

Overseers

- Johnny Davis 307-4232
- Dan Fuller..... 478-3755
- *Joe Holland 626-2809
- Jerry Hopkins 434-4188
- Phil Porter 575-4782
- *Chairman for the Month of September*

Evangelists

- Dan Jenkins 744-4559
- David Sproule..... 301-2230
- Josh Blackmer 319-1418

Deacons

- Mike Archer 422-2995
- David Brown..... 972-7608
- Novel Brown 848-6988
- Chuck Clark 627-4132
- Victor Colage..... 798-6275
- Lance Collier..... 793-2718
- Jim Davis 747-2984
- Mike Erickson..... 310-9916
- Tim Fry 373-9121
- Jeff Goodale 261-1188
- Rick Hall 622-5131
- Bob Higbee..... 303-386-6405
- Gary Jenkins 889-3585
- Dick Kelley..... 968-1799
- Jeff Leslie..... 744-3444
- Paul Metzkes..... 736-9086
- Buzz Nelson..... 627-4890
- Jerry Pittman..... 793-2725
- Kevin Weeks..... 386-4108

Church Office

- Phone..... 561-848-1111
- Fax..... 561-848-1198
- Website..... www.pblcoc.org
- E-mail office@pblcoc.org



Vol. LV

September 18, 2016

No. 38

Welcome New Members



Achille, Marie

Group 3

Identified September 11



Jean-Baptiste, Rose

Group 3

Identified September 11

September 23 7:00-8:30 p.m.

“Strengthening Our Homes & Marriages”
with David Shannon

September 24 8:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

South Florida Men’s Fellowship
“Strong Leaders for Strong Churches”
with David Shannon

October 14-16 Friday-Sunday

Spiritual Enrichment Weekend (for PBL adults)
“I Can Do All Things...”



By Dan Jenkins

Ungodly Men Will Never Understand the Godly

Christians in that first-century world faced such great challenges. The pagan world had such a profound impact on mankind that even their religions were given over to sensuality. When men became Christians there was an immediate change which the former friends could not understand.

Peter described this when he said, “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you” (1 Pet. 4:3-4).

A document from early in the second century describes the church. It is rather lengthy but you will be blessed by reading it.

“They dwell in their own countries, but simply as sojourners. As citizens, they share in all things with others and yet endure all things as if foreigners. Every foreign land is to them as their native country, and every land of their birth as a land of strangers. They marry, as do all others; they beget children; but they do not destroy their offspring. They have a common table, but not a common bed. They are in the flesh, but they do not live after the flesh. They pass their days on earth,

but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time surpass the laws by their lives. They love all men and are persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned; they are put to death and restored to life.

They are poor yet make many rich; they are in lack of all things and yet abound in all; they are dishonored and yet in their very dishonor are glorified. They are evil spoken of and yet are justified; they are reviled and bless; they are insulted and repay the insult with honor; they do good yet are punished as evildoers. When punished, they rejoice as if quickened into life; they are assailed by the Jews as foreigners and are persecuted by the Greeks; yet those who hate them are unable to assign any reason for their hatred. To sum it all up in one word—what the soul is to the body, that are Christians in the world” (The Epistle to Diognetus).

Brother and sister in Christ, remember that the world has never understood our lifestyle or worldview. While we live in the same world, our values make us stand in marked contrast to the rest of the world. Reread these words and see just how different we are from others. It is just as Peter said—they will think we are strange because we are not like them.

We would be wise if we take time to make sure that while we are in the world, we are not of the world. We are in the world, but the world is not in us.

While are in the world, we are not of the world. We are in it but it is not in us.



By David Sproule

Could Nadab and Abihu Have Known?

As one reads through the New Testament, it is not difficult to find and understand the verses that pertain to music in New Testament worship. In fact, they all, without exception, emphasize the same type of music—i.e., singing (Matt. 26:30; Mark 14:26; Acts 16:25; Rom. 15:9; 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph.

5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12; 13:15; Jas. 5:13). Still, it is often asked today, “If we’re praising God, what’s the big deal with playing an instrument in worship? Where is the verse that says, ‘Don’t play an instrument?’”

It should be obvious from reading through the New Testament that, by giving specific commands for singing, God does not authorize the playing of mechanical instruments in worship today, and by specifying what He does authorize (singing) that He automatically excludes any other type of music. To help illustrate how God authorizes and how God views His “silence,” I would like you to turn your attention to the specifications for worship given to the Jews in the book of Leviticus.

Begin reading in Leviticus 8 and notice how many times you find these expressions: “as the Lord had commanded” (8:4, 9, 13, 17, 21, 29, 34, 35; 9:7, 10, 21); “this is what the Lord commanded to be done” (8:5; 9:6); “according to the prescribed manner” (9:16). God’s commands were clearly given

and clearly understood. And, they were even clearly followed. At the end of chapter 8, “Aaron and his sons did all the things that the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses” (8:36).

Additionally, note how they had a clear understanding of God’s specifications regarding the fire for the offerings. “That was an offering made by fire to the Lord” (8:21, 28). After properly following the clear instructions of the Lord regarding the offerings and the fire, “fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering...” (9:24). The Lord showed His acceptance and approval.

However, in the very next verse, Nadab and Abihu “offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them” (10:1). “So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them” (10:2). Wait a minute! If they were making an offering “to the Lord,” what’s the big deal with using a different fire? Where was the verse that said, “Don’t use this kind of fire”? Go back and read these chapters. The “commands” of the Lord were very plain. God had specified precisely what He wanted, down to the very kind of fire, and thereby, He automatically excluded any other fire. What “He had commanded” was what He would accept and approve! What “He had not commanded” was what He would NOT accept and approve!

The application should be obvious. When God specifies, He takes it seriously and He automatically excludes.

By specifying what He does authorize, He automatically excludes.



By Josh Blackmer

The Plane People

September 11, 2001 is a day that will be remembered for many things—the cowardice of a few, the bravery of many and the hospitality of Gander. This small city in Newfoundland became one of the epicenters of “Operation Yellow Ribbon.” This operation was enacted to keep planes coming into U.S. airspace. These planes were rerouted to small towns with airports large enough to handle the traffic. That’s where Gander came in. With an international airport and a population of 10,000, they hosted about 6,500 people from 38 flights. While people waited on the planes, mayors from the surrounding towns gathered to decide what they could do with the plane people.

So for 5 days the people of those towns housed, fed and clothed the plane people. They set up banks of phones for them to call home free of charge. One ice hockey arena became a walk-in food storage unit, as so many from across Canada sent supplies and aid to those stranded. As a result, there is a continued connection with many of the passengers and the people of the Gander area. Shirley Brooks-Jones helped start the Flight 15 scholarship fund from donations of the passengers that is now worth close to \$1.5 million and has put 134 students through school. “Since nobody would take any money from us there, we wanted to do something so that those people there would never forget what

they had done for us. They just put their lives on hold to take care of the plane people.”

As Christians, we talk about the power of love, mercy and forgiveness, all of which are central to who we should be. Here is a great testament to the power of hospitality. The literal meaning, “lover of strangers,” is stressed in Hebrews 13:2, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers.” This echoes the admonition of our Lord of the love we should have towards our brethren, “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me’” (Matt. 25:37-40). This quality, that also must be named among elders (Tit. 1:8), is something that helped the growth of the first-century church. The church saw to the needs of many that were destitute and those that traveled to teach the gospel (Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-37; 3 John 5-7).

The hospitality of Gander had a huge impact on the lives of the passengers. Your hospitality toward others could have an eternal impact. There are plain people all around you. Hospitality isn’t a burden but it is love.

Your hospitality toward others could have an eternal impact.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Once and for all

In order to emphasize the finality and completeness of His redemptive work, God used a word in Scripture multiple times that shows the perpetual validity and eternally effective nature of the sacrifice made for our sins. Paul wrote, “For the death that He died, **He died to sin once for all**” (Rom. 6:10). Again in Hebrews, His “**once for all**” work is affirmed “when He offered up Himself” (7:27; 10:10) and “with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place” (9:12).

The expression “once for all” is three English words that come from one Greek word, which means, “taking place once and to the exclusion of any further occurrence.” The idea is “once and never again.” The root of this Greek word is also found in Jude 3, where “the faith” (i.e., the gospel system) is spoken of as “once for all delivered to the saints.”

Jesus died for our sins “once and for all.” There will not be another sacrifice (cf. Heb. 10:26). God’s Word has been given “once and for all.” There will not be any further revelation (cf. 2 Pet. 1:3). Thank God that we have and can know the fullness of His plan to redeem us! – DS



Achan robbed God

When the Israelites marched around the walls of the city of Jericho, they were given explicit instructions regarding the precious metals and valuables of the city. Joshua commanded them, “But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord” (Josh. 6:19).

“They shall come into the treasury of the Lord!” But, when Achan took some of these riches and hid them in his tent, God told Joshua, “...they have also put it among their own stuff” (7:11). “Among their own stuff” is not the same as “into the treasury of the Lord.” When Achan failed to properly place God’s goods in God’s treasury, he robbed God (cf. Mal. 3:8)!

When God’s people do not properly give to “the treasury of the Lord”—with both the proper sacrifice and the proper spirit—we can rob God today! What a horrific thought! May God help us to joyously give to Him rather than keep all of His goods “among our own stuff”! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Pete Brown	difficulty recovering from knee surgery
Sharon Feeney	still awaiting lumbar spine surgery
Eddie Gooden	undergoing tests for health issues
Patricia Hackshaw	having a lot of health problems
Charles Hayes	still undergoing tests
Lynne Jorgensen	skin graft on 9/14 and in a lot of pain
Robyn Landen	recovering from a stroke
Deidra Miley	awaiting kidney surgery, will see a surgeon on 9/27
Jo Ann Rogers	Wellington Regional Hospital, pneumonia (no visitors)
Norm Smedley	home from hospital, infection in his leg

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



Juanita Huser upon the passing of **her son, Tom Huser**, on September 10.

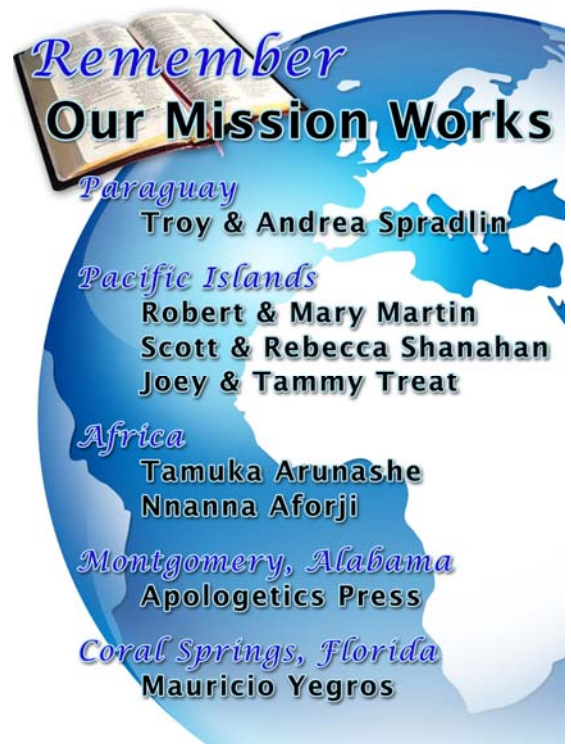
Ophelia Holmes upon the passing **her mother, Eva Gibson**, on September 11.

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

Patricia Buonadonna	Ed Buonadonna's mother, hospital, respiratory problems
Bonnye Cox	Connie Plouffe's sister, numerous health issues
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, recovering from heart surgery
Roy Hamalainen	Leslie Williams' father, recovering from heart surgery
Ennis Mitchell	Kay Richardson's brother, ICU from fall, stage 4 cancer
Gail Livergood	Steven Livergood's mother, recovering from cancer surg.
Robert Lupo	Bobbo Lupo's uncle, hospitalized with medical issues
David Porter	Phil Porter's father, in rehab and slowly improving
Eula Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's mother, ICU, respiratory problems
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, rehab for broken leg





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 18

- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

Monday, September 19

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

Tuesday, September 20

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Lance & Brenda Collier. Bring drinks or something that goes with ice cream. Please do not bring ice cream.

Friday, September 23

- ◆ **Strengthening Our Homes & Marriages Seminar with David Shannon.**
7:00 p.m. *What Families Believe Shape Who They Are and What They Do*
7:45 p.m. *They Don't Think Like Me: Understanding Your Spouse*

Saturday, September 24

- ◆ **South Florida Men's Fellowship with David Shannon** from 8:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. RSVP to David Sproule.

Saturday, September 24 (cont.)

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Connie Tipton. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

Tuesday, September 27

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Quigley.

Sunday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 9

- ◆ **Teacher Training Class for Cradle Roll & Toddler Classes** at 4:30 p.m. We need more teachers.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Friday-Sunday, October 14-16

- ◆ **Spiritual Enrichment Weekend.** Cost is \$65 per person. Sign up on the bus on the bulletin board in the Lobby and fill out a registration form. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ
Young Adults

Sunday, September 18

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

Monday, September 19

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

Friday, September 30

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.
- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout** from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Julie Trujillo.

Saturday, October 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Luann McLeod. See Shea Brown for details.

Monday, October 3

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



Palm Beach Lakes
Youth

Friday-Sunday, September 23-25

- ◆ **Live Saved Weekend at CFBC.** This year's theme is "I'm a Christian...Now What?" Cost is \$45 per person. Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, September 25

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

Friday, September 30

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.
- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Guys' Hangout** from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Julie Trujillo.

Sunday, October 9

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

Saturday, October 22

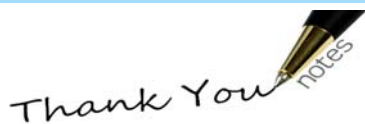
- ◆ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth.**

October 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ☆ Young Adult Devo b Louise Phillips b Robin Stone
2 ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit b Jennifer Jaress b Brett Lau	3 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Chuck Clark b Kathy Nelson	4	5 b Rosa Nash	6	7 a Troy & Andrea Spradlin b Hollie Crotts b Patricia Ventress	8 b Donna Erickson b Bessie Walker b Betty White
9 ☆ Youth & Family Singing b David Jaress b Monica Morando b Lawrence Williams	10 a Eldra & Grace Judge b Dirk Summerlot	11 b Harrison Carter b Chuck Reeves, Sr. b Scott Studer	12	13 b Fran Campbell	14 b Patricia Harrington b Amy Rosado	15 b Stahia Banks b Joe Holland b Meagan Metzkes
					Spiritual Enrichment Weekend (October 14 th -16 th)	
16 b Adelene Honore b Kevin Weeks	17	18 b Josue Charles	19	20 b Sharon Morrison	21 b Sharon Feeney b Janice Maloney b Lynn Parker b Sabrina Pietro b David Sproule b Leslie Williams	22 ☆ PBL Work Day ☆ Costume Party for 55+ a Richard & Judy Lerro a Owen & Deidra Miley b Tim Mahlbacher
23 ☆ Jr. High Family Devo ☆ Sr. High Devo b Millie Ames b Josephine Bass	24 b Lydia Quinn	25 a Jermaine & Shantal Martin	26 a Kane & Fran Campbell b Samantha Eutsey b Ekaette Ikon b Sadie Tennant	27 b Traci Sproule	28 ☆ Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout b Dianne Frye	29 ☆ Sr. High Fall Fest ☆ Young Adult Costume Party b Lawrence H. Richardson
30 ☆ Fifth Sunday Singing b Marie Achille b Kailee Stone	31 b Les McQuinn					

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



Sunday,
September 11

Dear church family,
Thank you so much for keeping me in your prayers. Your continued acts of kindness are so beautiful. Being still is sometimes hard, but it helps to heal broken bones.

Your sister in Christ,
Jené Williams

Thank you to everyone for your calls, cards, prayers, and well-wishes as I await my upcoming surgery. You have been a great encouragement to me.

Sharon Feeney

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Lori Armstrong; Miss Aly Bermudez; Ms. Rosa Charles; Tom Garrison; Ms. Rashana Green; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Belky Guerrero; Timothy Lockhart; Don McClintock; Ms. Janie Murphy; Miss Kelly Rabbitt; Mrs. Ann Marie Robinson; Ms. Farron Salley; Miss Emma Teed; Ms. Machele Williams & Macquas; and Mark A. Witt.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Samuel McNabb, Stafford, VA; Ms. Dorothy Noeman, Kingston, Jamaica; and Joey & Tammy Treat, Koror, Palau, Pacific Islands.



Sunday (Sept. 18th)
Marcia Kelley

Thursday (Sept. 22nd)
Luann McLeod

Monday (Sept. 19th)
Justilien Honore
Sherrick Thomas

Saturday (Sept. 24th)
Johnny & Betty Davis (Ann.)

**SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT
WEEKEND
OCTOBER 14-16
SIGN UP ON THE BUS!**



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, September 18

Lead SingingJerry Hopkins
Opening Prayer Victor Colage
Scripture Reading..... Jim Davis
Presiding at TableEugene Williams
Serve at Table:
Kane Campbell Lynn Parker
Marvin Dozer Jim Rogers
Wallace Jones Rick Tibbetts
Paul Metzkes Nahum Villard
Alternates:
Henry Bass Johnny Davis
Closing Prayer Tim Cox

Sunday Evening, September 18

Lead SingingDan McLeod
Opening PrayerDirk Summerlot
Scripture Reading..... Stephen Beliech
Presiding at Table..... Daniel Swayne
Morris McDaniel
Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Leonard Williams
Closing PrayerMicah Trujillo
Wednesday Evening, September 21
Lead SingingIvan Villard
Invitation..... Phil Porter
Family Prayer Bill Ingram, Jr.

Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 11	Aug. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	256	245
Sun. A.M. Worship	342	364
Sun. P.M. Worship	176	190
Wed. Bible Study	213	197
Contribution	\$13,980	\$15,317
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +24,818		

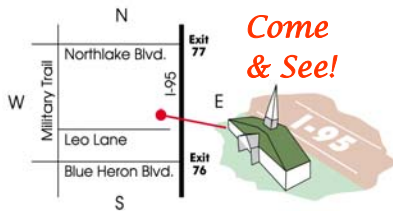
Ushers for week of **Sept. 18** Head Usher: TBD; Mike Damron & Bill Ingram, Jr.



PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

4067 Leo Lane
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
www.pblcoc.org

Speaking where the Bible speaks, silent where the Bible is silent.



Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ Bulletin (USPS 097-200)

Published weekly, except the weeks of December 25 and January 1, by the Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ at 4067 Leo Lane, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

Postmaster: Send address changes to:
Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ
4067 Leo Lane
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-6401

PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID
at West Palm Beach, FL

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: **Christene Bean & Loretta James**

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

APOLOGETICSPRESS.ORG



Your
Go-To Website
for
Defending
New Testament
Christianity

3,500+
articles

100+
videos

100+
audios

450+
journals

350+
products

25+
PDF-Books

and more!

*The Existence of God
The Deity of Christ
The Inspiration of the Bible
Creation vs. Evolution
Alleged Bible Discrepancies
America's Culture War
Doctrinal Matters
Islam & Other World Religions*

Visit it often!

Sign up for Email Newsletter!

Strengthen and defend your faith!