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 **35 YEARS**
WITH LOVE TO DAN & JUDIE
JAN. 1982-JAN. 2017



On January 1st, PBL honored **Dan & Judie Jenkins** for **35 years** of loving and faithful service at this congregation. What a blessing they have been to PBL and to souls around the world!
Thank you, Dan and Judie!



By Dan Jenkins

Two Hearts Filled With Immeasurable Gratitude

To say that we were surprised this past Sunday when this congregation honored Judie and me after our morning services is an enormous understatement. We were not aware that anything was about to happen. As we have read the album you gave to us with hundreds of letters filled with the outpouring of the love you have in your hearts toward us, our own hearts have been filled with immeasurable gratitude.

Who would have ever dreamed that we would have spent the vast majority of our lives being part of Palm Beach Lakes! Your love and devotion to truth has enabled all of us to grow in the image of Christ. I know of no other congregation like PBL.

We have shared so much *together*. We have won many battles and also shared heartbreaks *together*. We have seen souls led to the Lord *together*. We have seen wayward souls brought back to a renewed relationship (sometimes after they had been away for many years) *together*. We have seen babes in Christ and sometimes even mature Christians struggle and leave the Lord, and we worked to restore them *together*. We have seen great marriages begin and flourish with success *together*. We have grieved over failure of marriages *together*. We have seen young people grow into great servants of God and also have agonized as some failed to

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grow *together*. We have spent time in waiting rooms outside of intensive care units *together*. We have wept at funerals *together*. We have walked away from gravesites with great hope *together*. We have reared our sons and daughters and have been on mountaintops and valleys with them *together*.

How can we ever express our gratitude to you for all you have meant to us? Maybe the following says it best.

When preachers talk, they use the expression of the “honeymoon” period almost every preacher has when he arrives at a new work. About a year or so after his arrival, the relationship changes and the honeymoon is over. It can so easily happen in a marriage. The couple still loves each other, but the care and concern which was part of the courtship moves into the background. Almost every preacher has had this same experience in doing local work.

When we moved to Florida nearly four decades ago, your outpouring of love and concern welcomed us far beyond our expectation. I wish every fellow-preacher could experience this kind of “honeymoon” as he begins a new work. We have now been with this church for thirty-five years and a remarkable thing has happened. *The honeymoon is not over!* Thank you for giving us something very few preachers have ever experienced. Thank you for making our work *together* a thirty-five year “honeymoon.”



By David Sproule

8 Reasons to Dress Modestly

As the proud father of two wonderful teenage daughters, I understand quite distinctly the challenging times in which we live, especially when it comes to modesty. Too many people (including Christians) are allowing our culture, our times and our peers to set the standard for us, without realizing (apparently) the damage that is being done by an immodest, “we-bare-all” way of life.

Some folks would rather that preachers just stay away from topics like modesty altogether. So, this preacher is going to do his best to keep himself away from the topic...and just let God address the matter. Here are eight Biblical reasons that Christian ladies, young women and girls need to keep their bodies modestly attired.

Modesty is commanded by God. “Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly” (1 Tim. 2:9). (This list could end right there!)

If modesty is commanded by God, then immodesty is condemned by God. “As a ring of gold in a swine’s snout, so is a lovely woman who lacks discretion” (Prov. 11:22; cf. 7:10).

Modesty is commended by God. “For Adam and his wife,” who “were naked” (Gen. 3:7), “the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them” (Gen. 3:21).

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Immodesty is a reflection of the heart. “Do not let your adornment be merely outward...rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God” (1 Pet. 3:2-5).

Immodesty is a sin, for it puts a stumbling block before men. “It is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come!” (Luke 17:1; cf. Matt. 5:28; Rom. 14:13).

Immodesty can influence younger women and girls to dress immodestly. “Let your light shine before others” (Matt. 5:16), and “...admonish the young women...to be discreet, chaste” (Tit. 2:4-5).

The “gratifying” anatomy of a woman’s body is for her husband’s enjoyment, not for others. “Let her breasts satisfy you [the husband] at all times” (Prov. 5:19; cf. 1 Cor. 7:1-2).

The body is “the temple of the Holy Spirit” and not the tavern of the devil. “Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you...therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Cor. 6:19-20), and “give [no] place to the devil” (Eph. 4:27).

This is not some silly, inconsequential, soapbox topic! This affects the souls of the “wearers” and the “observers.”



By Josh Blackmer

In These Last Days

What would you do with your last days? Many with terminal illnesses have had to face this reality. We, the healthy, go through life thinking very little about the end. King David wrote, "LORD, make me to know my end and what is the extent of my days; let me know how transient I am. Behold, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my lifetime as nothing in Your sight; surely every man at his best is a mere breath" (Psa. 39:4-5). James writes, "Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that" (4:14-15).

While the brevity of life will help us to keep things in perspective, we must realize that we are living in the last age of the earth. "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world" (Heb. 1:1-2). It is evident that we are in the last days. There has been confusion about this. Even in the time of Paul, some were writing letters to the Thessalonians telling them that Christ had already come (2 Thess. 2:1-3). Paul assures them that the Lord will come as a thief in the night, no one will

know when, and with trumpets and shouting, everyone will know that it is happening (1 Thess. 5:2-3; 4:16).

Christ teaches us how to live in light of His pending arrival. "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will" (Matt. 24:42-44).

The Lord is not slow about His promise.

With these two immutable facts before you, the frailty of life and the pending second coming, live each day as it were your last. Do not forget the words of admonition from Peter, "Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking... saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.' For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed...the earth was formed out of water and by water...the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire...But do not let this one fact escape your notice...the Lord is not slow about His promise...the earth and its works will be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:3-10). Are you ready?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Bind them on your fingers

How much typing do you do? Sit behind a computer much? Better yet, how much texting do you do? How many messages do you send out in an average day? How many posts do you share with the social media world? Someone came up with this valuable acronym: "Before you post, T.H.I.I.N.K. Is it T rue, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind?" That's great, but mainly because it find its origin in a document written almost 3,000 years ago.

The wise one, Solomon, counseled, "My son, keep my words, and treasure my commands within you. Keep my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye" (Prov. 7:1-2). After urging adherence to his words (yea, to God's words), he offered this bit of wisdom, "**Bind them on your fingers**" (7:3). That has a whole new meaning in our tech age! Doesn't it?

What if God's words were (figuratively) "bound to your fingers" when you readied to send a text or post a thought? How would that affect your choice of words and your intended tone? – DS



Spring cleaning year-round

Some people really get into "Spring cleaning." Others treat it like the plague. Some wait for that "convenient season" to roll around every year before taking on some much-needed task.

Regardless of what you think of that seasonal housework, there is a different kind of "spring" cleaning that is needed year-round. In a forthright discussion about the dangers of the tongue, the Lord's half-brother concluded, "Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so" (Jas. 3:10). Having used the literal word "mouth," he then gives the mouth a new (i.e., figurative) "name." "Does a **spring** send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?...[N]o **spring** yields both salt water and fresh" (3:11-12).

Is your "spring" putting forth "fresh" words and "bitter" words? "Blessing" and "cursing"? "Filthy" (Col. 3:8) and "pure" (Prov. 15:26)? "Corrupt" and "edifying" (Eph. 4:29)? Does your "spring" need cleaning? Let's scrub away every syllable that does not reflect Jesus! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Michell Castonguay | recovering from shoulder surgery |
| Jennifer Goodale | suffering with severe back and leg pain |
| Eddie Gooden | VA Hospital (room 215, 6A), undergoing testing |
| Carol Hardman | neck surgery postponed until February |
| Lynne Jorgensen | recovering from surgery on her finger |
| Robyn Landen | undergoing testing |
| Ruth Milton | MorseLife Health System (room 2204), rehab |
| Tommy Pauldo | Kindred Hospital (no visitors), in serious condition |
| Troy Spradlin | recovering from knee surgery in Paraguay |
| Bereather Williams | now at home and doing a little better |

Long-Term Health Issues

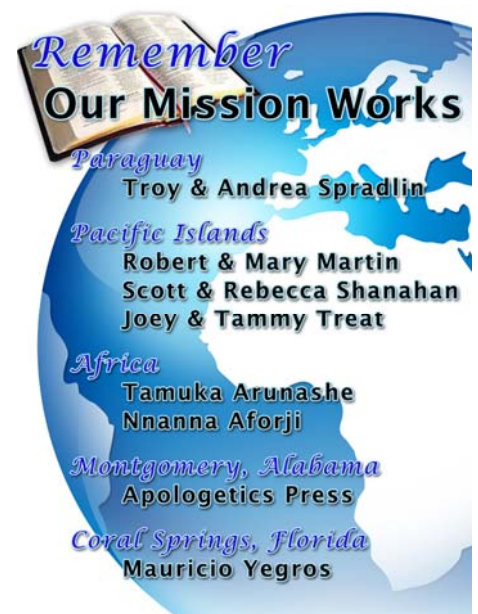
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| Lillian Bankston | dialysis treatments |
| Ruth Milton | chronic health problems |
| Silas Moses | dialysis treatments |
| Charles Norton | dialysis treatments |
| Norm Smedley | breathing problems |
| Patricia Ventress | dialysis treatments |

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Millie Ames | Annie Faison | Janet Hickerson | Daniel Johnson | Godfrey Pratt |
| Sandra Daniels | Helen Gardner | Loretta Holaday | Don & Betty Matter | Leigh Puckett |
| Cora Lee Dennis | Margie Hardin | Shelton Howell | Deidra Miley | Ricky Smedley |

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

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|---------------------------|---|
| Jefferey Byrd | Cheryl Floyd's brother, recovering from hospitalization |
| Prescolita Clough | Marcia Clough-Moss' mother, in hospital & not doing well |
| Victor Colage | Victor Colage's father, VA Hospital, multiple health issues |
| David Findley | Maria Hackshaw's father, recovering from kidney surgery |
| Carla Kimberland | Cindy Nelson's mother, recovering from leg bypass surg. |
| Perrethia King | Bettye King's sister, recovering from breast cancer surgery |
| Clara Medina | Carolina Medina's sister, remains in the hospital |
| Beverly Michaelian | Lynne Jorgensen's mother, fell and broke her shoulder |
| Ennis Mitchell | Kay Richardson's brother, under Hospice Care |
| Eula Richardson | Lawrence Richardson's mother, trach. issues & very weak |





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 8

- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Evening Worship** at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Thursday, January 12

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson.

Saturday, January 14

- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Bring a \$10 gift to exchange. RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.

Sunday, January 15

- ◆ **“Fortifying Your Faith” Class** at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Novel & Mary Brown.

Thursday, January 19

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

Friday, January 20

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mike & Jean Archer.

Saturday, January 28

- ◆ **PBL Ladies’ Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, January 29

- ◆ **Mission Sunday.** Every dollar given will be used for mission work.
- ◆ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

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

Monday, January 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies’ Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Elhaine Beato (a friend of Rachel Fuller). See Rachel for her address and other details.

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

- ◆ **Young Adult & Jr. High Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, January 16

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

Saturday, February 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, January 8

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

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

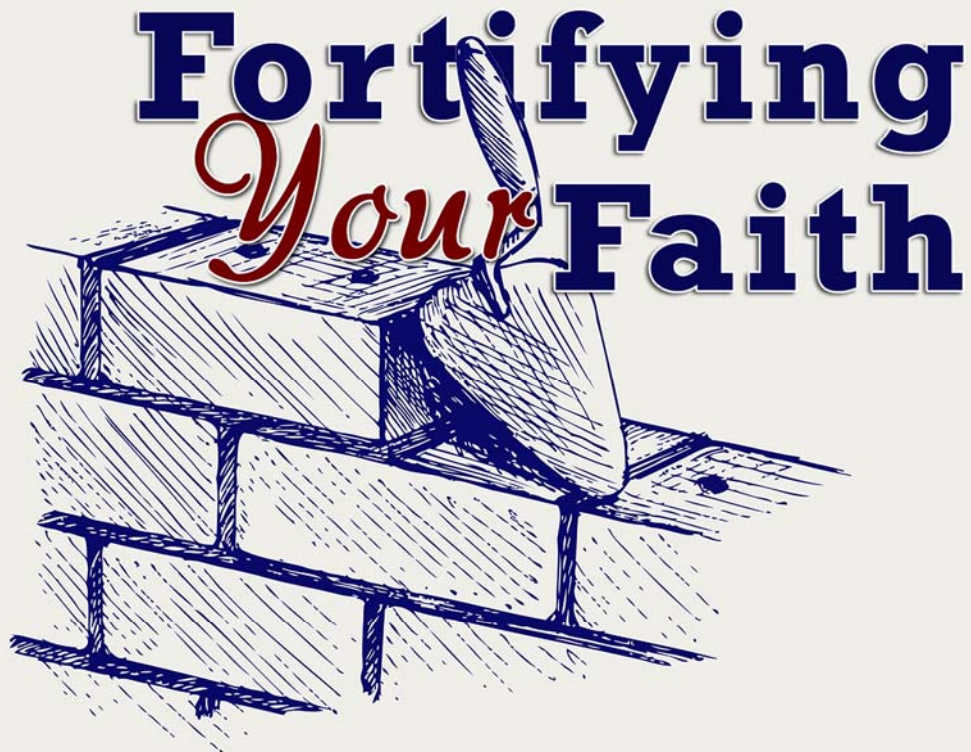
- ◆ **Young Adult & Jr. High Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 15

- ◆ **2017 Youth Event Kick-Off** after morning worship in the Family Room for all Jr. High & Sr. High families. All Jr. High & Sr. High families are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.

Sunday, January 22

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



Fortifying *Your* Faith

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
in 2017

A One-Year Study of Foundational, Biblical Truths

This class is designed to fortify PBL Christians by:

**Increasing knowledge
Strengthening faith
Preparing to defend
Equipping to serve**

For the present and the future!

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



Sunday
January 1

To the Palm Beach Lakes family,

Thank you for your cards, calls, and prayers during the passing of our sister-in-law, **Audrey Jackson**. Our brother, **William**, expresses his thanks and love to all of you and appreciates your continued prayers on his and the family’s behalf.

Love in Christian fellowship,
The Jackson Family

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Just a note to thank my Christian brothers and sisters for keeping me in their hearts and prayers. Thank you so much.

In Christian love,
Loretta Holaday

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Gail Archer; Ms. Carol Cannon; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Ms. Jennifer King; Joseph & Miranda McKelton; Ms. Pat Patterson; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; and Michael Staley.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Walter Adams, Thomasville, GA; Mr. Channing Daniel, Gainesville, FL; Ms. Ashley Gibbs, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mrs. Jan Hamlen, Valdosta, GA; Miss Kathryn Heib, Henderson, TN; Mr. Matt McKendree, Blackshear, GA; Brent & Lindsey McPherson, Mason & Maddie, Nashville, TN; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Miss Amber Okolichany, Valdosta, GA; Ms. Michelle Patrick, Altamonte Springs, FL; Jon & Kristen Reames & family, Franklin, TN; Steven Shelton, Charlottesville, VA; Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Chris Smith, Henderson, TN; and Ms. Darlene Smith, Valdosta, GA.



Monday (Jan. 9th)
Matthew & Kasandra Jones (Ann.)
Brenda Collier

Wednesday (Jan. 11th) cont.
Aisha Fernandez

Tuesday (Jan. 10th)
Marjorie Ruiz-Carmona

Thursday (Jan. 12th)
Barbara King

Wednesday (Jan. 11th)
Harrison & Danielle Carter (Ann.)

Saturday (Jan. 14th)
Mary Coombs
Robin Davis
Cindy Nelson



January 29
PREPARE FOR IT!
PRAY ABOUT IT!

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, January 8

Lead Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer TBA
Scripture Reading..... Gary Jenkins
Presiding at TableDavid Thorpe
Serve at Table:
Doug Carrick Scott Lewis
Josue Charles Paul Metzkes
Jeff Goodale Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Eddie Gooden Eugene Williams
Alternates:
Cam Crotts Ken Tipton
Closing PrayerOrlando Lolo

Sunday Evening, January 8

Lead SingingJerry Pittman
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading.....Jacade Reynolds
Presiding at Table..... Scott Studer
Mike Erickson
Jeremy Maloney
Lynn Parker
Closing Prayer Jerry Hopkins
Wednesday Evening, January 11
Lead Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation.....Mike Ellis
Family Prayer Cam Crotts

Our Record

| Attendance | Jan. 1 | Dec. Avg. |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| Sun. Bible Study | 242 | 226 |
| Sun. A.M. Worship | 330 | 342 |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 167 | 143 |
| Wed. Bible Study | 193 | 160 |
| Contribution | \$16,571 | \$15,061 |

2017 Weekly Budget: TBA

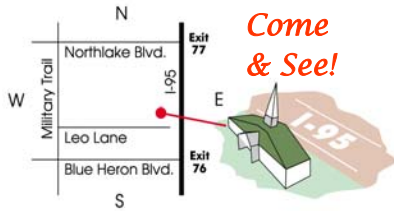
Ushers for the week of **Jan. 8:** Head Usher: Victor Colage; Gorman Erickson & Jim Rogers



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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.

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