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


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
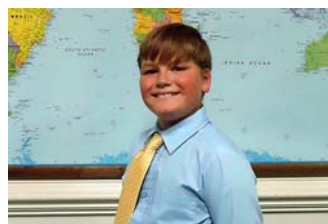
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Welcome New Members






Stone, Karly Group 4

Baptized April 27



Crotts, Harrison Group 1

Baptized May 1

**Fernandez, Andres & Angelica
(*Aisha & Cruz)** Group 2

Baptized June 2 and June 7

Quinn, Lydia Group 2

Baptized July 15



By Dan Jenkins

God's Plan to Intervene in History

Last week, we asked the question, "What would this world have been like if God had not intervened?" Noah's world gives some insight into this when every thought of mankind was continually evil. God did not leave this world without hope and revealed His expectation of holiness through Moses and the prophets. Yet, in spite of this, the world almost totally forgot about Him. Had God's people listened, the history of mankind could have been so different.

It was God's plan for the Levites to teach His ways to Israel. When the Promised Land was divided among the Jews, the priestly tribe was not given a portion. Instead, they were scattered throughout Israel in 48 cities. Moses described their work in these words, "They shall teach Jacob Your judgments..." (Deut. 33:10). Read the history of the Jews to see what happened when Israel was not taught God's word.

It was God's plan for parents to teach His way to their children. Deuteronomy chapter six showed that God intended for the homes of Israel to be a place where families openly talked about God—when sitting in their houses, when walking outside their homes, every night and every morning.

What happened when the first generation after Moses gave these words failed to do them? The first two chapters

of Judges showed that the generation after Joshua was untaught, and the nation left God in one generation! The history of Israel showed what happened when Israel was not taught God's word.

It was God's plan for the entire nation to assemble and read the entire Bible together. One of the annual feasts of the Jews was the Feast of Tabernacles. Every seventh year they were commanded to assemble and live in booths made of tree branches and publically read the Bible. This included all the men, all the women and all their little ones (Deut. 33:11-12).

How did this turn out? Nehemiah chapter eight reveals that for the next 900 years after Joshua this was not done! Read the history of the Jews to see what happened when Israel was not taught God's word. *Imagine what would happen if our nation devoted time to read the Bible publicly together!*

It is God's plan for us to teach His ways to the world. Our holy God did not leave this world without direction, but those most trusted with being part of the plan failed. Having looked at God's plan for His words to be taught, next week we will take time to specifically look as His plan for you to help Him. The history of the Jews shows what happened when Israel was not taught. There is an amazing parallel in the history of untaught America. Think about it!

Jewish history shows what happens when a nation is not taught about God



By David Sproule

Back-to-School Routine...FOR EVERYONE!

For families with children, summer is the highlight of the year...at least for the kids! If summer could last for 12 months, there would be great celebrations in some households! Nevertheless, as happens every year, summer comes to an end and it's time to go back to school.

One of the challenges of going back to school is **getting back into a routine!** Summer is a little more relaxed, not as structured and usually does not have much "routine" to it. But, school on the other hand requires more structure and a definite routine—from getting up in the morning, to leaving the house, to doing homework, to getting to bed on time, etc. Thus, it is that time of year when some of us are trying to get back into (or maybe start for the first time) a regular routine for our days and weeks.

Now, some people have already stopped reading. They thought this article was about families with kids and they bailed out shortly after seeing the title. However, the back-to-school routine was only the launching point for the main thrust of this article. This article really is FOR EVERYONE! Here's the primary aim of this article: **we all need to have a routine for our spiritual lives!**

Runners have a routine! Athletes have a routine!

Soldiers have a routine! Farmers have a routine! Teachers have a routine! Since Christians are likened to all of these persons, then we must also have a routine! **Unfortunately, too many Christians are stuck in a summer vacation!** Some of us have allowed the "things" of this life to interfere with our Christian lives and we've lost the "routine" that we once had in our spiritual lives. We've slipped into a summer vacation (spiritually) and need to get back on track.

May I suggest that we not wait until January 1st to end our summer vacations!

Sometimes Christians will set New Year's Resolutions for themselves when it comes to their Bible reading, prayer lives, etc. May I suggest that we not wait until January 1st to end our summer vacations! As so many folks are getting back into their school routines, let us, as children of God, get back into our heavenly "routines."

Find at least one time every day when you can talk to God! This needs to be a time (even if just 2-3 minutes) when everything around you is on mute! Find at least one time every day when you can listen to God, by reading His Word! Even if it is only three verses or a paragraph, let God speak to you every day! Find at least one thing to be thankful for every day! Count your blessings! Find at least one person you can encourage every day! Make the church's assemblies a priority! Open your eyes to the souls all around! Let's get back into our heavenly "routine" with God!



By Josh Blackmer

Our Fellowship Is With the Father and With His Son Jesus

Two men, Vizzini and Inigo, stand on top of the Cliffs of Insanity. Vizzini cuts the rope that the man in black is using to climb. The man in black didn't fall. Vizzini shouts, "He didn't fall?! Inconceivable!" Inigo replies, "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means." We've all been there, not on the Cliffs of Insanity, but maybe using a word incorrectly or not understanding it completely—like literally, for example.

How many of us know what fellowship means? It is a very common word in Christian theology. For me, my mind goes from fellowship to relationship and all of the things that need to be in place to have a relationship. I have never paused long enough to enjoy the vast simplicity of that concept. John wrote, "And indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3b). As you read that verse, it is easy to plug in the concept of relationship and move on, but we would be missing something. Acts chapter two highlights the core concept of fellowship. "And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need" (Acts 2:44-45). The word "common" is the Greek word *koinos*, which is the root word for "fellowship"—*koinonia*. The significance can

be summed up in this way. If I have fellowship with God and He with me, then all of God's resources are at my disposal and all of mine are at His (G. Campbell Morgan, *The Unfolding Message of the Bible*, pg. 364).

This fuller understanding of fellowship deepens our comprehension of Ephesians 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." All of the blessings of heaven—God's love, grace, mercy, patience and promises—are made possible through fellowship. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6). In the true nature of fellowship, all of who I am should be at the disposal of God. "It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). So, the bond of fellowship demands an open and honest relationship.

We need to also see that the opposite is true. "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth" (1 John 1:6). Paul raises the question, "What fellowship has light with darkness?" (2 Cor. 6:14). You cannot be in darkness and in communion with God. The Corinthian letter tells us that cannot happen even in nature. If we are outside the fellowship of God, then we are outside of His spiritual blessings (Matt. 25:30).

All of God's resources are at my disposal and all of mine are at His.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"How can I be happy in heaven if..."

It is sometimes wondered by folks who have family members who are not faithful Christians, "How can I be happy in heaven if my loved one is not there?" That is a tough, heart-wrenching thought to have. The bottom line is that we must trust our loving Father and compassionate Savior and know that the joy of heaven is not anything that we can possibly imagine here.

But, let's consider this question another way. Is there someone in this life that you absolutely cannot stand? Is there someone who just rubs you the wrong way? Is there someone (even a brother or sister in Christ) who you might even think doesn't belong in heaven after all they've done? Have you ever wondered: "How can I be happy in heaven if so-and-so is there?"

Happiness in heaven will be determined by God and not the presence (or absence) of any individual! But, I need to make sure that my attitude toward folks now is Jesus-like, for the last thing I need is the attitude of my heart (toward someone) to keep me from heaven! –DS



Onesiphorus' Air Conditioning Business Is Hiring!

Knowing that his life was going to be taken in the not-too-distant future (2 Tim. 4:6), Paul took time to think about and wish God's mercy upon a man who is virtually unknown to us. "The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus" (2 Tim. 1:16). What did this man do that captured Paul's attention? More so, what did he do that captured the Holy Spirit's attention?

Onesiphorus "often refreshed" Paul (1:16). The word literally means "to make cool again." Ralph Earle wrote, "When Onesiphorus came to see Paul in the stuffy dungeon, it was as if the air conditioning had been turned on!" The presence of his friend, while Paul was in a Roman prison, made a huge difference. Additionally, we learn that when Onesiphorus "arrived in Rome" to minister to Paul, he "very zealously" searched for Paul until (and without stopping short) he found him. Onesiphorus was fully determined to render service unto his brother!

What kind of friend are you? Is your presence like air conditioning on a humid day? –DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee	diagnosed with temporal arteritis
Pete Brown	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Dee Catanzaro	undergoing radiation treatments for breast cancer
Lowell Flowers	under Hospice Care
Jennifer Higbee	recovering from gallbladder surgery
Ruth Milton	undergoing medical testing
June Pack	recovering from foot surgery and stomach infection
Reginald Paul	Regina Paul's son, undergoing medical testing
Maurine Reed	Signature HealthCare (room 136), knee replacement
Mary Reeves	chronic back pain, having simulator implanted in Sept.
David Thorpe	awaiting results from echocardiogram
Jené Williams	recovering from fall, broke two bones in her foot

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

Bazil Calliste	Maria Hackshaw's bro-in-law, blood clots in heart & hand
Craig Clark	Chuck Clark's brother, under Hospice Care
Aisah Emmanuel	Jean Archer's niece, hospitalized with pancreatitis
Shirley Griffin	Mary Porter's mother, recovering at home
Carla Kimberland	Cindy Nelson's mother, recovering from leg bypass surg.
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, remains in the hospital
Ron Nelson	Buzz Nelson's father, recovering from brain surgery
Diana Noel	Bonnie Arthur's daughter, recovering from surgery
David Porter	Phil Porter's father, recovering at home
Vivian Rackstraw	Tasha Ellis' grandmother, recovering from cancer surgery
James Rose	Willie Smith's uncle, suffered a stroke, now in rehab
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

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.

Monday, August 15

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

Tuesday, August 16

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara King.

Friday, August 19

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jean Archer. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Saturday, August 27

- ◆ **Area-Wide Congregational Singing hosted by Jog Road** at 7:00 p.m.

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

Friday, September 16

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jean Archer. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Sunday, September 18

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Sunday, August 21

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

Friday, August 26

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Tuesday, August 30

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

Friday, September 9

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Saturday, September 10

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

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.

Friday, August 26

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Sunday, August 28

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

Friday, September 9

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

Sunday, September 11

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room.

5 Things Elders Need to Hear Regularly



Adam Faughn alegacyoffaith.us

If it were not tragic, it would be funny. That is this: often, the only thing elders ever hear from the congregation is complaining.

If things are going well, we just assume the elders know we appreciate it. But let things start going downhill—even just a little bit—and we have no problem talking to our shepherds.

Part of being in a position of leadership is understanding that you will hear complaints at times. It comes with the territory. But it really is tragic that too many elders *only* hear complaints, though they are striving to help people grow closer to the Lord and reach heaven.

Elders are not perfect men, but those who are in this position of leadership are worthy of our consideration and kindness. Additionally, they need to be built up through our words on a regular basis.

To that end, here are 5 things that elders need to hear from each member on a regular basis.

1. **I Pray for You.** Carrying the weight of watching over the souls of a congregation is a very heavy task, indeed. Elders need to know that members are regularly bringing their names and concerns before the throne of God.
2. **I Trust You.** Our society always leans toward distrust of anyone in any position of leadership. Yes, that bleeds over into the church. Elders need to hear that the members trust their wise judgment. Even if the elders make mistakes, their intent is not to be harmful or disruptive. They need to know that you know that!
3. **I Pray for Your Wife.** One of the hardest roles in the church is that of being the wife of an elder. When something is heavy upon the heart of her husband but, due to confidence, he cannot share that with her, it weighs on her heart and mind, as well. She needs your prayers, too, and elders need to know that the members do not treat their wives as some group of “others,” but as ladies who need our prayers.
4. **I Think Our Future is Bright.** Elders are constantly hearing from people about how things “used to be.” “Back when we were...” is a very common beginning to many conversations with elders. While that certainly has its place, elders need to know that you think the congregation has a bright and God-glorifying future. While they do not seek nor want the credit, it helps put wind in their sails to know that their vision of what—with God’s help—could be is being shared.
5. **Thank You.** Those two words mean the world to anyone, but especially to those in positions of leadership. Long hours, heart-wrenching prayers, and sleepless nights are the parts of the work that most people do not see. All we see is the fruit of all those things. For those things we should be grateful, and that gratitude needs to be regularly expressed.

Elders hold an office that simply is unequalled in its importance. These pastors love souls, and want the church to grow in number, spirit, and unity. They understand the depth and breadth of their position, and they also know the pressures that come with it.

Just a few words, regularly and honestly spoken by the members, will help these men lighten their load and bring more joy to their lives.

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

Thank You Notes



Sunday,
August 7

To my family at Palm Beach Lakes,

We often read and sing I John 4:7, where the purposeful love of the mind is instructed, but so many of you demonstrated a love that surpasses the mind—that which comes directly from the heart. Because of your genuine love, I and my family have been greatly encouraged by you. Thank you to all those who prayed for and with me—before and after my surgery, visited me in the hospital, sent a card, called and texted, prepared a delicious meal, and provided much needed light humor.

I phileo you,
Julie Trujillo

Thank you for your prayers for **Diana**, my daughter, as she went through surgery for breast cancer, and for me, as I traveled to be with her and take care of her.

Love,
Bonnie Arthur

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Lori Armstrong; Greg Bland; Miss Carmen Dussard; Ms. Aisha Fernandez; Tom Garrison; Miss Jamie Granino; Jason Halas; Justin Hartman; Miss Kelly Rabbitt; Ms. Claudia Reynolds; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons; Mrs. Alicia Smith; Miss Erika Trevino; and Mrs. Mabelle Williams & Macquas.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hall, Maury City, TN; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Ms. Patricia Harrington, Boynton Beach, FL; Miss Sabrina Lolo; Mr. & Mrs. Butch Manuel, Tampa, FL; Mrs. Yvonne Mobley, Ft. Pierce, FL; Ms. Dorothy Noeman, Kingston, Jamaica; and Miss Camryn Norsworthy, Crofton, MD.



Sunday (Aug. 14th)

Mike & Donna Erickson (Ann.)
Aryanna Duhl
Jon Jordan
Micah Trujillo

Monday (Aug. 15th)

Tim & Beth Fry (Ann.)
Carolyn Lord
Buzz Nelson

Tuesday (Aug. 16th)

Tom Martens

Wednesday (Aug. 17th)

Connie Tipton

Thursday (Aug. 18th)

Benny Rodgers
Deboria Walker

Friday (Aug. 19th)

David & Mary A. Jackson (Ann.)

Saturday (Aug. 20th)

Josiah Blackmer

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 9:45 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:45 p.m.

Sunday Morning, August 14

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Ivan Villard, Jr.
Scripture Reading.....Scott Studer
Presiding at TableJerry Hopkins
Serve at Table:
 Josue Charles Kenneth Long
 Gorman Ericksen Rick Price
 Bob Higbee Darin Summerlot
 Deltom Lequernaqué Chris Thompson
Alternates:
 Marvin Dozier Gary Jenkins
Closing PrayerKevin Weeks

Sunday Evening, August 14

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Ken Tipton
Scripture Reading..... Austin Williams
Presiding at Table..... Brad Shelt
 Harrison Crotts
 Michael Fox
 Lynn Parker
Closing PrayerHenry Williams

Wednesday Evening, August 17

Lead SingingBobbo Lupo
Invitation.....Clayton Trujillo
Family Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.

Our Record

Attendance	Aug. 7	July Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	221	245
Sun. A.M. Worship	380	385
Sun. P.M. Worship	176	168
Wed. Bible Study	200	197
Contribution	\$14,253	\$14,302

2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +20,217

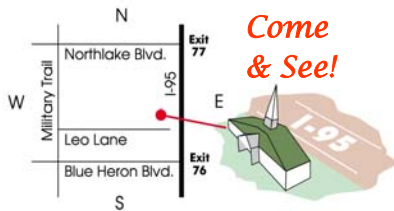
Ushers for week of **Aug. 14** Head Usher: Tim Cox; Jimmie Banks & Taylor Reeves



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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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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

2. Repent of your sinful ways

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

3. Confess your faith in Jesus

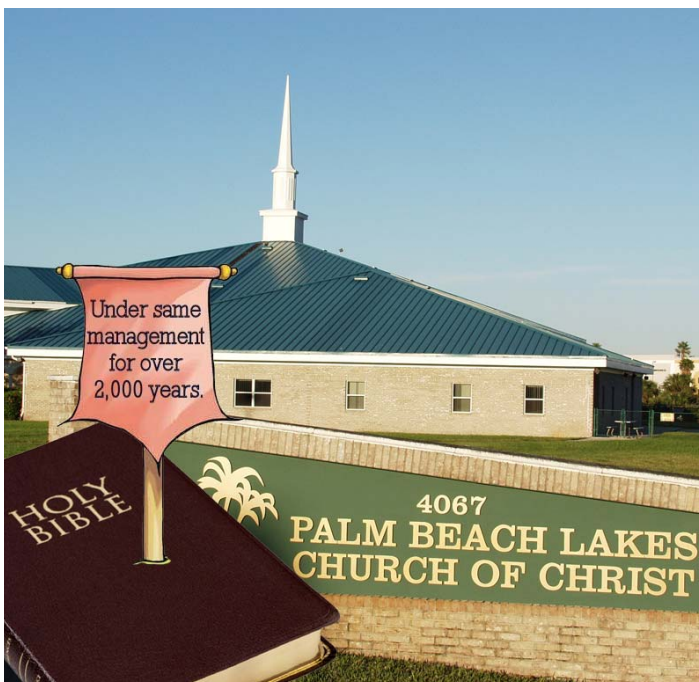
“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved” (Rom. 10:9).

4. Be immersed in water

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).

5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service

“Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).



“All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).