger against those who were still tarnishing the sacred place of worship. In all likelihood there were repeat offenders among this number whom Jesus furiously expelled.

If you were in Jesus' place and once again there were individuals who were essentially "sinning against you," what would you have done? More specifically, after driving them from the temple, what would you have done? He drove them out on Monday, then on Friday...He died for them!

When folks (even brethren) do us wrong, may we remember what Jesus did for His enemies! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Harold Armstrong	declining health, not doing well
Pete Brown	knee replacement surgery on July 25
Dee Catanzaro	undergoing radiation treatments for breast cancer
Dianne Frye	suffering with severe back pain
Lester Galloway	recovering from neck surgery
Juanita Huser	not doing well, please limit visits right now
Matthew Jones	recovering from prostate surgery
Blake Leslie	Brent & Andrea's newborn, NICU in South Carolina
Maurine Reed	scheduled for knee surgery on July 26
Julie Trujillo	scheduled for surgery on July 28
Tina Wagner	upcoming EEG testing

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Vivian Rackstraw	Tasha Ellis' grandmother, recovering from surgery
James Rose	Willie Smith's uncle, suffered a stroke and on life support
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
Mariam Wagenknecht	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

Monday, July 25

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

Tuesday, July 26

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

Sunday, July 31

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Singing** during evening assembly.
- ◆ **30th Anniversary & Homecoming at Church of Christ of the Palm Beaches** beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a potluck following services.

Thursday, August 4

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

Sunday, August 7

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

Thursday, August 11

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

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.

Tuesday, August 16

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara King.

Monday, August 29

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

Sunday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 11

- ◆ **Joey Treat Mission Report** at 9:00 a.m. 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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Monday, August 1

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

Saturday, August 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Saturday, August 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.

Sunday, August 21

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

Saturday, September 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Lynn & Cynthia Parker.

Monday, September 12

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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 14

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

Sunday, August 28

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

Sunday, September 11

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

Thursday-Sunday, September 15-18

- ◆ **RUSH Weekend at FHU.** See Josh Blackmer for details.

August 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night	2	3 a Rick & Betsy Donahue b Stephen Beliech b Allison Roman b Seth Watson b Henry Williams	4 ☆ Family Group 1 Meeting b Sharon Reitz	5 a Roy & Charlene Knowles b Betty McQuinn b Julie Trujillo	6 ☆ Jr. High Back-to-School Shopping & Lunch ☆ Young Adult Devo
7 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit a Jeff & Jennifer Goodale b Kirk Crews b Brad Shelt	8 a Silas & Debora Lynch b Mary Porter b Gary Seames	9	10 a Phil & Mary Porter a Chris & Brittany Thompson b Paulette Cole b Loretta Holaday b Hayden Lau b Dan McLeod b Paul Metzkes b Wesley Williams	11 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting	12 b Ben Harriott b Loretta James	13
14 ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Mike & Donna Erickson b Aryanna Duhl b Jon Jordan b Micah Trujillo	15 a Tim & Beth Fry b Carolyn Lord b Buzz Nelson	16 ☆ Family Group 3 Meeting b Tom Martens	17 b Connie Tipton	18 b Benny Rodgers b Deboria Walker	19 a David & Mary A. Jackson	20 ☆ Young Adult Service Project b Josiah Blackmer
21 ☆ Young Adult Meeting b Josie Dawson b Bettye King	22 b Nicole Freseman	23 a Orlando & Lilly Lolo a Chuck & Mary Reeves b Skye Brown b Inell Inram	24 b Turkessa Fernander b Sandi Hanna	25	26	27 a Paul & Kim Hensel b Billy Chancey b Daniel Lord b Nelson Watts b Whitney Williams
28 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo b Doris Friedly	29 ☆ Family Group 2 Meeting b Jordan Beasley	30 b Mary Brown b Simon Tyson	31 a Dan & Luann McLeod a Nicholas & Sabrina Pietro b Cherylann Wineinger			

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



Sunday,
July 17

Lydia Quinn was baptized on Friday, July 15. She is listed in the directory with her family.

Thank You Note

Dear Palm Beach Lakes family,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the presentation of the beautiful plaque and the gift certificate on Homecoming Day. I love you all.

June Pack

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Davia Allen; Greg & Breanna Bland; Mr. Jean Charles; Miss Julie Fontaine; Ray & Jakiera Gosa; Tom Garrison; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Jason Halas; Keith Hatchett; Ms. Lillie Hill & Gabby; T.J. Hoelzer; Mr. & Mrs. Joel Perez; Miss Kelly Rabbitt; Ms. Margaret Simmons; Camele Sinclair; Michael Staley; and Ms. Marcia Walker.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Helen Bashaw, Canal Winchester, OH; Mr. & Mrs. Terry Cheshier, Duncanville, TX; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Mr. Gerry Giffin, Madison, AL; Ms. Pat Harrington, Boynton Beach; Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee, FL; Charles Kato, Chattanooga, TN; Scott Kelly, Jacob & Colton, West Broward, FL; Tim Lamb, Delray Beach, FL; Gilbert & Dianne Lee, Hopkinsville, KY; Miss Bethany Leslie, Orlando, FL; Ms. Myrna Mitchell, Tampa, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Ned O'Brien, Norcross, GA; and Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Wear, Port St. Lucie, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (July 24th)

Lowell Flowers
Dan Jenkins
Rick Tibbetts

Monday (July 25th)

Grant Fuller

Tuesday (July 26th)

Marshal Beasley
Jeff Feeney
Eva Fulton

Wednesday (July 27th)

Willie Cox

Thursday (July 28th)

David & Skye Brown (Ann.)
Joy Cantrell

Friday (July 29th)

Les & Betty McQuinn (Ann.)

Saturday (July 30th)

Victor Colage

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 24

Lead Singing Jud Davis
Opening Prayer Eugene Williams
Scripture Reading Jacade Reynolds
Presiding at Table Ken Tipton
Serve at Table:
 Jordon Beasley Nate Nelson
 Harrison Crotts Tommy Pauldo
 Eddie Gooden Chuck Reeves, Sr.
 Brett Lau Austin Williams
Alternates:
 Tim Cox Scott Studer
Closing Prayer Taylor Reeves

Sunday Evening, July 24

Lead Singing Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer Stephen Beliech
Scripture Reading Bobbo Lupo
Presiding at Table Mike Erickson
 Harrison Carter
 Michael Fox
 Leonard Williams
Closing Prayer Johnny Davis
Wednesday Evening, July 27
Lead Singing Grant Fuller
Invitation Gary Seames
Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	July 17	June Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	204	259
Sun. A.M. Worship	403	380
Sun. P.M. Worship	154	186
Wed. Bible Study	162	216
Contribution	\$13,005	\$15,085
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +21,935		

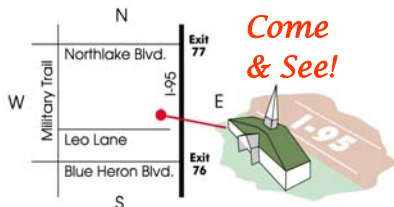
Ushers for week of **July 24** Head Usher: Freddie Gadson; Glen Dawson & Jim Rogers



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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: **Harrison Crotts**



By **Grant Fuller**
(Summer Intern)

Satan Is No Kitten

If you haven't been told already, I'll tell you now: we have an enemy. We are dealing with an enemy who knows how to be stealthy and forceful. We all know how Satan can come in among us like a wolf in sheep's clothing, but what about when he's not trying to be stealthy? What about when Satan simply hides in plain sight. The confusing

thing is this: he does it all the time. It's been said that "the greatest lie the devil ever told is to convince the world that he does not exist." That is how he gets away with prowling around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet. 5:8-9)!

We seem to forget about the more abrupt and not so subtle ways Satan can attack us. These are the ways that aren't quiet. This is when Satan is roaring, and there are always warning signs. Consider a movie. We are seeing a lot of movies come out these days that are filled with coarse language and crude humor and a multitude of other inappropriate things. We get fairly worked up about these things, and rightfully so, but it's not as if these things sneak up on us. Those movies come with a rating based on their content, as well as a description of that content, so we can decide if we want to watch it before we go to see it. We see warning signs all the time.

"Always be on your guard, because Satan is too big to ignore."

Consider the man in Proverbs 7—the man whom the writer sees passes by the corner that the harlot stands on and is eventually coaxed into her house (Prov. 7:6-23). Now, we might say this was an inconspicuous, sneaky thing that they did, but read the beginning of this report again. All the writer had to do to see this happen was look out his window. That's it. We may think that sin is a secretive and clandestine business, but it is so easy to see. As easy as looking out a window.

Also, for some odd reason, we get to thinking that Satan isn't so much of a lion as he is a little kitten. We start to think that Satan has no power over circumstances in life and he can't really do anything to us, so we can just ignore him. Beloved, this is a foolish thought! The devil has power. He used that power to try to get Job to turn his back on God (Job 1-2), and he offered to give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world (Luke 4:6-7), meaning he had the power to take and give possessions, loved ones and physical well-being. We peg Satan as a kitten when he's really a lion, and this is a grave mistake. A kitten is small, weak and too tiny to do any real damage. A lion will kill you. Always be on your guard, because Satan is too big to ignore.

Satan is actively seeking us out, so that he can devour us. If he's on the offensive, we need to be on the defensive and use God's Word to armor our hearts against our adversary.