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# 10 Things to Do in the Final 10 Weeks of the Year

1. Invite 10 people into your home for a time of fellowship.
2. Write 10 cards of encouragement to those who are hurting.
3. Arrive to worship 10 minutes earlier to greet and meet and be upbeat.
4. Shake hands with at least 10 people at each service (not your close friends).
5. Pray for the elders by name at least once a week (and let them know).
6. Distribute at least 10 pieces of church literature, inviting people to worship.
7. Read 10 verses every day from your Bible and find one thing to apply.
8. Read 10 Bible tracts or articles and then share with someone else to read.
9. Pray through the directory, praying for 10 family units every day.
10. Post 10 positive, spiritually-focused messages on social media.



By Dan Jenkins

## Visual Manifestation That He Alone Is God

An American tradition is that if you have a rabbit's foot good luck will come your way. I am not sure where this idea originated, but mankind has so often looked to find a magic potion or icon of some sort that will help them in times of trouble—think of four-leaf clovers or crystals as examples of this.

The Jews thought they had the ultimate item to help them in the midst of trouble. When the Philistine army came against the Israelites, the Jews were losing the battle. What was their "rabbit's foot"? It was the Ark of the Covenant designed by God and which contained those tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments. They brought it into the camp of Israel, believing it would help them win.

It didn't work! "The ark of God was captured" (1 Sam. 4:12). That ark had its purpose, but God never wanted it to be thought of as a good luck charm.

The Philistines could not decide what to do with the ark, but they finally decided it should be taken into the sacred house where their god, Dagon, was kept. The next morning their idol, Dagon, was found lying face down "bowing" itself before the ark of God. So, they stood Dagon upright again. Early the next morning they came into their temple, and this time Dagon had fallen again and his head and both of his

hands were separated from his body. The only thing which remained was the torso of Dagon (1 Sam. 5:1-5). God then brought a plague of tumors on the Philistines, so they immediately sought to return the ark to the Jews.

Is there any significance to this story? Perhaps the words of Psalm 115 and 135 give insight. David described the folly of worshiping idols when he said, "They have mouths but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; nor is there any breath in their mouths." Dagon's shattered head and helpless hands visually showed the foolishness of idolatry.

What does this have to do with us? While we may not think of America as having idols, Paul showed that whatever we covet after becomes our idol (Col. 3:5). It is tragic to see our nation thinking that a man's life consists of how many material possessions he can get (check Luke 12:15). Houses, cars, luxurious clothing, electronics, traveling and vacations have become the gods of so many around us. These dominate our society so much we become like those who unknowingly are idolatrous.

Has not our God shown so many in the recent hurricane that these gods are unable to help us in the midst of the storm? By the way, just remember that the rabbit's foot did not help that crippled rabbit who still has three lucky charms!

**Remember the rabbit's foot id not help that rabbit who still has three feet!**



By David Sproule

## Husbands and Wives, You Are Not Your Own Anymore!

When a cardboard box contains delicate materials, the outside will often be stamped, "Handle With Care." There are some Bible subjects like that—requiring care when handling. But it is important to remember that "Handle With Care" does not mean "Don't Touch and Stay Completely

Away"—as applied to a cardboard box or a Bible subject.

The subject of sexual relations within marriage is one of those subjects (1) that makes us a bit uncomfortable, therefore, (2) we stay away from it and (3) often miss the beauty that God wants us to see and understand. The first several verses of First Corinthians 7 provide some insight and instructions into the physical relationship between a husband and wife. All Christians (especially married ones and those who will one day be married) would do well to read them, understand them and apply them as necessary.

**A husband and wife are the only ones who have a right to have sex with one another.** The city of Corinth was morally bankrupt and sexual immorality (illicit sexual intercourse) was common. Paul explained that one reason for a man and woman to marry was to enjoy sexual relations and avoid sexual sin. Let each have "his own wife" and "her own husband" is describing God's plan for a married man and mar-

ried woman to enjoy each other sexually.

**A husband and wife have a mutual responsibility for sexual relations within their marriage.** "The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband" (7:3, NASB). Note the imperative—this is not a suggestion. Selflessness is to be practiced in a marriage, including when it comes to the marriage bed. Agape love, which permeates all aspects of marriage, "does not seek its own" (1 Cor. 13:5). Mr. Husband and Mrs. Wife, God tells you to fulfill your responsibility in your bedroom.

**A husband and wife have a mutual authority in their sexual relations.** Mutual authority is not found in all parts of marriage (cf. Eph. 5:23). But, when it comes to God's special gift, the husband and the wife do not have "authority over [his/her] own body," but the spouse does (1 Cor. 7:4). Neither has the right (authority) to refuse the other. This is not condoning force or bargaining, as there must be "consent" to engage and "consent" to restrain (7:5). But, every husband and every wife needs to read these verses carefully—you have a responsibility to fulfill your spouse's sexual needs whenever he or she needs those fulfilled, and you do not have the right to deny, for that authority over your own body is no longer yours.

God designed a precious bond only to be enjoyed by a husband and his wife! Let's be sure to "handle with care."

**A precious bond only to be enjoyed by a husband and his wife!**



By Josh Blackmer

## How to Deal with Difficult People

They are out here, lurking in unsuspecting places. They could be anybody—a boss, a coworker, a family member or any random person with whom you cross paths. Before you know it, you have encountered a difficult person. You are often times left wondering, “What was that person’s problem?”

or “How could I have handled that situation better?” Before your next encounter with this person, please consider the following.

Jesus was no stranger to difficult people. It seems He attracted them like flies to a picnic. The gospels tell us several ways He handled them: rebuke (John 8:47), silence (John 8:6), questions (Mark 11:28-29), Scripture (Mark 10:2-3) and stories (Luke 7:40-42). You generally can’t go wrong with a WWJD approach to life. However, Jesus was able to look into the hearts of men and respond accordingly. While we may not be able to do the same, we are given some practical wisdom on the matter.

“But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. Give to everyone

who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. Treat others the same way you want them to treat you” (Luke 6:27-31). Peter gives us similar advice, “Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing” (1 Pet. 3:9).

The Proverbs also offer some insight into this plight. The wisdom found there would have us promote patience (Prov. 12:16). It would have us practice peacemaking (Prov. 20:3). It advises foresight in stopping the matter before it begins (Prov. 17:14). If possible, avoid contentious people (Prov. 22:24).

While you are trying to “live peaceably with all men” (Rom. 12:18), here are some things to think about. Keep your communication with that person logical and fact based. Give them no reason to differ with you. Make them the focus of the conversation. With the focus off of you, it is less likely that there will be difficulty. Stay away from hot topics and points of contention. Don’t try to get them to see your point of view. The odds are that they will not. Abandon the idea of who you need that person to be. Accept them for who they are right now with no expectation of change. This can be very rewarding. Regrettably, we do have to interact with people like this. In all of this, never forget to pray and keep the fruit of the Spirit shining (Gal. 5:22-23).

**With the focus off of you, it is less likely that there will be difficulty.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### Let the Bible define “love” for God

Do you love God? I hope that you do! What greater affirmation could be made? But, do you love God as God Himself defines what that love is?

God has promised that He “preserves all who **love Him**” (Psa. 145:20), “that all things work together for good to those who **love God**” (Rom. 8:28), and “the Lord has promised” “the crown of life...to those who **love Him**” (Jas. 1:12). But, do I love Him as He expects me to love Him?

Repeatedly in the Old Testament, it is established that God extends His mercy to “those who **love Him and keep His commandments**” (Deut. 7:9; 5:10; Ex. 20:6; Dan. 9:4). What did the Lord “require”? “To **walk in all His ways** and to **love Him**, to **serve the Lord**” (Deut. 10:12). The same truth is affirmed over and over in the New Testament. “This is the **love of God**, that we **keep His commandments**” (1 John 5:2-3; cf. 2:4-5). “If you **love Me**, you will **keep My commandments**” (John 14:15, 24). Now that God has defined it, do I truly love Him? – DS



### Husbands, what have you given up for your wife?

How often have you heard it said, “Marriage requires give and take”? I’ve said it myself in various counseling sessions. And, in some respects, we might say it’s true. However, if you were asked to find a Bible verse for “giving” in marriage, could you do it? Very likely! But, could you find a verse for “taking” in marriage? That might prove a bit more difficult to find.

Husbands, as you reflect on your marriage, what have you given up for your wife? Some might say: “I’ve given up my dream job. I’ve given up my garage. I’ve given up my truck. I’ve given up my Monday night football. I’ve given up my side of the closet.” For a marriage to succeed, agape love must dominate in your relationship and in your home—a love that unconditionally and unselfishly seeks to meet your wife’s greatest needs. You see, it’s not about what “things” you’ve given up for your wife! The standard is much higher. Consider it carefully: “Husbands, love your wives, **just as** Christ also **loved** the church and **gave Himself up** for her” (Eph. 5:25). Jesus did not give up things; He gave up Himself. Have you done that for your bride? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Sharon Feeney</b>	awaiting lumbar spine surgery
<b>Shirley Hopkins</b>	recovering from elbow surgery, in a lot of pain
<b>Deidra Miley</b>	awaiting kidney surgery
<b>Silas Moses</b>	recovering at home from hospitalization
<b>Jermaine Smith</b>	recovering from neck surgery, in a lot of pain

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Annie Faison</b>	suffering with chronic pain
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments



The family of **Juanita Huser**, who passed away on Wednesday, October 12. The Funeral Service will be on Saturday, October 22 at 11:00 a.m. at our building.

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Mary Lou Cheshier</b>	Hollie Crotts' grandmother, undergoing medical testing
<b>Bonnye Cox</b>	Connie Plouffe's sister, numerous health issues
<b>Betty Hay</b>	Samantha Eutsey's grandmother, upcoming knee surgery
<b>Ennis Mitchell</b>	Kay Richardson's brother, stage 4 cancer
<b>Gail Livergood</b>	Steven Livergood's mother, recovering from cancer surg.
<b>Freda Overton</b>	Cam Crotts' grandmother, dealing with infection in her leg
<b>Eula Richardson</b>	Lawrence Richardson's mother, hospitalized, tracheotomy
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, recovering from cancer surgery

## 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

## Monday, October 17

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

## Tuesday, October 18

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage.

## Friday, October 21

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

## Saturday, October 22

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Brown. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- ◆ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 3:00 p.m. RSVP by Wednesday, October 19 to Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard.

## Monday, October 24

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

## Tuesday, October 25

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bonnie Quigley.

## Saturday, October 29

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Suncoast** at 11:00 a.m. Clarissa Jones from the Pembroke Park congregation will be speaking on "Serve One Another with Love".

## Sunday, October 30

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning worship** by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Baby Shower for Brent & Andrea Leslie** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Baby Blake is now 3 months old. They are registered at Target.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Singing** in the Lobby during evening assembly.

*Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*  
**Young Adults**

## Friday, October 28

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

## Saturday, October 29

- ◆ **Young Adult Costume Party with the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crotts. See Cam or Hollie about helping with food and games.

## Sunday, October 30

- ◆ **Young Adult Morning Worship at Belle Glade** followed by a fellowship meal. Shea Brown will be preaching. Please bring a dish to share. See Shea to carpool or for more details.

## Tuesday, November 1

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

## Monday, November 7

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



*Palm Beach Lakes*  
**Youth**

## Saturday, October 22

- ◆ **Costume Party for 55+ hosted by the Jr. High Youth** at 3:00 p.m. RSVP by Wednesday, October 19 to Sarah Collier or Ivan & Amber Villard.
- ◆ **Young Families' Costume Party** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin & Stephanie Weeks. Bring finger foods and a bag of candy. All families with children in 5th grade and under are invited. See Melinda Price or Stephanie Weeks for more details.

## Sunday, October 23

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

## Friday, October 28

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

## Saturday, October 29

- ◆ **Jr. High, Sr. High & Young Adult Costume Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crotts. All are invited!

# Top 10 Reasons to Be A Faithful Christian for Life

## 1. Because of Jesus & the Cross

- a. In the cross, we see the love of God (Rom. 5:8).
- b. In the cross, we see the love of Jesus (Gal. 2:20).
- c. The love of the blood-soaked sacrifice of Jesus (Isa. 53) should compel us (2 Cor. 5:14-15).

## 2. To Have a Relationship with Jesus

- a. He is my elder brother and joint heir of the glory of God (Rom. 8:16-17).
- b. He is always with me (Matt. 28:20) and never leaves me or fails me (2 Tim. 4:16-17).
- c. He understands me (Heb. 2:17-18) and never misunderstands me (Heb. 4:14-16).

## 3. To Please God

- a. God has given me life, welcomed me into His arms and forgiven me (Acts 17:24-28; Luke 15:20-27).
- b. Showing gratitude to my loving Father should be my top priority (Heb. 11:5-6; 1 John 2:3-6).
- c. More important than what I want is what God wants (John 8:29; 2 Cor. 5:9; 1 John 3:22).

## 4. To Go to Heaven

- a. Only faithful Christians, who are saved from sin, will have eternal life (Rev. 21:27; 2:10; 1 John 5:11-13).
- b. Only faithful Christians will be ready for the day of judgment (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:8-12; 2 Tim. 4:7-8).
- c. Only faithful Christians will see Jesus and be able to say, "Thank You!" (Rev. 22:4; 5:8-14; John 14:1-6).

## 5. To Enjoy God's Special Providence

- a. God takes care of His children (Psa. 37:23-25; Matt. 6:19-34; 1 Pet. 5:7; Psa. 23).
- b. God supplies the needs of His children (Phil. 4:19; Matt. 7:7-11; 6:8).
- c. God protects His children (Psa. 34:7, 15-17; Rom. 8:18, 28, 31-39; Col. 3:3).

## 6. To Have Every Sin Removed

- a. Sin keeps me from God, from Christ and from hope (Eph. 2:12-13; 1 John 2:15-17, 23-24).
- b. Christians alone experience total forgiveness and no condemnation (Rom. 8:1; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 8:12).
- c. Faithful Christians experience a continual cleansing from sin (1 John 1:7, 9; 5:11-13).

*to be continued...*

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



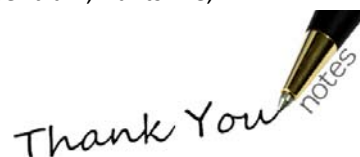
**Aaron Ross** was baptized Saturday, October 8.  
**Tonya Davis** was baptized on Saturday, October 8.



Sunday,  
 October 9

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Lori Armstrong; Mr. Jean Charles; Mrs. Marcile Cooper; Ms. Aisha Fernandez; Tom Garrison; Ms. Rasha-na Green; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Corey Haines; Andrew Scott Jackson; Ms. Jennifer King; Timothy Lockhart; John Loftis; Ms. Janie Murphy; Miss Sharlene Perez; Mrs. Ann Marie Robinson; Miss Marguerite Sanders; Ms. Margaret Sue Simmons; Ms. Marcia Walker; and Terry West.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mrs. Dianelys Chancey & Judy, Belle Glade, FL; Ms. Catherine Charles & Cavel Farrell, St. Thomas, Bahamas; Mr. Chad Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Michael, Beth & Mia Rosenblum, Huntsville, AL.



Our sincere thank you to our brothers and sisters at PBL for the beautiful flowers, the encouraging cards, visits and the outstanding support you gave to us by attending the funeral for my sister, **Margie Tharp**. You are all the best, and we are so proud to be a part of PBL.

Love you all, Tom & Rose Martens  
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I received my box and would like to thank everyone! It made me cry that you all still thought of me to send this! Thank you so very much!

Amanda Fetting  
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Thanks for all the phone calls, cards, and prayers in the death of my brother. A special thanks to those who attended the funeral service in Ft. Pierce.

Love to all, Betty Sanders

**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week**

Sunday (Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>)  
 Adelene Honore  
 Kevin Weeks

Friday (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>)  
 Sharon Feeney  
 Janice Maloney  
 Lynn Parker  
 Sabrina Pietro  
 David Sproule  
 Leslie Williams

Tuesday (Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>)  
 Josue Charles

Thursday (Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>)  
 Sharon Morrison

Saturday (Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
 Richard & Judy Lerro (Ann.)  
 Owen & Deidra Miley (Ann.)  
 Tim Mahlbacher

**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.*

**Sunday Morning, October 16**

Lead Singing ..... Jerry Hopkins  
 Opening Prayer ..... Jimmie Banks  
 Scripture Reading ..... Dan McLeod  
 Presiding at Table ..... Darin Summerlot  
 Serve at Table:  
 Mike Damron      Kenneth Long  
 Marvin Dozier      Chuck Reeves, Sr.  
 Andres Fernandez      Micah Trujillo  
 Bill Ingram, Jr.      Marty Williams  
 Alternates:  
 Jeff Goodale      Nate Nelson  
 Closing Prayer ..... Johnny Davis

**Sunday Evening, October 16**

Lead Singing ..... Ken Tipton  
 Opening Prayer ..... Tim Fry  
 Scripture Reading ..... Harrison Carter  
 Presiding at Table ..... Dick Kelley  
 Josiah Blackmer  
 Gary Seames  
 Mike Trujillo  
 Closing Prayer ..... Cam Crotts  
**Wednesday Evening, October 19**  
 Lead Singing ..... Harrison Carter  
 Invitation ..... Chuck Clark  
 Family Prayer ..... Jeff Goodale

**Our Record**

Attendance	Oct. 9	Sep. Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	252	262
Sun. A.M. Worship	351	352
Sun. P.M. Worship	207	184
Wed. Bible Study	228	214
Contribution	\$16,637	\$15,114
2016 Weekly Budget: \$14,660		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: +28,308		

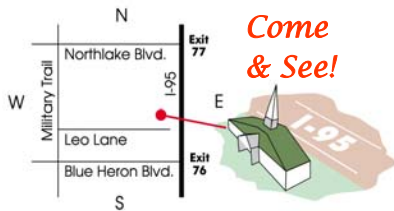
Ushers for week of **Oct. 16** Head Usher: Rick Hall; Henry Bass & Rick Price



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



*Come  
& See!*

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### Service Schedule

#### Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday:

Bible classes ..... 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Hurricane Matthew Clean-Up Crew

## 21st Annual South Florida Lectureship



# WAIT on the Lord

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